



**Meeting Notes**  
**Proposition 64 Advisory Group June 30, 2020 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**  
**1500 Capitol Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Hearing Room, Sacramento CA**

Members Present	
Marlies Perez, DHCS	Denise Galvez, DHCS

Members on Conference Line	
Seth Ammerman, MD	Amanda McAllister-Wallner
Ruben Cantu	Bonnie Midura
Timmen Cermak, MD	Lynn D. Silver, MD
Jim Keddy	Paula Wilhelm
Veronica Lewis	Jevon Wilkes
Martin D. Martinez III	Judy Babcock
John de Miranda	

**Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Marlies Perez, *Community Services Division Chief, (DHCS)*

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

Denise and Marlies opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending virtually given the current COVID-19 in-person limitations. They expressed her appreciation to the Proposition 64 Advisory Group (P64AG) members for their selfless and continued efforts to help young people during these times. Denise also went over logistics asking everyone use the chat function for questions or if anyone would like to speak so members were able to voice their questions and opinions. Lastly, Marlies went over the agenda explaining what will be discussed throughout the meeting.

**Budget Update**

Marlies Perez, *Community Services Division Chief, (DHCS)*

Marlies confirmed the budget amounts of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-21, Proposition 64, Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account. She noted that the amounts were reduced from \$199 million to \$184 million overall since the Governor’s Budget was introduced in January 2020.

## **Round 1 Milestones and Contract Update**

Marlies Perez, *Community Services Division Chief, (DHCS)*

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

Denise reminded P64AG members that not only does DHCS oversee Elevate Youth California (EYC) programs but other state department Interagency Agreements (IAs) as well. Denise announced the FY 2020-21 IA amounts and confirmed that all IAs for the FY 2019/20 Round 1 (R1) have been executed. She also noted that the California Department of Education will increase vouchers through alternative payment programs and in the third quarter their expenditure report showed that they administered approximately 42,296 vouchers across 73 providers. Additionally, the California Natural Resources Agency was provided a 2-year contract extension due to COVID-19 that will allow them additional time to start up their projects. Lastly Marlies announced that for the Round 2 (R2) Administrative contract DHCS will continue to partner with The Center at Sierra Health Foundation (The Center) in the administration of the EYC.

## **The Center EYC Technical Assistance and Training (TTA) Project Updates**

Matt Cervantes, *Director of Health Programs, The Center*

Matt, on behalf of The Center, expressed his appreciation for the Round 2 Administrative Contract award and added that The Center is eager to implement R2 based on today's conversation. Matt also advised that The Center has executed all sub grantee agreements with the partners from R1, and reminded the group of the Round 1 implementation strategies. There are 26 organizations funded out of 191 applications with max amount of \$1 million per award. A map of sub grantee awardees was displayed. Matt reiterated to the group that the community partnerships focus on communities harmed by the War on Drugs within urban and rural communities of color, just as the group voted on in November 2019. All projects have moved into implementation and are recruiting staff, transitioning to online/virtual recruitment and programming and creating professional development plans. Given challenges that have risen due to COVID-19, The Center is assessing technical assistance (TA) and capacity needs keeping these items in mind: youth engagement as planned was disrupted, technological capacities vary by project, assessed needs and opportunities to promote peer-to-peer learning. The Center created a TA survey to assess where each program was at and what they needed to be as successful as possible during these trying times. The focus of the survey was on organizational needs, community challenges, and technical capacity (survey closed on 7/1).

The group discussed the creation of the Data Reporting Tool which is to report on program impact including diversity of youth engaged, depth and scope of local partnership, community and organizational capacity building, and policy and systems change progress. This tool was created with DHCS guidance and assistance from Jim Keddy, Youth Forward and the California Endowment. Showed the P64AG members an example of the tool and how it is used, what it will capture and how they will analyze the data that was captured in the tool. The Center has provided 5 recorded trainings on

each tab within the tool and these recordings can be found on the EYC website at ElevateYouthCA.org

### **Proposition 64 R2 Strategies**

Marlies Perez, *Community Services Division Chief, (DHCS)*

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

Marlies advised that the remainder of the meeting will be looking at R2 focus and strategies with the approximate \$33 million that will be available for project funding. She shared that it is the goal to have R2 community partners begin work in January 2021, much sooner than in R1. Sub grantee awards will be sent out by winter 2020 and R2 will be another 3 year project. As mentioned previously, the Administrative contractor is aboard. DHCS announced an application process and The Center was the successful applicant. Marlies encouraged the group to choose between two options for R2 EYC as follows:

**Option 1** would be continuing the R1 approach focusing on communities disproportionately impacted by the War on Drugs among youth ages 12 to 25. Marlies offered that if Option 1 is chosen, then the group can work to refine the priority populations and settings. Reminder we received over 191 applications meaning there was a lot of need for this option and the potential impact we can make.

**Option 2** would be to select a whole new approach. Marlies commented that if Option 2 is chosen, the group would look at R1 which would include a new mind map, discussion on areas of need.

The Prop 64 Advisory Group voted to adopt Option 1, continuing to work in communities of color (better defining opportunity for LGBTQ communities of color in the proposals)

Denise presented to the group ways in which the project could be expanded at the local level using GIS/zip codes and comparing them to census economic data. Denise went on to demonstrate maps of Los Angeles, northern rural California and the central valley supporting each point with data. This prompted a larger discussion by the Prop 64 Advisory Group. Each member was invited to share their concerns and provide feedback.

### **Next Steps**

Marlies Perez, *Community Services Division Chief, (DHCS)*

Next steps include executing all of the Interagency Agreements and the administrative contract with The Center. Marlies shared that it is anticipated that R2 EYC subgrants will be shared at the next meeting scheduled for November 6, 2020. The R2 EYC Request for Proposals are scheduled to be announced in late August early September 2020.

### **Public Comment**

Alameda Health Care Services Agency (AHCSA) requests the P64AG consider them as

a grant applicant in future rounds because of their long standing history of partnerships along with proven expertise.

Comprehensive Addiction Treatment Services (CATS) was disappointed to see the bulk of the revenue going to child care which is not how the funds were originally intended. Wanted to know if we were planning to develop a workforce for a statewide student's assistance program. In addition, funds from Prop 64 could address the copays for patients to receive treatment in their addiction.

California School Based Health Alliance requested that for either this upcoming R2 integrating in future rounds, they would like to help within the school systems. Stated that our schools are facing a monumental task when learning how to address, prevent and intervene early in light of COVID-19. And like a lot of community based organizations that are struggling to provide their services – schools are facing similar issues however they are engaging and providing health services even if school campuses are closed. This is why it's an important avenue to address the student's health needs.

### **Closing**

Marlies Perez, *Community Services Division Chief (DHCS)*

Marlies advised that the data collection and evaluation tool of the selected sub-grantees will be discussed at a future meeting. She thanked the group again for the high participation during this meeting given the current COVID-19 crisis and urged P64AG members and attendees to stay safe and healthy.