



**GENERAL MEETING Minutes**

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

Kings County Behavioral Health Hope Room

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

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

- **Welcome and Introductions**

*Julie LeFils, Coordinator*

- *Those present introduced themselves with 35 people in attendance*

- **Announcements**

- *Community Needs Assessment– ‘Got Needs’ is being finalized. It will be available in print and online in English and Spanish. We will hold four public forums during the month of April in Hanford, Lemoore, Avenal and Corcoran.*
- *HCI Platform – KPFP is working with HCI to create the platform for Kings County. We will roll out a soft launch in April. We have received all the funds to pay for this program in 2017.*
- *Annual Meeting – Our Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 15 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church of Hanford.*
- *Julie LeFils gave an update on the KPFP workgroups and upcoming meeting dates.*

- **Board Voting**

*Debbie Grice, Chair*

- *Minutes from February Meeting*
  - *Julia Patino motioned to approve the February minutes, second by Darcy Pickens, no abstentions, motion carried.*

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

- *Naloxone and Syringe Exchange Update* *Debbie Grice, Kings County Health Dept.*  
*The Kings County Health Dept. will start the Syringe Exchange Program on April 4, 2017. The exchange program will provide individual opportunity for intervention. 78% of injecting drug users never see a medical or mental health provider. Required services (directly or by referral): HIV and viral hepatitis prevention education; safe injecting practices education; education on reduction of sexual risk behaviors; drug abuse treatment services; HIV and/or hepatitis screening; Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccinations; screening for sexually transmitted infections; housing services for the homeless, for victims of domestic violence, or other similar housing services.*

- Opioid Overdose Prevention *Debbie Grice, Kings County Health Dept.*
  - *Kings County Law Enforcement have been trained to administer Naloxone to those who have overdosed on opioids.*
  - *Opioids Defined:*
    - *Prescription medications used to treat pain*
      - *Morphine, Codeine, Oxycodone, Hydrocodone, Fentanyl, and Hydromorphone*
    - *Illegal Drugs such as heroin*
    - *Minimizes the perception of pain*
    - *Opioid receptors in the brain are “reward centers”*
  - *Senate Bill 1438 Controlled Substances: Opioid Antagonists*
    - *Allows for all prehospital emergency medical personnel to be trained in the use and administration of naloxone*
    - *Clarifies that law enforcement officers are among the individuals authorized to receive and distribute opioid antagonists*

- **Presentations and Discussion**

- Food Insecurity & The Food Bank *Juan Martinez, KCAO*
  - *Who are we? We are part of the Kings Community Action Organization, KCAO offers services in Head Start, Child Development, Youth Services, Crisis Support, the Barbara Seville Women's Shelter, Home and Energy, and Nutrition Education, and Hunger Prevention.*
  - *The Facts:*
    - *More than 42 million Americans live in households struggling against hunger (USDA).*
    - *Rates of food hardship are higher among households with children (19.2%);FRAC*
    - *households without children (14.2%; FRAC)*
    - *California ranked 32nd in the nation with a household food insecurity rate of 12.6 percent, or 1 in 8 households (FRAC).*
    - *Bakersfield and Fresno – are fraught with the highest food hardship rates in the country. (Metropolitan cities)*
  - *We are currently serving all of Kings County with:*
    - *USDA commodities*
    - *Drought food assistance*
    - *Summer food program*
    - *Holiday baskets*
    - *Serving to pantries though donated food*
    - *We have served **64,495** meals through USDA food and over **20,000** through the Drought Assistance Program, and **500** through the Supplemental Emergency Food Assistance Program. For a total of **84,995** residents*
    - ***1.7 million** pounds of food has been served in Kings County*
- KARELink *Crystal Hernandez, Champions; Robert Thayer, Sheriff's Office; Debbie Grice, Health Dept.*
  - *The KARELink Program is a multi-agency coordination effort to provide better determination of client needs that will relieve the emergency department and jail, reduce recidivism and save hundreds of thousands of dollars and in Kings County.*
  - *The KARELink Team is comprised of a Coordinator, Nurse, Recovery Support, Clinician, Housing Navigator, Eligibility Worker, Job Coordinator who will provide screening to determine where clients need to be sent. (jail, emergency department, or acute psychiatric emergency unit). Clients will be referred to the appropriate agency that will truly help the individual.*

- **Roundtable Sharing**

- Children Now 2016-17 California County Scorecard– Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 3pm @ Kings County Health Dept.
- KCAO Fruit & Veggie Fest – Saturday, May 20, 2017 – 10am – 2pm at Hanford Cost Less Food Co.
- Victim’s Rights Event – Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 6pm at the Hanford Civic Auditorium
- Amanda’s Home, a new home for women & children, will be opening soon and is in need of furniture and books. Amanda’s Home is an outreach of Champions.
- Serve Day-Saturday, May 6, 2017 – sponsored by Koinonia, First Baptist Hanford and other local churches. Projects needed! Contact Andrew Cromwell at [andrew@kcfchurch.org](mailto:andrew@kcfchurch.org) or Aaron Medeiros at [andrew@kcfchurch.org](mailto:andrew@kcfchurch.org).
- KCOE Tobacco Free Poster Contest had the most ever student participation!
- Brandman University-Information Session-Monday, March 20, 2017 at 10am and 5pm
- Kings County Walk Against Child Abuse-Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 8:30 am-Walk from the Civic Park to the Hanford Mall
- Kids Day in Honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month-Saturday, April 8, 2017 from 10am–2pm
- Adventist Health has a new RN Diabetes Educator to provide support to diabetic patients
- Car Seat Tech Training in Avenal on April 8, 2017. Contact Darcy Pickens at [darcy.pickens@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:darcy.pickens@co.kings.ca.us) for more information or to register.
- Celebrating Families has new classes beginning April 6, 2017. Open enrollment will begin on March 30, 2017.
- Champions is now offering treatment for substance abuse in Corcoran at the Family Resource Center on Tuesdays & Fridays.

- **Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 pm**