

## **San Mateo County -Overdose Prevention Coalition Steering Committee Meeting**

August 12, 2025, allcove, 12:30-2:30 PM

Host: Marc Rappaport, Clinical Director and Jackie Almes, Youth Behavioral Program Manager, Peninsula Health Care District

Facilitator: Dr. Ronni Brown-Senior Community Health Planner-Overdose Education and Response

Members' Present: Brian Greenberg, Jorge Quezada Flores, Todd Henderson, Diana Campos-Gomez, Diana Reddy, Eamonn Hartmann, Jared Thomas, Jackie Almes, Corina Chung, Judith Modlen, Lea Tillier, Marc Rappaport, Mira Shamel, Nicholas Colucci, Omar Brown, Rondel Davis, Edith Cabuslay, Ronni Brown, Laurence Boone, Phobe Flores, Marc Karandang, Maureen Anchondo, Marika Buchholz.

Members' Absent: Cameron Christensen, Gil Perez, Mary Bier, Mary Taylor, Isabelle Valderrama

### **Welcome:**

Ronni welcomed the Steering Committee members, asked new members to introduce themselves, and reviewed our shared agreements.

### **Tour of allcove:**

Marc and Jackie provided a tour of allcove and reviewed the range of services including mental health, physical health, substance use treatment, peer and family support, education and career coaching for youth ages 12-25 years old. They also highlighted other activities the center provides including movie and game nights.

### **Youth Voice and Perspective:**

Two youth representatives from allcove read a two-page written letter to our Steering Committee (see attached) to provide their perspective on overdose, substance use, and the challenges facing youth. The letter addressed the following 2 questions:

1. How do young people your age talk about drugs, overdose, and mental health — if at all?
2. What advice would you give to a coalition of “adults” who want to reduce and prevent overdoses in San Mateo County?

### **Voting:**

June 10<sup>th</sup> Minutes: Diana Reddy put forth a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Marc Rappaport seconded the motion, and the meeting minutes were approved by a quorum of the committee.

Mission Statement: Maureen Anchondo put forth a motion to approve the Coalition's mission statement, Todd Henderson seconded the motion, and the Coalition's mission was approved by a quorum of the committee.

### **Coalition Charter:**

The Committee reviewed a draft of the coalition charter drafted by Ronni, based upon the discussion of the bylaws at the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Members were asked if the draft answered the following questions:

1. Are the bylaws concise and easy to understand?
2. Do they describe an efficient governance system?
3. Do the bylaws incorporate enough flexibility and inflexibility?

Members reviewed the charter and agreed by quorum to limit Steering Committee Membership to our current roster members (28).

A formal approval vote of the Coalition Charter will be on the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda.

### **Action Teams:**

Ronni reviewed the strategic priorities of the coalition, as described in the mission statement, to include education, access to resources, youth, and harm reduction. She defined the importance of developing project-centered and result-driven action teams to advance the coalition's mission and maintain sustainability.

The committee brainstormed the following Action Teams:

Outreach, Engagement, and Education

Overdose Fatality Review/Landscape Analysis

Youth

Treatment Navigation

Vulnerable Population (SUD, Elderly, Undocumented)

The new members requested data to deepen their understanding of the overdose crisis in San Mateo County and inform the development of Action Teams. Ronni reviewed the key findings from Focus Group Sessions (see attached) and the committee agreed to table the development of Action Teams until the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Officer's Nomination:**

Due to time limitations, officer elections were tabled until the October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Next Steps:**

The Steering Committee decided to postpone the October 14<sup>th</sup> General Membership (October 14<sup>th</sup> 1:30-2:30 PM) and instead meet as a committee on this date (12:30-2:30 PM) to finalize Action Team Development and elect officers.

Ronni and Rondel shared the following upcoming events and volunteer opportunities:

August 30- H.O.P.E. Memorial Walk, 10 am to 4 pm at Moose Lodge, 776 Bradford Way, Pacifica (volunteers needed for the Memorial Walk, resource table, and assembling of giveaways) [Home | HOPE for Recovery](#)

September 9, 16, 23- Meet and Greet Socials is an opportunity for new members to connect with coalition partners and staff, learn about the work of our action teams, and identify ways to get involved to help ensure a county-wide, strategic, coordinated response to end overdoses in our county. [San Mateo County Overdose Prevention Coalition - San Mateo County Health](#). Steering Committee members were asked to attend at least one of the Meet and Greets.

September 4- 2025, Fentanyl Awareness and Action Summit, 8 am to 4 pm [2025 Fentanyl Summit | Sacramento County Opioid Coalition](#)

**Closing:**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.