

**HEALTHY SAN DIEGO  
 JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES – April 13, 2023**

**Members/Alternates Present:** Laverne Brizendine, Diane Bucon, Tina Hendizadeh, Ankita Kadakia, MD, Greg Knoll (Co-Chair), Sarah Legg, Valerie Martinez, Donald Miller, MD, Jen Ohmstede, Jim Schultz, MD(Co-Chair), Harriet Seldin, Kristen Smith, Aaron Starfire, Caryn Sumek, Salvador Tapia, Janet Vadakkumcherry, Ann Warren, Wilma Wooten, MD  
**HSD Staff Present:** Jamie Beam, Lynn Carr, Brittany Charity-Walker, Angela Galba-Davis, Lee Laydon, Eric McDonald, MD, Raluca Pimenta, Alison Sipler, Heather Summers, Jennifer Tuteur, MD, Michael Worman  
**Guests:** Deirdre Browner, Keri Carstairs, Danielle Carter, Jack Dailey, Pamela De Leon, Karina Gallardo, Stephanie Goia-Beckman, Laurence Gonzaga, Jacqueline Kalajian, Chiara Leroy, Ysobel Smith, Yogesh Thasale

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by James Schultz.</li> <li>• Introductions were made.</li> <li>• An in-person quorum of voting members was confirmed.</li> </ul>	
<b>II. Public Comment</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>III. Presentation</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overdose Data to Action (OD2A) Program</b> (Wilma Wooten M.D., M.P.H., Public Health Officer)</li> </ul>	
<b>IV. Healthy San Diego (HSD) Subcommittee Reports</b>		
<b>Quality Improvement Subcommittee</b> (Valerie Martinez)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health Education &amp; Cultural Linguistics (HE/CL) Workgroup</b>                      There was continued discussion on the potential for a combined provider training. The Cultural Competency and Health Equity training was identified as the first step toward providing a combined training; however, new DHCS All Plan Letters (APLs) that will take effect January 2024 are being released that include new stringent requirements for training. Pausing on developing new content and focusing on infrastructure for a shared training process until the APL is further along could help with reducing additional duplication and burden on providers. Other topics related to combined provider training include how to accept attestations and documentation for trainings completed elsewhere or provided from other health plans, utilizing DHCS standardized training when available, and possible policies for sharing data. There was a meeting with the California Association of Health Plans on the need to work with DHCS on expectations. The Virtual Cost to Poverty Simulation Training date was moved to 4/20/23.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Facility Site Review (FSR) Workgroup</b> The DHCS Inter-Rater Reliability (IRR) conference will be held October 2-4, 2023. The training is for all certified site reviewers and master trainers at all managed care plans to maintain certification. Several plans are meeting with DHCS to prepare. Discussed opportunities to identify trends (e.g., low and high scoring criteria) among PCP sites to address issues from a systems perspective. Catherine Thomas will join the FSR WG to represent HE/CL to ensure coordination and help move issues identified by FSR to HE/CL to create solutions. Additional discussion included the database and actively working to ensure reviews are efficient as possible. There are different workgroups formed to revise or update processes and database systems.</li><li>• <b>Health Plan Workgroup</b> No report; the workgroup did not meet in April.</li><li>• <b>San Diego Regional Center Workgroup</b> The SDRC Workgroup will meet on 5/16/23 (quarterly meeting) to ensure a smooth transition of the ICF-DD benefit coming in 2024. Meetings will increase to monthly as the transition date nears.</li><li>• <b>California Children’s Services (CCS) Workgroup</b> The next meeting is 4/20/23 where best practices between CCS and the health plans will be discussed. CCS is in the process of updating their charter.</li><li>• <b>Community-Based Adult Services (CBAS) Workgroup</b> No report</li><li>• <b>Dual Eligible &amp; LTSS Workgroup</b> No report</li><li>• <b>Consumer Center for Health Education &amp; Advocacy</b> No report</li><li>• <b>Health Plans – AIS Workgroup</b> The next quarterly meeting will be 5/3/23. Cheri Graham-Clark will no longer be able to serve as co-chair. The health plans will identify and nominate a candidate who has knowledge of IHSS and MSSP. The workgroup is continuing to finalize its charter and contact list.</li><li>• <b>Fluoride Varnish</b> Dr. Olinger reported that the Fluoride Varnish Training is scheduled for 6/2/23. Sixteen practices registered and one of them wanted to bring 11 of their staff, so other options are being explored for that site. The goal is to get 40 practices trained. There will be a meeting to talk about distribution of supplies and development of a one-pager with instructions on where to order</li></ul>	
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	<p>supplies to make it easier for practices after they have been trained.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Blood Lead Screening</b> Sarah Legg sent an email with a request for baseline data on performance results and interventions that are currently in process.</li> <li>• <b>Other discussion</b> At the next QI Subcommittee meeting, the QI Topic Updates will occur before the workgroup updates. Sarah Legg shared that the health plans had to submit their 2023 QI project topics. The plans are required to have two Performance Improvement Projects with DHCS under the new contract, one of which is non-clinical. There were three potential topics to choose from. There was discussion if the plans would be interested in sharing the topics they chose and determine how to work together to improve system communication and address challenges to getting people into care.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Behavioral Health Subcommittee</b> (Salvador Tapia)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The main discussion was regarding coordinating care with the health plans. Tabatha Lang brought up how a system is being developed that the health plans can use to better use between health plans to communicate and share information between the two. Dr. Esposito spoke about the overdose levels in youth. The data shows the County has a high rate. She spoke about it is a syringe program but it is comprehensive and will connect them to local rehab centers. Freedom Ranch with the galastropic project was re-procurement but interfaith is at risk for re-procurement and if they do not receive it then San Diego County, you will be missing 49 beds. Catherine spoke on The Mental Health Contracts Association and said this day is working with CCPHA and that she won the political champion award, which was given by the county of San Diego. Karen Sumek mentioned that ED visits have increased and are continuing to grow. And that hospital members are eager to engage and coordinate activities. Nami has a contract for women 55 and older primarily for Asian women, and for all women that are biologically women, there are 36 beds, they are almost full The success is that some of the members have been permanently housed and some of them have full-time jobs. There is another program called Copper Hill, this program has received 50K and this money will be used to rehab the independent home. There is a health and wellness update from Dr. Tuteur. There has been a decrease in Covid, with a decrease in death to 6, with masks still recommended, but not required. Hepatitis A is not an outbreak. The city is installing handwashing stations throughout the county and the county is working on a vaccination for hepatitis</li> </ul>	

	<p>A. Jeremiah Aha from Wellness together has a program which provides mental health care at schools and has 42 school districts that they are working with such as JCCS, Carlsbad and Oceanside. Members get referred for mental health by a school counselor because counselors are 765 per one. They have a on-site therapist that is license or someone that is monitored by licensed therapist.</p>	
<p><b>HSD CalAIM Workgroup/ Intrepid Ascent</b> (Jack Dailey&amp; Danielle Carter)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The PATH CPI collaborative is helping to support implementation of ECM and Community Supports. We are in the process of identifying the goal of the collaborative, which is mainly going to be the billing aspect of ECM and community support and increasing the percentage of individuals who have a build claim. right now, the focus is starting to process, identifying opportunities to enhance and increase services across the county.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>V. Action Items</b></p>		
<p><b>Approval of minutes from previous meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 13, 2023 minutes were approved</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VI. Chairs' Reports</b></p>		
<p><b>A. Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)</b> (Harriet Seldin)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The last HSAB meeting was 4/4/23. James Lepanto was still the chair and his term has just ended. Barry Jantz is now the new chair. During the meeting, childhood lead poisoning prevention and was discussed.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>B. CalAIM D-SNP Update</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update</li> </ul>	
<p><b>C. Children and Youth CalAIM Ad-hoc Workgroup</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No update, the workgroup has not started yet.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>D. Future Member Transitions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Verne Brizendine-</b> the department of health services has created a Transition Workgroup to help with the multiple plans, and all of the multiple counties that are being affected by the end of year transitions, and they are dictating a lot of what is going on. The only plans that have been in attendance. Have been the plans that are in the process of transitioning not the ones that are left to transition. A main concern is that these transitions are happening during re-determinations, and there may be confusion with members having to choose between two plans, leaving and redetermination, and having to choose what plan is best for them while also figuring out where they will go.</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Schultz-</b> Most clients need to be repatriated back, not the actual members but their membership or their PCP assignments. That did not happen when the United transition happened, when</li> </ul>	

	<p>they transferred over to another plan, they did not lose their coverage as it did in the past when the plans left.</p> <p><b>Caryn Sumek</b>- A training may be helpful to show what United did to help providers better understand how they made the transition run smoother or even a one pager.</p> <p><b>Janet Vadakkumcherry</b>- Heather Summers and I wrote a list June 2022 of bullet points from providers listing out their concerns regarding transition and took that list to DHCS. DHCS has received that list of concerns from the providers but it has been a while since they have received that so we may need to follow up with them to receive feedback.</p>	
<p><b>VII. Information/Updates (Written or Oral)</b></p>		
<p><b>A. PATH CPI</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
<p><b>B. Medi-Cal Rx</b> (James Schultz)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking up medicine by National Drug Code (NDC) code is the main issue but it doesn't happen very often. Also, some drugs that are not FDA approved for pediatrics are sometimes getting pushback or having remaining issues.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>C. Advocates</b> (Jack Dailey)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewal packets will go out to Medicare beneficiaries on 4/19/23. CMS approved a waiver from DHCS which effectively has eliminated the asset test during renewals that are occurring in 2023, which means June renewals and December renewals of 2023. The County will be looking at those renewals without regard to the changes in assets that would have taken the individuals assets above the current \$130,000 asset limitations of the Medicare program. The end result is it is moving the limitation waiver. The removal of the asset test is going to take place in January 2024.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>D. Public Health Services (PHS)</b> (Ankita Kadakia)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The second COVID booster for individuals 65 and up is available and has been approved by the FDA. There has been a slight increase in Hepatitis cases from the baseline, but we do not have an outbreak. There has just been a slight increase from people that are homeless. It is Black Infant Health week.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>E. Behavioral Health Services/Board</b> (Ben Parmentier)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHS reported out on the 30-day public comment for the three-year admissions plan which started last week which will be open until the first week of May. Also, in May the department will be taking a Board Letter to the Board of Supervisors to update people on the opioid settlement framework and progress that has been done since what was agreed-upon in the fall. The NAMI Walk will be on 4/29/23.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>F. Aging and Independence Services</b> (Kristen Smith)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In-home supportive services has over 39,000 clients and is growing. MSSP is around 530 clients and also growing. AIS is a part of the dementia care aware program, which is also part of the CalAIM initiative for providers to get training on doing dementia for a screening. The County’s new Geriatric Health Officer is Dr. Lindsay Yourman. AIS has made one referral from Adult Protective Services to Enhanced Care Management. AIS has also been reviewing practices to make sure we are following best practices moving forward.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>G. Medical Care Services</b> (Heather Summers)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical Care Services and SDAIM will be bringing a roadmap to HSAB on 5/2/23. It will be part of a combined board letter with BHS and SDAIM. Justice-Involved health received funding from Round 1 and 2; DHCS has already released the funding announcement for Round 3 applications. There is a discussion regarding redetermination and a packet will be sent out to Medi-Cal members soon once information can be consolidated. The County of San Diego receive PATH CITED Round 1b funding.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>H. Healthy San Diego Statistics</b> (Michael Worman)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrollment for each health plan has gone up, over the calendar year of 2023. We are at 94.4% for manage care enrollment which is the highest since 2019. Calfresh was up 5.8% from last year in Calworks has increased 13.8% from last year. General relief is up 5.5% from last year. Medi-Cal is up 8.36%.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VIII. Agenda Items For Next Meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<p><b>IX. Adjourn</b></p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting adjourned by James Schultz at 5:05 p.m.</li> </ul>	

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

Thursday, June 08, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Via Zoom*

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Brittany Charity-Walker