

SPAC COVID-19 Planning Call: 4/14

GGRC Updates: Amanda and Eric

- Eric says the Bay Area is doing well, we are not in surge
- He is working with legislative staff and they want to share things they are proud of. He requests people send over things they are proud of
- Budget for Next Year: Not funding anything new, but are keeping commitments past July, will include caseload growth
- GGRC is focused on contacting everyone they serve.
- Requests that as people talk to ILS clients, remember the DDS Directive on Participant Directed Services that allows them to hire family or friends as caregivers
- Amanda wants to go over the email they just sent out containing one resource list for funding for residential services. She says that if agencies have additional COVID-19 costs like increased pay, PPE, etc, to contact the email in the document and fill out a form. Some of these will be done via purchase reimbursements. She also requests that people explain the costs they need reimbursed so that GGRC can process this more efficiently.
- GGRC is looking into alternate/flexible ways to check in on clients and providers. They are aware that lots of outreach is happening and they are working to reduce parallel work.
- Kate Russel from the Quality Assurance Team: Echoes Amanda's point and says they are working toward reducing duplicative reviews, which many members are appreciative of, especially since CARF and CCL have been difficult to work with
- Amanda requests that if anyone has something that they are struggling with, please contact Kate so that they can prepare GGRC staff
- Amanda says they are working on preventing staff shortages that may arise if day programs were converted into residential centers and are outreaching to hotels
- Will is working on creating an emergency staff reserve. Will has sent out a survey to providers he'd like providers to take so that he can see where providers are at. He also says they are looking at what restart looks like, for example scenarios where clients may not do well with remote learning and transportation.
- Abby asks if other agencies have an outbreak and how they are dealing with it, and no one says they have an outbreak. She says that she had a meeting with staff willing to work with a sick person and compiled a list of questions.
- Eric recommends San Mateo County Department of Public Health's website, which is user friendly and clearly tracks the severity of the outbreak.
- Jami says that the Marin County Town Hall made it sound like this will go past May 3, and that we will go from SIP to a transitional period.
- There is frustration expressed surrounding a lack of testing, especially for staff who work multiple places.

County Planning: Mini groups, staff sharing

Lifecycles: Prevention, non-outbreak operations and planning, outbreak + surge planning, restart after SIP

- Kate asks Will if he has tips on decontamination/protecting staff, especially because PPE is limited. Will recommends staff wear clothes left at the client's home to reduce the amount of stuff that is brought in from outside. Masks should always be worn. Will also recommends perhaps limiting group sizes and reducing hours while keeping the same groups of people together.
- Will from the ARC SF says that funding needs to be in place for providers to can make the safest decisions
- In a chat note, CBEM asks providers to send client's social worker's info over if they need behavioral support being in the home more.