

## UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary April 12, 2023

Alameda:	Supervisor Keith Carson, Supervisor Elisia Marquez, Yarelle Magallon, Monica Miller, Devon Anderson
Contra Costa:	Supervisor John Gioia (Alternate), Supervisor Diane Burgis, Lara DeLaney, Geoff Neill
Fresno:	Supervisor Buddy Mendes, Samantha Buck, Fine Nai
Los Angeles:	Marvin Deon, Martha Guerrero
Orange:	Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Peter DeMarco, Al Jabbar, Brandy Miller, Nicole Wordelman
Riverside:	
Sacramento:	
San Bernardino:	Leia Fletes, Mayra Flores, Nicole Wordelman
San Diego:	Supervisor Nora Vargas, Caroline Smith, Geoff Neill
San Francisco:	
San Joaquin:	Supervisor Tom Patti, Supervisor Robert Rickman
San Mateo:	Yarelle Magallon, Devon Anderson
Santa Clara:	Supervisor Susan Ellenberg, Elaine Trinh, Jenny Treis, Danielle Christian, Michael Rattigan
Ventura:	Supervisor Kelly Long
Sponsors:	Chris Mukai, Citi; Ben Rice, Falcon Inc.; Mitch Barker and Ryan Nicasio, PARS; Emily Giles, Raymond James
UCC Staff/Advocates:	Elizabeth Espinosa, Jean Hurst, Kelly Brooks-Lindsey, Josh Gauger, Bob Giroux, Chris Lee, Grace Ferguson

### I. Call to Order

UCC Chair Supervisor Keith Carson convened the meeting and called the members to order.

### II. Roll Call of Counties

There were seven supervisors, one alternate, and 11 counties represented at this meeting.

### III. Approval of March 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the March 8, 2023, minutes. Below is the vote count:



Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Carson, Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Vargas, Vice-Chair	San Diego	X			
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Barger	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Chaffee	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside			X	
Supervisor Desmond	Sacramento			X	
Supervisor Armendarez	San Bernardino			X	
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Canepa	San Mateo			X	
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
<b>Vote Total</b>		<b>8</b>		<b>6</b>	

#### IV. UCC Association Matters

##### IV-A: Options for UCC Advocacy Contract Extension – Action Item -- APPROVED

At its November meeting, the UCC Board voted to approve a one-year contract extension for the professional services (advocacy and association management) provided by Hurst Brooks Espinosa (HBE), and Lang, Hansen, Giroux and Kidane (LHGK). The contract extension expires in December 2023.

UCC Vice-Chair Nora Vargas made a recommendation to the Board to (1) appoint a workgroup with representative UCC membership comprised of county government affairs directors and (2) task the workgroup with preparing a report for the July UCC Board of Directors' meeting, including an analysis and recommendations on contract options.

► **Update:** *The workgroup presentation has been moved to the September 20 UCC Board of Directors' meeting.*

A vote was taken on the above recommendation and approved. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Carson, Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Vargas, Vice-Chair	San Diego	X			
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Barger	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Chaffee	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside			X	
Supervisor Desmond	Sacramento			X	

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Armendarez	San Bernardino			X	
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Canepa	San Mateo			X	
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
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## V. UCC Advocacy

### V-A: The Bob Report

Bob Giroux provided an update and insights on recently announced White House actions related to water reductions to western states. A final decision on the matter by the Interior Department is expected in August after a public comment period.

### V-B: Policy Discussion on Major Behavioral Health and Homelessness Policy Initiatives – Action Item - APPROVED

Staff provided the Board with a broad overview of multiple dimensions of behavioral health policy conversations in Sacramento, including (1) the Governor’s recently announced plan to modernize the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and to secure bond funding for various types of behavioral health treatment setting and housing for veterans; (2) high-profile legislation pending before the Legislature, including SB 43 (Eggman) that would expand the definition of “gravely disabled” in the context of conservatorships; and (3) other ongoing system changes and reforms, including CalAIM.

The Supervisors engaged in a lengthy discussion, with key issues highlighted below:

- The importance of UCC and CSAC collaboration while working with the Administration.
- The intersection of homelessness discussions with MHSA reforms.
- Placement needs across the continuum, including long-term residential treatment needs.
- How MHSA reforms impact existing services and funding, including as match to Medi-Cal.
- Billing clarity – what MHSA services are billable to Medi-Cal, which the Administration has raised as a concern.

As a result of the Board discussion, staff suggested that they engage directly with the UCC member counties, through the key staff, to (1) develop a better understanding of the issues and concerns raised by the behavioral health proposals and (2) help shape an advocacy strategy. Staff will report back to the Board on their findings.

### Board recommendation:

- Authorize HBE and LHGK to engage on behalf of urban counties to offer analytical input, provide strategic direction, and seek appropriate protections to the Legislature and Administration in the context of the November 2024 ballot measure Governor Newsom is pursuing;

- Provide regular briefings to the Chair and Vice-Chair on related advocacy developments; and
- Reconvene the Board outside of regularly scheduled meetings should additional advocacy direction be needed.

A motion was taken to approve the above recommendation and approved. Below is the vote count:

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Supervisor Vargas, Vice-Chair	San Diego	X			
Supervisor Glover (Alternate)	Contra Costa	X			
Supervisor Mendes	Fresno	X			
Supervisor Barger	Los Angeles			X	
Supervisor Chaffee	Orange	X			
Supervisor Perez	Riverside			X	
Supervisor Desmond	Sacramento			X	
Supervisor Armendarez	San Bernardino			X	
Vacant	San Francisco			X	
Supervisor Patti	San Joaquin	X			
Supervisor Canepa	San Mateo			X	
Supervisor Ellenberg	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura	X			
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**V-C: Highlights of 2023 Legislative Advocacy**

Staff provided an updated bill list detailing the measures on which UCC is actively engaged.

**V-D: Other High-Profile Policy Updates**

In addition to sharing a written update on CARE Act implementation, staff provided a brief overview on the status of Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) growth cap and penalties. This presentation was supplemented by a comprehensive memo and a timeline detailing the recent legislative and administrative history on this issue. UCC advocacy staff – in collaboration with CSAC, RCRC, and the California Behavioral Health Directors Association – is working to identify mitigations and refinements to the cap calculation process.

**VI. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**VII. Topics for Next Meeting (May 17, 2023)**

- Update on 2023-24 state budget
- Approval of UCC’s 2023-24 association budget
- Update on legislative advocacy

### **VIII. Adjournment**

The next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held on ***Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.*** via Zoom.