

UCC Board of Directors' Meeting Summary July 12, 2023

Alameda: Supervisor Keith Carson, Amy Shrago, Monica Miller, Devon Anderson
 Contra Costa: Lara Delaney, Geoff Neill
 Fresno:
 Los Angeles: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Natalie Vartanian, Samara Ashley
 Orange: Supervisor Doug Chaffee, Al Jabbar, Peter DeMarco, Jessica Guerrero, Brandy Miller
 Riverside: Supervisor Manuel Perez, Carolina Herrera
 Sacramento: Supervisor Rich Desmond
 San Bernardino: Supervisor Jesse Armendarez, Brad Jensen, Megan Kidwell
 San Diego: Caroline Smith (Alternate), Sarah Dawe, Denise Delgado, Erin Gilbert, Matthew Parr, Geoff Neill
 San Francisco:
 San Joaquin: Supervisor Tom Patti
 San Mateo: Connie Juarez-Diroll (Alternate), Tony Bayudan, Devon Anderson
 Santa Clara: Angelica Ramos (Alternate)
 Ventura: Michele Guzman
 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, three alternates, and 12 counties represented at this meeting.

III. Approval of May 17, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Action Item – APPROVED

A motion was made to approve the May 17, 2023, minutes. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Carson, Chair	Alameda	X			



Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Vargas, Vice-Chair (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Supervisor Glover	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 (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg (Alternate)	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura			X	
Vote Total		10		4	

IV. UCC Association Matters

There were no association matters that required the Board's attention.

IV-A: Bob Report

Bob was not available to join today's meeting, as he was attending a policy committee hearing in the State Capitol.

V-B: 2023-24 State Budget Update: June Budget Package

Staff provided the Board with an overview of the latest round of budget and trailer bills sent to the Governor in recent weeks that reflect the agreement between the two houses and the Administration, including a package of infrastructure measures that was a key priority of the Administration and the final piece that paved the way to the overall budget agreement.

V-C: Behavioral Health and Homelessness Policy Update

Staff provided an update on the Governor's proposed reforms to the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) contained in SB 326 (Eggman) as well as AB 531 (Irwin), an associated behavioral health infrastructure and veterans housing bond. Language for both bills was unveiled in mid-June, some three months after the Administration announced its intentions to modernize MHSA. Kelly Brooks shared details on UCC's efforts to discuss impacts with UCC member counties, which occurred over the spring. Urban counties anticipate the proposal will result in significantly less MHSA funding for core mental health and prevention services.

Kelly also shared details on the legislative hearing schedule for each of the measures in the upcoming weeks. Conversations continue with the Administration, legislative staff, county associations, and other stakeholders; counties' primary issues with SB 326 were 1) maintaining MHSA funding for core mental

health services, 2) adding fiscal protections, and 3) narrowing the proposal to MHSA reform. Kelly also sits on CSAC’s internal working group and will continue to keep the board updated.

Governor’s MHSA Reforms and Behavioral Health Infrastructure/Housing Bond – Action Item – APPROVED

The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion noting that aspects of the Governor’s proposal to modernize MHSA have considerable implications for counties and the populations served in our members’ communities. As part of its discussion, the Board directed staff to investigate the option of conducting a public opinion poll to test voters’ perspectives on the Governor’s proposed behavioral health system reforms. This effort would include gathering information about pricing and content of a ballot measure poll to help develop messaging to support a potential advocacy strategy and influence possible changes in the Administration’s proposal, which is expected to go before voters in March 2024. Before moving ahead with a poll, the Advocacy Team will confer with Board members to seek approval based on pricing and timing information gleaned from potential research firms. The UCC Advocacy Team noted it may be necessary to call for another Board meeting in August but will keep the board apprised.

Requested Action

Staff requested that the Board provide broad direction as outlined in the packet provided to the board, for the UCC Advocacy Team to seek potential amendments to refine and ultimately take a position on SB 326 (Eggman), the Administration’s far-reaching proposal to modernize the behavioral health system.

A motion was made to take the above requested action and approved. Below is the vote count:

Member	County	Yes	No	Absent	Not Voting
Supervisor Carson, Chair	Alameda	X			
Supervisor Vargas, Vice-Chair (Alternate)	San Diego	X			
Supervisor Glover	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 (Alternate)	San Mateo	X			
Supervisor Ellenberg (Alternate)	Santa Clara	X			
Supervisor Long	Ventura			X	
Vote Total		9		5	

V-D: 2023-24 Legislative Update

The UCC Advocacy Team provided a brief update on redistricting bills that were being heard in the Senate Government and Finance Committee at the same time as the Board meeting. Jean Hurst with HBE is working with a coalition to ensure that the various bills seeking to amend the redistricting process are operationally feasible; more to come on these measures in the weeks ahead.

VI. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- MHSa Update
- CalAIM
- HBE Contract - Recommendations from Working Group of Government Affairs Directors
- Legislative Update

VIII. Adjournment

The next UCC Board of Directors' meeting will be held on ***Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.*** via Zoom.