



Steering Committee Meeting



Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2025

1:00 pm – 3:00pm

Virtual Microsoft Teams

Steering Committee (SC) Members Present: John Andrews, Megan Barajas, Dr. Juan Carlos Belliard, Dr. Monica Caffey, Richard De Nava, Dr. Jay Fiene, Diana Fox (Co-chair), Carrie Harmon, Peggi Hazlett, Ken Johnston, George Lamb, Dr. Rishi Parikh, Nathan Peterson, Cindy Schmall, Terrance Stone, Dr. Sharon Wang, and Jodie Wingo.

Staff/Guests Present: Dori Baeza, Veronica Gutierrez, Tab Okonkwo, Scott Rigsby, Samantha Stone, Adrianna Valencia, and Erika Willhite.

AGENDA TOPICS	DISCUSSION	Action Responsible Person
Call to Order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Diana Fox at 1:10 pm. Diana led the welcome and introductions. A quorum of Steering Committee (SC) members was present.	
1.1 Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes	The motion to approve the agenda and minutes was proposed by Diana Fox and was first motioned by Peggi Hazlett and seconded by Jay Fiene.	
2.1 Steering Committee Update	<p>Diana Fox shared concerns on current events and how they impact efforts for community health improvement. She shared concerns regarding the recent overturning of a preliminary injunction that reinstated federal DEI restrictions, which could impact organizations that rely on federal contracts and funding. Ken Johnston reported on a Medi-Cal loan by the California Department of Finance, which may influence undocumented safety net services. Megan Barajas highlighted the risks of Medicaid cuts on rural hospitals and emphasized the need for increased awareness of funding cuts that affect vulnerable populations.</p> <p>SC discussed the critical timing of low vaccination rates; Juan Carlos Belliard and Dr. Sharon Wang stressed the importance of flu vaccinations amidst recent health crises. Jodie Wingo pointed out the negative effects of immigration fears on children's vaccination rates, while Cindy Schmall reported a significant decline in vaccinations and suggested mobile units and telehealth services as potential solutions. Dr. Rishi Parikh warned that recent statements from Washington regarding over-medicating children could adversely impact mental health treatment. The group acknowledged the need for creative “multi-solver” solutions to engage families in health services. Diana Fox encouraged continued dialogue on these health issues.</p>	
2.1 Implementation Committee	Dr. Rishi, co-chair for the Implementation Committee (IC), provided an update on the February 4 th and March 4 th IC meetings, which focused on Behavioral Health Priority Area Strategy 2 & 3.	

	<p>Guest Presenters at the IC meetings included:</p> <p>February:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In February, DPH demonstrated the Public Health’s Opioid Data Analytics and Surveillance for Harm Reduction (ODASH) dashboard and presented the public health website. The ODASH platform tracks coroner and emergency room data on fentanyl-related overdose deaths and visualizes the epidemic in the county over recent years. • Gustavo Cisneros and Alex Cordova from the Inland Empire Opioid Crisis Coalition (IEOCC), along with Daniel Castillo from Reach Out, presented the overdose prevention programs their organizations are implementing. <p>March:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March, Implementation Committee Co-chair, Dr. Rishi Parikh and the Health Officer, Dr. Sharon Wang, led the discussion for strategy 3. • Maribel Gutierrez from the SBC Behavioral Health Department and Jodie Wingo from the Community Health Association Inland Southern Region (CHAISR) presented on the work they are leading. 	
3.1 Nominations/Elections Ad hoc Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diana Fox proposed convening the Vital Signs Bylaws Ad hoc committee to update the steering committee’s bylaws to add language for including the managed care plans (MCP), as they are now required by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to engage in the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) community health assessment (CHA) and the community health improvement plan (CHIP). • SC members volunteered to join the bylaws Ad hoc committee: Cindy Schmall, Jodi Wingo, George Lamb, Dr. Rishi Parikh and Terrance Stone. 	
Announcements/Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrie Harmon shared a community meeting on 3/20/2025 that would provide the community updates on the Pacific Village campus development, which will provide housing and treatment facilities for the local unhoused population. • Diana Fox mentioned an upcoming presentation on vaccine hesitancy by Dr. Shapiro on 3/18/2025, urging attendees to help disseminate the information. • John Andrews shared that Bishop Rojas will be coordinating with local churches and faith groups for a procession in downtown Riverside on Saturday, 4/12/2025. The event aims to support immigrant communities and raise awareness about issues related to federal immigration policies. 	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm. 	

Next Meeting
May 19, 2025

SS	Stone, Samantha	
	Baeza, Dori Organizer	
JB	Belliard, Juan Carlos (Unverified)	
CS	Cindy Schmall (External)	
DF	Diana Fox (External)	
DC	Dr. Monica Caffey (Unverified)	
EW	Erika Willhite (External)	
GL	George Lamb (External)	
	Gutierrez, Veronica	
	Harmon, Carrie	
JF	jay fiene (External)	
JC	Jodie Wingo CHAL... (Unverified)	
JX	John Andrews x421 (Unverified)	
	Johnston, Ken - PH	
MB	Megan Barajas (External)	
NP	Nathan Peterson (Unverified)	
TO	Okonkwo, Tab	
RP	Parikh, Rishi DBH	
PH	peggi Hazlett (External)	
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RN	Richard De Nava (External)	
SR	Rigsby, Scott	
TS	Terrance Stone (Unverified)	
	Valencia, Adrianna	
SW	Wang, Sharon	