

Central Valley Regional Workgroup

Region Counties: Fresno, Inyo, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Tulare

Thursday, September 24, 2020
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

2:00 p.m. **Introductions and Agenda Overview**

2:10 p.m. **State and Federal Updates**

Update on federal and state health policy, including state and federal budgets and efforts to cover the remaining uninsured

2:30 p.m. **COVID-19 Pandemic: Where the Health Care Delivery System and the Public Health System Intersect—Lessons Learned and Challenges Ahead**

Discussion:

1. What barriers and challenges have the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted and/or exacerbated within the public health and health care delivery systems?
2. How do the challenges differ by health care coverage group (e.g., uninsured, Medi-Cal, Covered California, commercial), racial/ethnic population, and lower-income vs. higher-income communities?
3. What policy changes or flexibilities would make the most difference in solving these challenges?
4. What strategies, work-arounds, and other efforts are local agencies, plans, providers, and community organizations employing to help address these challenges?
5. What innovations and best practices are happening locally?
6. What does good health care access look like during a pandemic? What does success look like and how should it be measured?
7. What strategies should communities employ to be prepared for the next wave of the pandemic or another natural disaster?

3:50 p.m. **Takeaways and Wrap-Up**

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn**

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