

City of San Diego  
Clean Syringe Exchange Program Facilitation Committee  
Minutes of the Meeting  
November 6, 2003

12:00 p.m.  
Civic Center Plaza  
1200 Third Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room  
San Diego, CA

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the chair at 12:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Martin Chevalier, Alternate for Mateo Camarillo  
Jim Dunford  
Kathy Evans-Calderwood, Alternate for Lyle Neptun  
Mike Franz  
Staajabu Heshimu, Alternate for Debra Fischle-Faulk  
Robert Lewis, Alternate for Fran Butler-Cohen  
Linda Lloyd  
Cesar Solis

Staff Present:

Lisa Foster  
Staajabu Heshimu

Guests Present:

Donna Dow  
Lora Folsom  
Joel Harrison  
Libba Jackson-D'Ambrosi  
Jack Monger

**2. Self-Introductions**

Dr. Dunford asked for self-introductions of those present.

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 2, 2003**

The minutes were approved with two corrections: 1) Section 3.a. Status Reports – Family Health Centers of San Diego: Mr. Lewis is away attending a conference; and 2) Section 6 Roundtable/Public Comment: She also reported that she had seen a sharp collection container in a gaming facility with a posted sign saying “used syringes, please dispose of safely.”

### **4. Interim Report to City Council - discussion**

The draft report prepared by SANDAG on the pilot CSEP was discussed. It was agreed that a change, proposed by Mike Franz, should be made for clarification: the term “speedball” should be defined in all the charts in which the term appears. Martin Chevalier asked that community concerns be made a part of the report. Lt. Solis was also concerned that no crime stats were included. Staajabu Heshimu said that it was her understanding that Councilmember Atkins had specifically asked for a report on program operations and utilization. Discussion ensued as to whether this report was truly an “interim” report since it did not include any mention of community concerns or crime stats. It was agreed that the cover memo should refer to the report as a “special” report rather than “interim” and that the memo should specifically note that results of the North Park survey and crime statistics would be included in the final report on the pilot program. Mr. Chevalier asked if an interim report wasn’t due based on a December 2002 memo to the City Council from Debra Fischle-Faulk. Ms. Heshimu said she would review the memo and report back as to whether staff had erred in not compiling an interim report within the six month time frame in question. It was also decided that it would be appropriate for Family Health Centers of San Diego to write a transmittal memo since Councilmember Atkins originally asked for a report from the program operator.

### **5. Status Reports**

#### **a. Family Health Centers of San Diego – Fran Butler-Cohen/Bob Lewis**

Mr. Lewis distributed the latest utilization statistics and responded to questions regarding volume.

#### **b. San Diego Police Department – Lt. Cesar Solis**

Lt. Solis reported that both the program operator staff and a community member complained of an individual in a Winnebago who may have been involved in criminal activity in the vicinity of the North Park CSEP. The person was contacted by SDPD but there was no arrest and no known connection to the CSEP was established.

There was another complaint of a homeless client of the CSEP in North Park. SDPD has not been able to locate, but is still looking for, this individual. In East Village, there was a report of someone from the community harassing and making threats to program operations staff just before they took the van out each week. SDPD is looking to make contact with this individual. Otherwise, Lt. Solis reported, things have been quiet in East Village.

**c. San Diego Association of Governments – Dr. Cynthia Burke/Sandy Keaton**

Neither Dr. Cynthia Burke nor her Alternate, Sandy Keaton, were present as both were away attending a retreat. The report was submitted in writing as follows: “We have completed a total of 52 initial interviews as of 10/31/03 (our goal is 75). Ten were completed in the month of October. We have completed a total of 30 follow-up interviews with North Park clients, including 7 in the month of October. Everything is going okay.”

**d. City Manager’s Office**

Staajabu Heshimu said there was no report from the City Manager’s Office outside of those items covered elsewhere on the agenda.

**6. Ordinance Drafting Subcommittee Report**

Deputy City Attorney Lisa Foster reported on today’s subcommittee meeting saying that she had prepared an outline for the Ordinance and had attempted to draft language for the Purpose and Scope section. She said a fundamental question is whether the City Council or the City Manager should have the authority for site selection decisions. The issue was discussed by members of the Committee, including an option that decisions could be made by the council member in whose district the CSEP was to be located. Ms. Foster said her research showed that in similar cases, the City Council makes this kind of decision; the advantage is that council members are able to weigh constituent concerns. The subcommittee also broached distance considerations, such as how far from schools a CSEP could be located. Ms. Foster said the City Council also has some history with these kinds of decisions and gave as an example cigarette and alcohol billboard advertising, which cannot be located in close proximity to schools. There was no clear consensus among Committee members other than site selection should be made based on objective data, such as crime and public health statistics.

**7. Community Impact Subcommittee**

- a. North Park Survey – Dr. Dunford announced that Dr. Baer and others from the survey team will present the draft survey promptly at noon at the December 4 meeting.
- b. East Village Focus Group – Ms. Heshimu announced that, working with representatives of the District 2 Council Office, it was decided that the downtown forum would be held in late January at the Centre City Development Corporation (CCDC) Information Center in Horton Plaza. Linda Lloyd and Jack Monger offered to work with Ms. Heshimu on the format and it was suggested that she also consult Dr. Burke of SANDAG.

**8. Roundtable/Public Comment**

There was no discussion due to the lateness of the hour.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is December 4, 2003 as scheduled. The regular meeting in January would fall on January 1; because Ms. Heshimu and others are unavailable the following week, it was decided that the January meeting would be cancelled. However, the Ordinance Drafting subcommittee will meet on January 8 in order to keep the process moving along the timeline.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.