

**Merced County Health Care Consortium – Meeting Minutes**  
**July 23, 2015 from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Merced County Public Health Department - Auditorium, First Floor  
260 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Merced, CA 95341

**Attendees:** Cindy Lee, Crissy Gallardo (Merced Organizing Project); Trechann Jacinto (Merced County Department of Mental Health); Ray Parris; Griselda Villa (Golden Valley Health Centers); Karen Black, Cybele Lolley (Beacon Health Options); LaVerne Davis, Nai Saechao (Healthy House); Kathleen Grassi, Katy Oestman, Cindy Valencia (Merced County Department of Public Health); Jackie Lariosa; Karissa Moreno; Griselda Vazquez; Isela Kloeppe (Livingston Community Health); Tim Curley (Valley Children’s Heathcare); Karen Linkins, Jennifer Brya (Desert Vista Consulting); Nancy Young-Bergman (Consultant); Jennifer Mockus; Gabina Villanueva (Central California Alliance for Health); Isai Palma (Building Healthy Communities); Lupe Delgado (Parent Institute for Quality Education); Irene Miranda-Henson (Mercy Merced Rural Health Clinic)

**Welcome and Introductions** (Joel Diring, Diring and Associates, Facilitator; All)

**Health Care Access**

- **State Budget and Policy Update** (Joel Diring, Diring and Associates)
  - Full Medi-Cal coverage regardless of documentation status for children will be available starting in May 2016. It is unclear at the moment how this will be rolled out administratively. The Alliance anticipates 8,000 children in their three-county catchment area will gain coverage (approximately 3,000 in Merced County).
  - Soon there will be funding for immigration and naturalization assistance, \$15 million statewide.
  - DAPA/DACA (full scope Medi-Cal coverage) is on hold in a federal court injunction.
  - The Merced Organizing Project (MOP) has partnered with the Mexican Consulate (in Fresno) DAPA/DACA educational forums for residents. The first eight months of 2015 the consulate has visited Golden Valley Health Centers and Sacred Heart Church. Contact Crissy Gallardo for more information.
  
- **Health4All Campaign Update** (Crissy Gallardo, Merced Organizing Project)
  - Last month California was the first state to expand health care to undocumented children; State Senator Anthony Cannella supported the legislation. Approximately 3,000 children will gain coverage in Merced County but, 10,000 parents will still be uncovered.
  - On Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 6pm at McNamara Youth Center, there will be a Health4All event to celebrate this victory with local residents who spoke on behalf of coverage needs.
  - On Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 6pm Assemblyman Adam Gray will be visiting Merced to listen to residents. Senator Lara may also be in attendance. This forum will take place at Mount Pisgah Church (742 N Street, Merced, CA 95341).

**Action:** If you would like to join in these efforts please join the Prevention Action Team which meets on the first and third Wednesday’s of the month at 10am at United Way.
  
- **Outreach & Enrollment Sub-committee** (Katy Oestman, Merced County Department of Public Health)
  - The Outreach and Education Sub-committee has been meeting the past several months. The focus this year is shifting from enrollment into Medi-Cal to utilization of health insurance benefits. Golden Valley Health Centers and Livingston Community Health teamed up to create a user-friendly tool kit to help people understand the health insurance language as well as when to see a doctor vs. urgent care vs. emergency department. This document will be available soon, pending reviews by the creating agencies.
  - **O&E Sub-committee next meeting:** Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11:30am at the Merced County Department of Public Health.

### Workforce Development

- **Valley Children's Healthcare Pediatric Residency/Fellowship Program** (Tim Curley, Valley Children's Healthcare)
  - Valley Children's Healthcare is the new name for Central California Children's Hospital, which is incorporating parts of the hospital, medical group, home health, and a (new) medical foundation.
  - Valley Children's is joining with Stanford University's Medical School to develop a new medical residency and fellowship program. This partnership will increase the number of pediatric residents and specialists serving the hospital's geographic region. The first cohort should be enrolled by July 1, 2017, with 9-10 residents.
  - There are currently about 190-200 residents and fellows that rotate through the hospital each year (from other residency programs). A resident is a doctor just out of medical school, a fellow is a doctor who has completed their residency (2-3 years) and is specializing further (another 2-3 more years).
  - It was unknown if there are spots reserved in the residency/fellowship program for students from the Central Valley. Tim will follow-up with additional information on this question.
  - The hospital also serves as a training site for the San Joaquin Prime Program a medical education program associated with U.C. Davis and U.C. Merced.

### Behavioral Health

- **Community Access to Recovery Services** (Trechann Barber Jacinto; Merced County Mental Health Department)
  - CARS encompasses central intake, mobile response, triage, access 24-hour hotline, crisis stabilization unit (*Attachment: Power Point*)
  - CARS went live on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.
  - From July 1-22 there were 88 intakes (16 of which were referred to Beacon Health)
- **Behavioral Health Benefit Utilization Update** (Cybelle Lolley, Beacon Health Services)
  - Beacon Health Services is the behavioral health benefits manager for the Central California Alliance for Health members seeking services for mild to moderate behavioral health services.
  - An overview was given on the past year's usage and program goals/activities (*Attachment: Power Point*).
- **Primary Care and Behavioral Health Integration Project – Consumer Engagement Survey** (Karen Linkins & Jennifer Brya, Desert Vista Consulting)
  - Information was presented from the Merced County Whole Health Partnership community capacity assessment, particularly the consumer engagement piece. (*Attachment: Power Point*)

**Next Meeting: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 11:30am-1:30pm**

All meeting materials can be found at [www.co.merced.ca.us/publichealth](http://www.co.merced.ca.us/publichealth) under the Merced County Health Care Consortium tab.