



**HEALTHY SAN DIEGO (HSD)
JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – December 19, 2023**

Members Present: James Schultz, MD (Chair), Laverne Brizendine, Michelle Darnelle, Kim Fritz, Kristi Jones, Kathleen Lang, Joshua Lee, Sarah Legg, Jennipher Ohmstede, Harriet Seldin, DMD, Kristen Smith, Caryn Sumek, Salvador Tapia, Jennifer Tuteur, MD, Janet Vadakkumcherry

HSD Staff Present: Lynn Carr, Brittany Charity-Walker, Lee Laydon, Alison Sipler, Heather Summers, Michael Worman, Jamie Beam

Other Participants/Guests: Jamie Beam, Dania Borroso-Conde, Jack Dailey, Denise DiNoto, Assmaa Elayyat, Angela Galba-Davis, Stephanie Gioia-Beckman, Andrew Gregor, Dana Harden, Luwam Kidane, Molly Kintz, Ed Mariscal, Eric McDonald, MD, MPH, Ysobel Owen, Robin Sales, Kim Schroeder, Barb Segar, Arif Shaikh, Aaron Starfire, Brian Starkey, James Trout, Marissa Varond, Brenda White, Fadra Whyte, DMD

Public Comment: Cesar Javier, Purita Javier

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome and Introductions	The Joint Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Dr. James Schultz at 3:00 p.m.	
II. Public Comment	Two public comments were made: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cesar Javier provided public comment seeking help with potential toxicity in his neighborhood due to a ceramics manufacturer operating in a residential zone. 2. Purita Javier provided public comment sharing research and steps taken to date related to potential toxicity including land use and planning rules regarding residential zones, and social justice related to equity, quality of life transparency, and discrimination. Jamie Beam, Director of Medical Care Services and Jack Dailey, Director of Policy and Training/Health Consumer Alliance Coordinator Consumer Center for Health Education and Advocacy, Legal Aid Society of San Diego gathered details and contact information for Mr. and Mrs. Javier for follow up.	
III. Action Items		
New business	None	
Approval of the Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2023	On MOTION of Kathleen Lang, seconded by Kim Fritz, the July 13, 2023 Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Committee Members present voting yes.	
IV. Chairs Report		
A. Health Services Advisory Board (Dr. Seldin)	Dr. Harriet Seldin provided updates on the November 7, 2023 Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The community vaccination services procurement was accepted. The Sustainable, Equitable, and Local Food Sourcing Program Policy was presented and accepted. ▪ There was a review of the HSAB By-laws and a revision; the By-laws revision is an ongoing process that will continue at further meetings. 	

	<p>There was also discussion regarding youth engagement and community inspiration boards.</p>	
<p>B. Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Robin Sales)</p>	<p>Robin Sales provided the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) report. She will be taking over as the BHAB Chair as of January 1, 2024. Robin has been active on BHAB for two years as Co-Chair of the Criminal Justice Subcommittee. BHAB has three subcommittees: 1) Alcohol and Drug Committee (standing committee), 2) Community Engagement Subcommittee, and 3) Criminal Justice Subcommittee. Robin also serves on the BHAB Executive Committee as Chair.</p> <p>BHAB’s four overarching priorities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CalAIM for Justice Involved individuals includes increasing the visibility and public awareness of behavioral health services, optimization, such as crisis management, and interventions in all San Diego counties. 2. Behavioral Health Services Act will go before voters potentially in March 2024 to re-organize how money is allocated. There are significant concerns because funds are being shifted away from direct services to other interventions. Some of the funding is also being used for housing some mental health and substance abuse patients. 3. Senate Bill (SB) 43 was delayed by the Board of Supervisors (Board). The agreement was to delay until January 1, 2025, with a preliminary report due in March 2024. The Board put together a task force to see how SB 43 could be implemented. The bill changes who can be placed on an involuntary hold, which will include people who have freestanding substance use disorder. There was an agreement between Behavioral Health Services, Board, Sheriff’s Department, and other entities that San Diego County was not ready to implement. 4. CARE Act started on October 1, 2023. <p>Another set of priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community engagement and making sure stakeholders and community members are engaged in the process of determining the best behavioral health services for our county residents. ▪ Strengthening BHAB in diversity and in numbers to fill numerous vacancies. Continuum of care to make sure voices are being heard at BHAB, including contractors, community members, and parents of people with severe illnesses. 	
<p>C. 2024 Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan Transition (Dr. Kathleen</p>	<p>Dr. Schultz expressed gratitude Kathleen Lang and Verne Brizendine for their support and input in Healthy San Diego.</p>	

<p>Lang, Verne Brizendine)</p>	<p>Health Net and Aetna representatives, Ed Mariscal and Brian Starkey, shared a presentation and updates regarding the MCP member transitions. Transition updates included processes for file sharing, lessons learned, expected deliverables, and other related transition processes. The group briefly commented on internal discussions about some members being defaulted to Kaiser Permanente.</p>	
<p>D. Redetermination / enrollment data (Assmaa Elayyat)</p>	<p>Assmaa Elayyat provided a report on the Medi-Cal eligibility renewal process, expansion, and enrollment data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Medi-Cal eligibility renewals began in June 2023. Not all households will need a renewal packet since some cases can be automatically renewed through Self-Sufficiency Services’ electronic system. For those who receive the renewal packets being mailed in yellow envelopes, that will continue through June 2024. Previously, automatic renewals were between 23-27%, but with the implementation of different waivers, the automatic renewal rates have increased to 44-45% as of December 2023, with a total renewal of 64%. It is very important to communicate to the family or household that if they return their renewal packet by the due date, their case will not be discontinued. ▪ Medi-Cal has expanded to include ages 26 to 49, regardless of immigration status, to provide full scope Medi-Cal coverage if other eligibility criteria are met. This expansion is effective January 1, 2024. Currently, about 31,000 individuals are currently receiving restricted scope benefits and will be eligible for the expansion as well as others who may decide to apply. ▪ Overall Medi-Cal enrollment numbers have been maintaining with the same volume across the months. The disenrollment numbers are in line with, or a slight decrease, compared to enrollment numbers reported prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. Changes in enrollment and disenrollment may not be observed by the health plans for 2-3 months. <p>Caryn Sumek requested that Managed Care Enrollment by health plan data continued to be shared.</p>	
<p>V. Healthy San Diego Discussion</p>		
<p>A. HHSA Interim Director Priorities B. By-Laws and Structure C. Formation of Nomination Committee</p>	<p>Dr. Schultz opened with remarks about potential motions regarding restructuring the Joint Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee. He introduced Dr. Eric McDonald and Dr. Heather Summers, who provided a presentation that included an overview of the Healthy San Diego, context and goals for restructuring the Healthy San Diego collaborative, HHSA Interim Director priorities, and potential areas for improvement. Goals for the restructure include ensuring Healthy San Diego collaborative carries out its vision, streamline the joint advisory committee structure, ensure meaningful consumer participation, comply with State and local</p>	

<p>D. Member Roster (Dr. Eric McDonald & Dr. Heather Summers)</p>	<p>requirements, identify updates to authority and guidance, and identify opportunities to increase efficiency and effectiveness.</p> <p>Discussion focused on the proposed areas for improvement that included Urgent Actions, Purpose, Membership, Structure, Reporting, and By-laws, and subsequent motions. Key comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member representation should include consumers as well as consumer advocate partners. ▪ More data should be incorporated into Healthy San Diego. ▪ Joint Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee meeting should function in a way that consumers want to attend, can have input, and address barriers to participation (e.g., transportation, meeting location, time). ▪ Subcommittees and workgroups need a flexible and consolidated structure with administrative simplicity to get the work done and meet requirements. Concerns were expressed about continuing to pause subcommittee meetings. ▪ Providers need a venue to connect on a regular basis to identify issues and work through challenges, whether that is through Healthy San Diego or another structure. ▪ Members would like to provide input on the ad hoc committees' recommendations. <p>On MOTION of Kim Fritz, seconded by Dr. Harriett Seldin, an Ad Hoc Nominating / Membership Committee was formed, with all Committee Members present voting yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee's purpose is to: 1) determine a process to fill the Consumer Chair vacancy, 2) confirm the 2024-25 Slate of Officers, 3) assess current member roster and vacancies, 4) streamline membership composition with a balance of consumers and professional representatives, and 5) address barriers to meaningful consumer participation. ▪ The goal is to have a Consumer Chair nominated by February 2024 and a new Slate of Officers approved by June 2024. <p>On MOTION of Kim Fritz, seconded by Salvador Tapia, an Ad Hoc Structure Committee was formed, with all Committee Members present voting yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee's purpose is to: 1) review subcommittee and workgroup functions and propose a structure that fulfills requirements as efficiently and effectively as possible and 2) assess benefits and challenges of convening a separate consumer committee. ▪ The goal is to have a new structure proposed structure and by-laws amended by Summer. 	
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	<p>On MOTION of Salvador Tapia, seconded by Michelle Darnelle, the Healthy San Diego Joint Consumer meeting frequency was changed to quarterly, with all Committee Members present voting yes.</p> <p>A MOTION was called by Chair Dr. Schultz to table further discussions regarding the changes of the Joint Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee until its next meeting on February 8, 2024.</p>	
<p>VI. Future Agenda Items</p>	<p>No additional items identified</p>	
<p>VII. Adjourn</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned by Dr. James Schultz at 5:03 p.m.</p>	

THE NEXT HEALTHY SAN DIEGO JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED
 Thursday, February 8, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Via Zoom and in person*
 Minutes recorded and transcribed by Brittany Charity- Walker