

Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Update for the SSP Advisory Commission

July 13, 2021

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On June 8, 2021 the Board of Supervisors (BOS)...

- Accepted and Filed the Health Services Agency's 2019-2020 Biennial Report for the Syringe Services Program
- Accepted and Filed the report to improve syringe litter reporting and response through a centralized system across all partners
- Directed HSA, the County Department of Public Works (DPW) and the County's Information Services Department (ISD) to collaborate on
 - Implementing the My Santa Cruz County app as a tool to address public syringe litter reporting in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County
 - Leverage existing solid waste disposal resources and improve overall litter efforts of the County of Santa Cruz and the Cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville
 - Jointly report back on progress by December 7, 2021



Additional Discussion from the Board

- The Board had further discussion around the following, though these proposals were not passed as additional directives:
 - Request for Proposal (RFP) for an On-Demand Litter pick-up, not to exceed \$100,000
 - Data:
 - Collect additional data from the Harm Reduction Coalition of Santa Cruz County
 - Future Biennial Reports should include additional data on syringe collection from other partners
 - Task Force on Injection Drug Use



Next Steps

- HSA will collaborate with DPW and ISD to implement My Santa Cruz County for syringe reporting and report back in December 2021, as directed by the County BOS
- HSA will collaborate with HSD and city jurisdictions to increase syringe collection with work training programs
- HSA's Public Health and Behavioral Health Divisions will collaborate on a Sept 2021 presentation around local Substance Use Disorder (SUDs) efforts, covering:
 - Effective/Best Practices for SUDs prevention and mitigation
 - Overview of existing efforts to prevent and manage SUDs

