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San Mateo County -Overdose Prevention Coalition Steering Committee Meeting

February 10, 2026, Virtual Meeting, 12:30-1:30 PM

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

Members Present: Brian Greenberg, Jorge Quezada Flores, Todd Henderson, Diana Reddy, Eamonn Hartmann, Jared Thomas, Jackie Almes, Judith Modlen, Mary Bier, Mary Taylor, Marc Rappaport, Mira Shamel, Nicholas Colucci, Omar Brown, Rondel Davis, Edith Cabuslay, Ronni Brown, Mark Karandang, Isabelle Valderrama, Marika Buchholz

Steering Committee Roster: 24

Members in attendance: 20

Members Absent: 4- Corina Chung (excused), Diana Campos-Gomez, Laurence Boone, Lea Tillier

Members Resigned: 3 -Cameron Christensen, Phoebe Rutaquio, Marc Rappaport

Quorum required and met: 13

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Community Agreements
3. Announcements
4. Business Items
5. Meeting Planning
6. Action Team Reports
7. Skill set summary (time permitting)
8. Final Remarks
9. Calendar of Events
10. Closing





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Welcome: Ronni Brown

Ronni welcomed the Steering Committee members to the virtual meeting, reviewed the agenda (revised due to announcements), and noted that high priority agenda items would now be placed at the beginning of each meeting.

Community Agreements: Marc Rappaport

Marc read the Community Agreement to foster respectful, thoughtful, and healthy conversations, and include:

With each other, we will:

- 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

Announcements: Ronni Brown

Ronni shared that Marc Rappaport has accepted the position of Executive Director with Foundations SF. Marc's last day at allcove San Mateo will be Friday, February 20th. Marc expressed his appreciation for serving as the Co-Chair of the SMC OPC Coalition. Steering Committee members thanked Marc for his service to the coalition, allcove, and SMC youth.

Mary Bier, "I learned so much from you".



Mary Taylor, “You have been so supportive in formalizing the coalition. I have appreciated the cultural humility and knowledge of serving youth that you have brought, and you get it”.

Omar Brown, “Thank you for all of your support and for inviting us to allcove”.

Business Items: Ronni Brown

Co-Chair Replacement: Reviewed responsibilities of co-chair which includes:

Planning general membership meeting with Omar

Attending monthly leadership meeting with Omar, Mira, and Ronni (30 minutes, 2nd Friday/month)

Estimated commitment time 1.5 hours between quarterly meetings.

Requested interested members to contact Ronni by the end of the week.

Electronic voting-Voting on motions will be conducted electronically to document voter’s response and to allow meetings to focus on other agenda items.

Vending Machines-Naloxone vending machines will be installed this spring in the 8 BHRS clinics. The vendor manufactured 3 additional machines with SMC specifications. Ronni has submitted a funding request to BHRS to gift these machines to College of San Mateo, Skyline College, and Canada College; the three community colleges in SMC. Ronni requested members’ thoughts and ideas regarding this proposal.

Diana Reddy expressed excitement regarding this proposal and suggested that we coordinate with the Community College Board regarding messaging as a safety issue for all students, and to get ahead of any negative publicity and recommended cafeterias as a priority location for access.

Nicholas Colucci and Jorge Quezada Flores recommended Bldg. 10-CSM-student hub, Bldg. 6 or 7 for Skyline College (administrative buildings).

Isabelle recommended that the location of vending machines be a pin on the campus map.



Steering Committee members support this proposal. Next steps will be to wait for funding approval from BHRS and then initiate conversations with college representatives to include members of the steering committee.

Roster Updates- Cameron, Phoebe, and Marc have resigned from the Steering Committee due to work commitments, moving out of the area, or accepting a new position, respectively. Ronni shared communication sent to Laurence Boone who is subject to termination due to missed meetings (email: 11/17/2025, 01/21/2026 (no reply) text: 12/02/2025 (no reply), missed meetings (Oct, Nov, Feb). Marc Rappaport put forth a motion to terminate his membership on the OPC Steering Committee, Mary Taylor seconded the motion, and motion approved by 20 members of the Steering Committee (via chat). Ronni will communicate to Laurence, via email, the Steering Committee's voting decision and move him to the General Membership category. Ronni will initiate communication with Lea Tillier who has missed meetings (Oct, Nov, February) to determine her interest in continuing to serve on the committee.

General Membership has increased to 80 with 11 new members since November 1, 2025.

SUD Voices Listening Sessions held by the California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives is recruiting volunteers to participate in a virtual focus group. Ronni requested that members attend and share this opportunity with their communities [SUD Voices Listening Session - Virtual - CAADPE | California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives, Inc.](#) so that San Mateo County's voices are well-represented in shaping how CA invests opioid settlement dollars.

San Mateo County Overdose Prevention Coalition was accepted into the California Overdose Prevention Network Accelerator 7.0 program (10-months) to build adaptive leadership skills to bridge overdose prevention with behavioral health services. The cohort will consist of representatives from our Youth and Schools Action Team (Mark, Mira, Mary, Ronni), and SMC Office of Education Safe and Supportive Schools (Valerie, Karla). The project proposal is to create a Youth Prevention Leadership Academy (1 week summer intensive) and train youth to be peer leaders on overdose awareness and prevention in their high schools.

Meeting Planning: Ronni Brown



The next Meeting-Steering Committee Meeting will be an in-person meeting on May 12th from 12:30-2:30. Request that members submit ideas regarding training, food and location options.

Action Teams Report: Marika Buchholz and Mark Karandang

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. Members of the Action Team also met with Jacob Stone /Life Moves (shelter provider) and learned that he needs support around 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 the naloxone distribution at this event. 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

Youth and Schools 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 Project and requested support and involvement of the Steering Committee. Next meeting on March 10th.

Final Remarks/SamTrans Naloxone Awareness Day: Ronni Brown and Omar Brown

Ronni and Omar shared a recap of the Naloxone Awareness Day on January 9th at Sequoia/Redwood Transit Station. Both H.O.P.E. and Voices of Recovery partnered with SamTrans and the SMC OPC to distribute more than 72 boxes naloxone to riders and pedestrians in the area.



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Diana Reddy shared a story of her encounter with an individual who shared his worries for his brother, and she gave him several boxes of naloxone.

Todd shared that it was a positive experience, well-received, and well organized

Rondel commented that in the morning, people are rushing to get to work, perhaps the afternoon would be better.

Omar suggested that he can coordinate an afternoon or weekend event.

Calendar of Events

Steering Committee Meeting May 12th, 12:30-2:30 pm (in-person meeting)

Youth and Schools Action Team, March 11th 3:30-4:30 pm

Unhoused and Other Vulnerable Populations Action Team, March 17 12:30-1:30 pm

General Membership Meeting, August 11th 1:30-2:30 pm

Closing: Meeting adjourned at 1:27 pm