

County of Santa Cruz SSP Program Update

SSP Advisory Commission

April 12, 2022

Rahshan Williams, SSP Program
Coordinator

Current Activities – Rahshan Williams

Goals: prevent disease, link to treatment and services, improve public safety

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- **Board Directives**
 - **Staff**
 - **HCV/HIV testing in Watsonville**
 - **Referrals**

County Board of Supervisor Directives to the County SSP 2019 to present	Outcomes
Develop a plan to manage secondary exchange; only allow up to 2 secondary exchanges per visit	Met
Collaborate with CDPH to complete a study of syringe litter in Santa Cruz County, and report back to the Board	Met
Develop ordinance to develop the seven-member SSP Advisory Commission	Met
Coordinate outreach to syringe litter organizations and SSP listening sessions	Met
Implement SSP Advisory Commission	Met
Develop recommendations to improve syringe litter reporting and response	Met
Return with a contract or contract amendment with providers to collect syringes in "hot spots" throughout the community	Met
Coordinate and present a multi-disciplinary injection drug use study session for the Board	Met
Add two additional hours to Santa Cruz and Watsonville exchange sites	Met
Coordinate installation and payment of syringe kiosks in other jurisdictions, per letter from the Board Chair to the local jurisdictions	Ongoing
Improve system to monitor referrals from SSP to Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services	Ongoing
Regular community outreach, including Grant Park neighbors	Paused due to COVID
When applying for funding, HSA directed to operationalize in a manner consistent with the previous action and policy by the Board	Ongoing
Develop and present Biennial Reports for the SSP	Ongoing
Implement the My Santa Cruz County application as a tool to address public syringe litter reporting in the unincorporated areas of Santa Cruz County and leverage existing solid waste disposal resources and improving overall litter efforts of the County of Santa Cruz and Cities of Santa Cruz and Watsonville	In process

California Harm Reduction Initiative (CHRI)



Sr. Health Educator Julia
Anderson



Started on April 15th 2022

Volunteers!



Continue to recruit and bring in new volunteers



“Coach” Kim Campbell
nominated as a 2022
Outstanding County Volunteer

HIV/HCV testing in Watsonville

- HIV and HCV testing will be offered during our Watsonville exchange shift on Wednesdays 1:30-3:30pm beginning 4/20/2022

Medi-Cal

We are asking participants if they have medi-cal coverage with each encounter

Distributing information on medi-cal enrollment for the uninsured

Thank you

