



GENERAL MEETING Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017 • 1:00pm – 3:00pm

Kings County Behavioral Health Hope Room

Call In #: 559-852-2020 Participant Collaboration Code: 123761

- **Meeting called at 1:00 p.m.**

- **Welcome and Introductions**

Julie LeFils, Coordinator

- *Those present introduced themselves with **34** people in attendance*

- **Announcements**

- Community Needs Assessment—‘GOT NEEDS?’ - KPPF is collaborating with KCAO to conduct a county wide needs assessment from March 1 – May 1, 2017. To join this effort please contact Julie LeFils.
- HCI Platform – *It’s official!* KPPF is moving forward with Healthy Communities Institute to bring data to Kings County. The website is currently being build and will launch in April. To become a sponsor, contact Julie Lefils.

- **Board Voting**

Debbie Grice, Chair

- Minutes from January Meeting
 - *Darcy Pickens motioned to approve the January minutes, second by Ahmad Bahrami, three abstention, motion carried.*

- **Organization Spotlight - Interested agencies, please contact Julie to schedule your organization spotlight at an upcoming KPPF meeting.**

- Kings County Wellness Bridge *Rebecca Russell, Adventist Health*
Mission: KCWB is a community collaborative bridge to wellness for people with behavioral health issues who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. *Vision:* Creating connections for a holistic community wellness. *Values:* Integrity, Respect, Empowerment, Empathy, Diversity, Compassion, Innovation, Acceptance, Welcoming, Person Centered

Goals & Objectives

Objective 1: Develop a comprehensive and collaborative approach to address people with mental illness and/or substance abuse issues, and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness within Kings County.

- *Develop and implement a standardized screening and triage process that can be utilized by the partnering agencies and service providers to identify needs of the target population and direct link them to services.*

- *Develop a multi-agency shared structure via MOUs in which to facilitate non-duplicated services and assistance to the target population.*
- *Implement and structure a multi-agency, multi-disciplinary team to meet on a routine basis to develop comprehensive care plans including plans for monitoring progress for individuals in the target population, as well as develop and utilize Quality Assurance mechanisms within the designed model.*
- *Establish utilization goals, system reduction rate goals, and benchmarks for sustained wellness within the target population.*

Objective 2: To have a common means to document the target population interactions and services.

- *Develop a shared data system that can be utilized by all partnering agencies and service providers, and to standardize procedures for documenting all interventions with the target population within the shared system.*
- *Implement a process for monitoring utilization rates to assess impact on target population within the shared data system, as well as utilizing the developed QA process for QI purposes.*

Objective 3: Develop sustainability plan for the program.

- *Develop finance structure and requirement plan.*
- *Seek fiscal backing from included partners.*
- *Identify alternative funding opportunities, i.e., grants, new partnerships.*

Objective 4: Evaluation

- *Develop and utilize an evaluation process to determine overall program efficacy with regard to identified goals and objectives, benchmarks, utilization and attrition rates, and statistical differences between system burden among ED/ER, crisis, and police contact/ jail.*

Community Intervention

- *New innovative programming to bring additional resources into the community*
 - *Examples: Community Paramedics; Interagency case management and triage*
- *Fill gaps in foundational services*
 - *Examples: expand soup kitchens and food pantries throughout Kings County; increase number of homeless shelters and beds throughout Kings County*
- *Interested agencies please contact Rebecca Russel to join in the efforts of Kings County Wellness Bridge.*

• Presentations and Discussion

○ Prop 57 Discussion

Keith Fagundes, District Attorney

- *Prop 57 was passed into law in November 2016 with the goal to reduce prison population*
- *Prop 57 will release under 100,000 criminal offenders back into our communities*
- *Prop 57 ignores 'serious' felons and keeps 'violent' offenders in prison.*
- *Prop 57 looks at 3 strike felons as if they did not have 3 strikes*
- *Prop 57 only allows District Attorneys to 15 days notice of such releases*
- *Victims are no longer allowed to attend hearings, they may only write a letter*
- *Scott Kernen, Secretary of CDC, says violent offenders will NOT be released*
- *Crime is up in Kings County due to these releases*
- *Prop 47 changed felonies to misdemeanors releasing 30,000 felons from prison*
- *AB109 sent 30,000 criminals back to county jails making them much more dangerous than they were 5 years ago*
- *Resources are being heavily geared to rehabilitating our youth*
- *Kings County is facing a heroin epidemic*
- *Kings County does not currently have the social infrastructure to rehabilitate these people*
- *What can we do?*
 - *It will take a constitutional amendment to remove initiative propositions*
 - *Contact your legislatures to voice your opinion*
 - *Educate ourselves on the propositions and get the word out to our communities*

- *Work to educate & prevent Kings County youth*
- *Continue to create programs to rehabilitate our youth*
- *Recommended video to watch on YouTube: Crisis in Chicago*

○ **Climate Change and Health**

Darcy Pickens Health Department

- *Climate Change refers to more intense weather patterns that last for longer periods, and the impact those changing patterns have on our environment.*
 - *“More intense weather patterns for longer periods” = heavy rain leading to increased flooding, heat waves, long periods of drought, longer and more intense hurricane season.*
 - *“Changes to the environment” = rising ocean temperatures, melting glaciers, forest die-off*
- *People at greater risk include: children, seniors, people with chronic diseases, outdoor workers, people living in poverty, and some communities of color*
- *What can we do?*
 - *Promote active transportation friendly policies*
 - *Participate in a no idling campaign*
 - *Reduce indoor mold and air pollution*
 - *Inform people about air quality risk through a FLAG or RAAN program*
 - *Encourage green or climate friendly cleaning products that are:*
 - *Beneficial for the environment*
 - *Improves indoor air quality and reduces possible allergens or asthma triggers*
 - *Encourage Mental Health First Aid Programs*
 - *Psychological first-aid programs for people struggling with PTSD*
 - *Having professionals trained in these programs can make a difference when addressing impacts*
 - *Make information on cooling centers available in multiple languages and through multiple channels*
 - *Prioritize accessibility and timeliness*
 - *Remove barriers that cause inequities for vulnerable populations*
 - *Training for public health staff and **partners***
 - *Increase tree canopy, green spaces and parks*
 - *Improve access to cooling centers and water in heat events*
- *This is an ongoing work of Kings County Health Dept. Contact Darcy at darcy.pickens@co.kings.ca.us for more information and/or with answers to the following:*
 - *What other needs would you like public health to address in relation to expanding capacity for climate change and health work in our county?*
 - *What are the resources needed and assets available for public health to address some of the strategies and interests discussed?*

• **Roundtable Sharing**

- *KFPF Asthma Workgroup Planning Meeting (3 year strategic planning)– Thursday, March 2 from 10am-2pm – Adventist Health Business Education Center 10000 W. Lacey Blvd. All are invited!*
- *Adventist Health Smoking Clinic – contact Rebecca Russell for flyer.*
- *Migrant Seasonal Head Start Program – Contact KCAO for more information.*
- *Brandman University Teacher Hiring Event – February 25 at 12pm*
- *KCAO’s Second Annual Fruit & Veggie Fest coming in May*
- *The Struggle Is Real – Mental Health & The Mission of the Church – Saturday, March 4 from 9am-4pm at Koinonia Church. Link to register on kfpf.org/professional_opportunities.*
- *Car Seat Check-Up – Saturday, February 25 9am-Noon – Kings County Health Dept.*
- *Safe KidsDay – Friday, April 28 – 9am-1pm at West Hills College – Volunteers Needed!*

- Victim Rights Week is April 2nd -8th – Kings Coalition for Wellness and Awareness will host an Open House at the Hanford Civic Auditorium on April 4th and a Balloon Release on April 6th at the Hanford Civic Park. More information to come.
 - Champions is opening a female transitional housing facility – “Amanda’s House”. It will house 6 to 8 families (mothers & children).
 - The Syringe Exchange Program will start on April 3rd – sponsored by Kings County Public Health
 - Local Law Enforcement will now be carrying Naloxone Mist to administer to individuals who have overdosed.
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- **Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm**