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### **San Mateo County -Overdose Prevention Coalition General Membership Meeting**

Date: February 10, 2026, Virtual Zoom Meeting, 1:30-2:30 pm

Host: San Mateo County, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Alcohol and Other Drugs

Facilitator: Omar Brown, County Co-Chair and Marc Rappaport, County Co-Chair

Members' Present: 23

#### Agenda:

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Shared Agreements
3. Marvin Velasquez, EMT-P, CES Manager, American Medical Response San Mateo County
4. Action Teams Discussion
5. Announcements
6. Calendar of Events
7. Closing & Contact Information

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

Omar Brown, Community Co-Chair of the San Mateo County Overdose Prevention Coalition, welcomed members to the General Membership meeting and shared the agenda. Members introduced themselves via chat.

#### **Shared Agreements:**

Marc Rappaport, Community Co-chair of the San Mateo County Overdose Prevention Coalition, presented the Shared Agreements developed by the Steering Committee, to foster respectful, thoughtful, and healthy conversations, and include:

#### ***With each other, we will:***

- Be fully present





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- Attack the problem not the person
- Listen to learn
- Respect each other
- Allow all voices (loud and soft)
- Lean into hard conversations
- Allow space for differences
- Be open to a change of mind
- Strive to be prepared for each meeting
- Protect others' confidentiality
- Engage in open dialogue without judgment

### **Presentation by Marvin Velasquez, EMT-P, Case Manager, American Medical Response San Mateo County:**

Dr. Ronni Brown introduced Marvin Velasquez who is the case manager overseeing clinical training and education for American Medical Response (AMR) in San Mateo County. Marvin provided an overview of how EMS's responds to calls regarding opioid overdoses. Mary Taylor, Clinical Services Manager for Behavioral Health Services, stated that in 2024 the county established a contract with AMR to initiate buprenorphine treatment when responding to an opioid overdose.. Each time EMS responds to a patient with OUD it is an opportunity to initiate buprenorphine treatment and potentially reduce the probability that the patient will have a future fatal or non-fatal overdose. Members were invited to ask questions.

### **Action Teams Discussion:**

Unhoused and Vulnerable Population – Marika Buchholz, Chair

Action team met on January 20th. Approximately 20 attendees shared why they were interested in overdose prevention for unhoused populations in SMC. Some members of the Action Team met with Jacob Stone /Life Moves (shelter provider) and learned that he needs support around



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youth/family shelters. Marika noted that this may be an opportunity for both Action Teams to work collaboratively. Marika provided a recap of the SMC One Day Count that distributed 360 boxes of naloxone, provided by SMC OPC, to outreach providers who then distributed to unsheltered residents. San Mateo County Executive Office issued a press release (<https://www.smcgov.org/ceo/news/about-350-volunteers-take-part-one-day-homeless-count>) regarding this partnership. The Action Team will be contacting shelters to increase applications for naloxone stand boxes. Next meeting will be on March 17th.

Youth and School Action Team- Mark Karandang, Chair

Action Team met on January 14th with approximately 12 attendees. Mark discussed the importance of systems mapping and networking. Marc identified 5 core areas of mapping (county and municipal leadership, law enforcement, middle and high schools, youth services and data indicators) to identify all resources and target areas of impact. He also discussed that Ronni and the leadership team will be developing an introduction letter to establish communication and future support of the coalition to these mapped resources. Marck discussed the COPN Accelerator Program Leadership Academy that will be launched soon.

### **Announcements:**

SamTrans Naloxone Awareness Day: Omar Brown announced that on January 9<sup>th</sup>, SamTrans, the SMC OPC, H.O.P.E., and Voices of Recovery distributed more than 72 boxes of naloxone at the Sequoia/Redwood Transit Station, to riders and pedestrians in the area.

Hearts 4 H.O.P.E. Dinner and Dance: Rondel Davis announced that the annual fundraiser on February 13, 2026 is sold out.

Resignation: Marc Rappaport announced that he has accepted the position of Executive Director with Foundations SF. Marc's last day with allcove San Mateo will be Friday, February 20th. Marc expressed his appreciation for serving as the Co-Chair of the SMC OPC Coalition.

Naloxone Stand Boxes: Omar Brown and Dr. Ronni Brown reminded everyone that SMC's Naloxone Stand Box (NSB) Program will provide free NSB to eligible organizations in the county. Omar emphasized that the application process is easy and encouraged everyone to contact organizations serving high-risk populations about the program.



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### **Upcoming Calendar of Events:**

Youth and Schools Action Team Meeting, March 11, 2026, 3:30-4:30 PM (virtual-meeting link will be sent via email)

Unhoused and other vulnerable Population Meeting, March 17, 2026, 12:30-1:30 PM (virtual-meeting link will be sent via email)

Rx and Illicit Drug Summit 2026 April 6-9, 2026, Nashville, TN [Home](#) | [Rx Summit 2026](#) | [Opioid and Addiction Conference in Nashville](#)

National Opioid Settlement Conference, June 17-19, 2026, Denver, CO

2026 NACCHO 360 Conference July 14-17, 2026, Louisville, KY [Home - NACCHO 360](#)

General Membership Meeting, August 11, 2026, 1:30-2:30 PM (virtual-meeting link will be sent via email)

### **Closing:**

Omar Brown thanked members of coalition for attending and reminded everyone to stay engaged and reach out to coalition for any questions or ideas.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:34 PM.