

**HEALTHY SAN DIEGO
 JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
 MINUTES – February 09, 2023**

Members/Alternates Present: Laverne Brizendine, Jack Dailey, MD, Michelle Darnelle, Alexious Dimtrious, Kimberly Fritz, Karina Gallardo, Anika Kadakia, MD, Kevin Kandalraft, Kathleen Lang, Sarah Legg, Tabatha Lang, Valerie Martinez, Eric McDonald, MD, James Schultz, MD (Co-Chair), Harriet Seldin, Kristen Smith, Ysobel Smith, Aaron Starfire, Caryn Sumek, Salvador Tapia, Janet Vadakkumcherry, Ann Warren, Lindsey Wright

HSD Staff Present: Langelynn Bondad, Lynn Carr, Angela Galba-Davis, Luwam Kidane, Raluca Pimenta, Alison Sipler, Heather Summers, Jennifer Tuteur, MD, Michael Worman

Guests: Gallardo, Karina, Lopez, Ismael

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome and Introductions		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by James Schultz. • Introductions were made. • An in-person quorum of voting members was confirmed 	
II. Public Comment		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
III. Presentation		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Medi-Cal: End of the Continuous Coverage Requirement & Older Adult Expansion</i>, Karina Gallardo and Ismael Lopez, County of San Diego Self-Sufficiency Services 	
IV. Healthy San Diego (HSD) Subcommittee Reports		
Quality Improvement Subcommittee (Valerie Martinez)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Improvement Subcommittee The first order of business during the QI Subcommittee meeting was to identify voting members for each health plan; Molina’s representative is still being determined. The QI Co-Chairs completed the action item of training the HE/CL Workgroup Co-Chairs, focusing on the annual work plan and how to manage the budget process and send out budget requests letters. They will reconvene the QI Studies Workgroup in March with a focus on two topics: Fluoride Varnish Application and Blood Lead Screening. They will also revisit charters this coming year for each of the nine workgroups. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Education & Cultural Linguistics (HE/CL) Workgroup Family Resource Center posters were discussed, making sure they are up-to-date with the current health plan information. Guidance was requested on whether the posters should be translated into other languages. The 2023 HE/CL Workplan is being updated with priority activities identified for each 	

quarter: Q1 = Poverty Simulation training, Q2 = Fluoride Varnish training (kit costs would come from HE/CL budget and Nancy Starr with the County Oral Health Program is finalizing the flyer to advertise), Q3 = Motivational Interviewing for Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Providers training (voted for a 3-hour training rather than all-day), and Q4 = Develop a Well-Child Visit Provider Toolkit. It was recommended to include a health equity and health disparities lens to help close the gaps. An annual report is in the process of being drafted. The Joint Advisory Committee continued discussion about limiting duplicate new provider and/or annual trainings, combining trainings (such as cultural competency or fraud abuse), and/or finding an on-demand method format; this issue has been raised since February 2022. There is concern about the untenable training burden on providers. An assessment could help identify details on what each health plan is doing for a particular training and determine a solution from a regulatory perspective and meeting health plan requirements. It was agreed that this issue may need to be resolved at the State level and not the health plan level.

- **Facility Site Review (FSR) Workgroup**

A collaboration has started with DHCS on use of new tools and aligning new contracts to the current FSR MOA. A work plan will be created and will coordinate a co-chair orientation to look at sample charters and recommendations for the work group. The DHCS site review workgroup will convene in September 2023 for an Inter-Rater Reliability (IRR) conference to ensure consistent application of State standards and guidelines across regions.

- **Health Plan Workgroup**

The WIC Agency discussed referrals and how providers can share data to capture biometric data and information. There was a recommendation to partner with the CIE and the HIE to be able to integrate that data. IHSS was discussed in shelters and the potential for referring for community supports.

- **San Diego Regional Center Workgroup**

Salvador Tapia reported Intermediate Care Facility for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DD) benefit is transitioning to Managed Care Plan responsibility. The date has been pushed back from 7/1/23 to 1/1/24 to move clients into managed care. This means ICF-DD providers have more time to contract with health plans.

Health plans are reminded to authorize month of and month after admission. The next meeting will be 2/21/23.

- **California Children’s Services (CCS) Workgroup**

There was a discussion about United Healthcare continuing to support the 12/31/22 transition of members and CalAIM Population Health Management transition of care changes. Health plans are coordinating members to ensure they are assigned a case manager and those that are identified as high-risk are referred to CCS.

- **Skilled Nursing Facility/D-SNP/CalMediConnect**

The workgroup will be renamed the **Dual Eligible & LTSS Workgroup** and focus on older adults and the new populations of focus. There is a list that is being sent by the health plans to ECM providers to help increase enrollment. There was discussion about SNF workforce challenges. Dr. McDonald suggested that Dr. Yourman, the County’s Chief Geriatric Officer, participate in the workgroup.

- **Consumer Center for Health Education & Advocacy**

They reported they will begin in-person meetings. There are two new grants including: 1) transgender intersex case managers at Owen Clinic and 2) connecting South Bay seniors and older adults to services and health care. There is excitement over the CalAIM justice involved initiative that will help incarcerated individuals obtain Medi-Cal 90 days before they are released. They are also preparing for the redetermination process along with hiring case managers, and intake managers.

- **Health Plans – AIS Workgroup**

There was a report-out about health plans rolling out the new ECM Populations of Focus. They are looking at whether more is needed in the County MOA related to D-SNPs. Public Authority reported implementing raises and a new training for caregivers. The MSSP is working on a process to refer clients for asthma remediation community supports.

- **Fluoride Varnish and Blood Lead Screening**

A QI Studies Workgroup will be dedicated to working on the Fluoride Varnish and Blood Lead Screening projects. The Fluoride Varnish project is coordinating with the County and CHDP providers along with health plans to hold a training for staff who will be applying the fluoride varnish. There was a

	<p>survey that was released by one of the health plans to look at what barriers there are for blood lead screening.</p>	
<p>Behavioral Health Subcommittee (Salvador Tapia)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salvador Tapia met with Caryn Sumac at HASDIC about follow-up ED mental health visits related to alcohol or substance abuse and getting timely data. The last Behavioral Health Subcommittee meeting was held 2/9/23, where everyone was reminded that training is still available for the transition from CMC to D-SNP, which was effective 1/1/23. The contact cards were updated. The screening tool was also discussed, and providers were told that the tool was only for members and the crisis line. The screening tool would only be used for members not actively receiving mental health services; depending on the score 0-5 it would be managed care responsibility and scores of 6-12 would be the crisis line's responsibility. The APL transition tool from DHCS was provided. There was an update that the ICF-DD (Intermediate Care Facility for Developmentally Disabled) benefit that was due to be available in July 2023 has been pushed back until January 2024. HASDIC indicated an increase in ED visits and that we should work together to divert members from EDs. There was no BHAB update. Probation gave a presentation on its re-entry program. The health and wellness report noted the County's annual Love Your Heart campaign. 	
<p>HSD CalAIM Workgroup (Kim Fritz and Jack Dailey)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-chairs recently met with Intrepid Ascent to discuss the PATH CPI Collaborative meetings. There was a discussion about frequency of meetings, scope, and their willingness to take on the broader issues that need to be addressed as a County workgroup. It was agreed to offer Intrepid Ascent the standing meeting slot for the CalAIM workgroup meeting. Their meeting will envelop the scope of work of the HSD CalAIM Workgroup with the same stakeholders and scope of issues. They were encouraged to use the same meeting templates and agenda. Kim and Jack will make sure the meeting is a nexus for discussing issues. There has been some confusion on where people could obtain information on ongoing efforts, communications, agendas, and notes related to CalAIM workgroups for the PATH CPI Collaborative. Since DHCS handles the website there is a slight lag time regarding how quickly the website is updated with the information. Intrepid Ascent is exploring another solution to make information available. The next PATH CPI Collaborative meeting is 2/24/23. 	

V. Action Items		
Approval of minutes from previous meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 09, 2023 minutes were approved 	
VI. Chairs' Reports		
A. Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) (Harriett Seldin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HSAB had their first in-person meeting after several years. Dr. Coleman from PHS gave a presentation about additional funding for a tobacco grant program. There was another presentation on justice involved healthcare for individuals who are in jail and soon to be released needing assistance to get on Medi-Cal to receive healthcare and how these individuals can sometimes fall through the cracks. 	
B. CalAIM D-SNP Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CMC to D-SNP was largely successful with very low rates of incidence. Transitions of special populations 	
C. Children and Youth Cal AIM Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Children and Youth CalAIM Workgroup will be a temporary workgroup to prepare for the CalAIM transition and new Children and Youth Populations of Focus. This workgroup is seeking to pull together partners from the County as well as a managed care plans. Kim Fritz and Stephanie Goia-Beckman from Rady Children's Hospital were proposed to lead this workgroup. This is a special population with many intersections that we want to be sensitive to. 	
VII. Information/Updates (Written or Oral)		
A. Medi-Cal Rx (Janet Vadakkumcherry)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health Center Partners has issues with Magellan. Some of the issues pertain to formulary technology and integrating tools providers can use. If any problems arise with the prescription, they automatically will send it back to the PCP instead of investigating as to why there was a problem. It was requested that Magellan put the functionality back into their drug look-up tool so that you can look up a drug by name and not just by MPC number. 	
B. Consumers (Jack Dailey)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparations are being made for the increased volume and work related to Medi-Cal redetermination and supporting people within the county. Within Legal Aid Society, there are many new staff that have come on board and will be working to support county residents. 	
C. Public Health Services (PHS) (Ankita Kadakia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The end of February will be the end of the local Public Health Emergency, but the County of San Diego will still provide services such as vaccinations, data, and temporary lodging services. There has been a lower level of COVID-19 in the wastewater. Home tests are still available nationally until May 2023. Testing kits are also available at libraries. There has been a decline in influenza cases; there was an early peak in the season but it has since gone down. 	

<p>D. Behavioral Health Services/Board (Benjamin Parmentier)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The BHS department has gone through a slow, but deliberate transition to shift prevention activities into its population health office under Dr. Nicole Esposito. Behavioral health has bolstered the department by 120+ staff to support the community engagement team to increase community outreach. The conservator is now under BHS and they are working to become more integrated. 	
<p>E. Aging and Independence Services (Kristen Smith)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MSSP case management has openings; anyone needing assistance can contact Aging and Independence Services. There is a huge shortage of caregivers, IHSS public authority, which is the organization that hires caregivers have certain initiatives out, these initiatives are there to help caregivers get raises. The County has just announced the Shallow Subsidy Program, a rent subsidy program for older adults; it is currently a pilot and only 200 people will be allowed in the program. 	
<p>F. Medical Care Services (Heather Summers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two CalAIM community listening sessions coming up one on 2/15/23 and 2/21/23 at 3:30-5pm. These sessions are primarily for providers and organizations that have familiarity with working with Medi-Cal populations. Health plans will be attending the sessions to hear the feedback. The justice waiver was approved in the state of California which means California is the first state to receive that waiver. 	
<p>G. Healthy San Diego Statistics (Michael Worman)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Medi-Cal enrollment data for December 2022 shows a steady increase in enrollment this calendar year for each health plan in San Diego County, except for UnitedHealthcare which decreased slightly from last month. The total Managed Care Enrollment is just over 924k and the percentage that is enrolled in a managed care Medi-Cal plan is now at 91.2%. The County's eligibility statistics for January 2023 show an increasing number of recipients in the last year for most programs including CalFresh which is up 5.69% from last year, CalWORKs up 14.85%, CMS is down 20% but there are only currently 8 recipients, General Relief up 5.34%, and Medi-Cal up 8.31% from last year. 	
<p>VIII. Agenda Items For Next Meeting</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
<p>IX. Adjourn</p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned by James Schultz at 5:00 p.m. 	

THE NEXT HEALTHY SAN DIEGO JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED

Thursday, March 9, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

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