

Scheduled meeting held in person and Zoom.

Topic: First 5 Shasta Evaluation & Advisory Committee Meeting

Time: October 12, 2022, 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

1. Call to Order 11:05 AM

Welcome and Introductions by Doug Woodworth, Data & Evaluation Coordinator

Evaluation Committee Members:

Gordon Chatham
Amy Pendergast
Beverly Charsha
AJ Anderson
Jennifer Snider
Tracie Neal
Bailey Cogger
Daniel Walker
Nayan Jesrani
Susan Wilson

First 5 Shasta Staff:

Liz Poole
Megan Johnson
Doug Woodworth

Audience

None

2. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

3. Review/ Approve Minutes from 8/10/22 meeting.

Action Item

Motion to approve minutes from 8/10/22 Evaluation and Advisory Committee meeting.

Motion / Seconded: Neal/Charsha

Ayes: All

Nayes: None

Motion: Approved

4. Help Me Grow Shasta:

Johnson presented a preview of the updated HMG Shasta website and a new infographic that will be used to expand outreach to local medical providers and inform them about HMG.

5. Perinatal Substance Exposure:

Pendergast presented on work being done to prevent/reduce perinatal substance exposure. This is a serious problem in Shasta County and the HHS/ MCAH Team is doing a ‘deep dive’ into perinatal substance exposures and is seeking community partners to get involved! In Shasta County, the rates of use of tobacco, alcohol, prescription drugs, and illegal drugs greatly exceeds California state averages. The MCAH Team is working to gather updated information to develop new plans to deal with perinatal substance abuse issues.

6. Strive Together Convening Update – Wendy

Dickens was unable to attend this meeting, so no information was delivered on this topic.

7. “Statewide Child Abuse and Neglect Non-Fatal Injury Trends Observed in California Hospitals and Emergency Departments During the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Woodworth presented information from this study/report from the California Department of Public Health and the California Department of Social Services. The report presented statewide data, which was not able to be broken down to county specific information. Woodworth presented current and historic child abuse data from California and Shasta County to show that Shasta County is not typical of statewide data and stated that no definitive trends have been identified because of the pandemic.

8. “Infants, Toddlers, and Families Experiencing Homelessness”

Woodworth presented information from the “Pritzker Children’s Initiative” dealing with homelessness in infants, toddlers, and families. The report estimated that there are more than “1.3 million babies, toddlers, and young children under age 6 experienced homelessness in 2018-19.” Using the methodology in this report, it was calculated/estimated that there are at least 161 children (aged 0 to 4) in Shasta County experiencing homelessness. The Committee agreed that that estimate was probably very low. The Committee discussed the difficulties in determining the numbers of homeless people in Shasta County, “point-in-time” surveys, the COVID pandemic, and the difficulty in engaging with homeless families once they have been identified.

9. Home Visiting Collaborative:

Poole stated that an informational presentation was done with the Nurse Family Partnership last week and gathered information about potential training topics to be presented to home visitors and associated providers. More information will be available when times, topics, and locations of training are settled. HV marketing campaign continues to move forward. The updated HMG Shasta webpage will have a link to the HV Collaborative website to increase community outreach. The next HV Collaborative meeting will be in November in conjunction with the HMG Shasta meeting.

10. Annual Report Preview

Woodworth presented information on the First 5 Shasta Annual Report. Financial information was not available, but the numbers of people served by age, demographics, primary language, and Result Area were presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:48 pm.

Next Evaluation Committee Meeting: Wednesday, December 14, 2022, (11:00 AM to 1:00 PM) The meeting will be in person in the First 5 Shasta office at 393 Park Marina Circle, Redding.