



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

## Meeting Notes

### Proposition 64 Advisory Group August 5, 2021, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Webex Virtual Meeting

Members Present	
Denise Galvez	Veronica Lewis
Jovon Torres	Amanda McAllister-Wallner
Martin Martinez	Paula Wilhelm
Jim Keddy	Jevon Wilkes
Seth Ammerman, MD	John de Miranda
Ruben Cantu	

#### Opening Remarks and Introductions

*Denise Galvez, Youth Services Section Chief, DHCS*

*Jovon Torres, Emerging Trends Unit, Analyst, DHCS*

Galvez opened the meeting by preparing Proposition 64 Advisory Group (P64AG) members for an afternoon brainstorming session to discuss the strategic development and implementation of the newly envisioned Elevate Youth California (EYC) innovation grant. Torres reviewed the agenda and meeting objectives.

#### Proposition 64 Advisory Group Membership

*Denise Galvez, DHCS*

Galvez informed members about the membership application, members' roles and responsibilities, eligibility to apply for P64AG membership and the submission deadline, and expanding the application to recruit individuals in the field who work directly with transitional-age youth, parents, and organizations working with disabled youth, and young adults facing a substance use disorder or mental health issue. She also encouraged the current members to share the membership opportunity with colleagues within their professional network.

#### Contract Update and Timeline

*Denise Galvez, DHCS*

*Jovon Torres, DHCS*

Torres provided a brief update on the interagency agreement (IA) contracts from the previous fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 Round 2 and current FY 2021-22 Round 3 IA contracts. He confirmed that all IA contracts with state departments are executed and paid.

In addition, Galvez answered questions about total funding amounts available for EYC and other state departments. She reiterated that when final disbursements are identified, DHCS will move forward with amending contracts to reflect the correct amounts.

Also, Torres announced that a new contractor, the California Department of Social Services, will run the early child care voucher program previously run by the California Department of Education.

### **The Center at Sierra Health Foundation (SHF) Presentation**

*Palvinder Kaur, Program Officer, SHF*

*Matt Cervantes, Director of Health Programs, SHF*

Kaur and Cervantes presented details on the EYC capacity-building Request for Application (RFA), including the total award amount, grant periods, and available funding.

During the RFA application period, SHF received:

- 105 applications covering 28 counties, including 14 percent rural, 29 percent rural and urban, and 57 percent urban
- \$27,914,510 requested in funding

Also, during the application period, SHF supported interested organizations by hosting two proposer conference webinars and six office hour sessions, and creating an FAQ document posted to the EYC website including the questions received at the proposer webinar, during office hours, and by email and answers.

SHF will announce the EYC capacity-building funded partners on August 10, with grants beginning on August 16.

In addition, SHF shared their next steps for capacity-building funded partners. SHF is designing a progress report template, securing technical assistance providers that align with partner capacity-building needs, and finalizing the timeline and RFA for Round 3 funding opportunities.

### **Capacity, Innovation, and Strategic Planning and Development**

*Denise Galvez, DHCS*

Galvez transitioned members into a brainstorming session to discuss implementation strategies, eligibility requirements, and length of contracts, release dates, funding amounts, and the funding structure for the EYC innovation grant.

She shared preliminary results of an environmental scan conducted by DHCS that identifies prevention funding across the state to give members an understanding of the number of grants, school districts, county offices, and state departments receiving prevention funding. Galvez said this information was preliminary, and final results would be included in a larger report on prevention in California.

During the strategic planning and development conversation, members recommended several areas of interest to DHCS while developing the EYC innovation grant, including:

- Allowing county behavioral health departments and school districts to apply for the innovation grant.
- Reducing or eliminating double administrative fees by government agencies to increase funding that goes directly to needy communities.
- Ensuring current EYC grantees are eligible for future EYC grants to maintain current programming and to build organizational capacity.
- Funding partners must have a workforce with lived experience and who represent the communities served, including youth representation in decision-making positions.
- Allowing applicants the flexibility to choose the funding amounts based upon community need, organizational capacity, and demographic reach.
- Allowing applicants to select \$500,000 to \$750,000 to award more partners.
- Defining each EYC grant on the EYC website for the public and eligible organizations.

Galvez proposed the Round 3 Timeline (August to December 2021), with members highlighting key dates for contractor reports, EYC RFA grant release dates, and the next P64AG meeting.

### **Public Comment**

*Jamie Yee, Alameda County Behavioral Health Department*

Jamie expressed the innovative work county offices can do to address prevention in communities in need. She highlighted the Alameda County Behavioral Health Department's innovative work in the past with local communities. She asked members to consider allowing county offices to apply for future EYC grants.

### **Closing and Next Steps**

*Denise Galvez, Youth Services Section Chief, (DHCS)*

Galvez thanked members for their participation in the discussion and for providing recommendations to DHCS for the EYC innovation grant development.