HEALTHY SAN DIEGO (HSD)
CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – March 13, 2025

Members Present: Suzanne Afflalo, Asya Anderson, Jack Dailey (Consumer Chair), Michelle Darnelle, Joanne Franciscus, Kim Fritz, Kristi Jones, Eva Matthews, Jennipher Ohmstede, Harriet Seldin, Kristen Smith, Caryn Sumek, Heather Summers, Patrick Tellez, Jennifer Tuteur, Ann Warren, Lindsey Wright

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

Other Participants/Guests: Amanda Berry, Skylar Hansen, Lyle Pavuk, Eva Matthews, Danielle Ice, Monica Montano, Sarah Legg, Luwam Kidane, Rhonda Perkins, Christy Rosenberg, Arif Shaikh, Donald Miller, Robin Sales, Lindsey Wade

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome and Introductions	The Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee was called to order by Consumer Chair Jack Dailey at 3:06 p.m. Jack Dailey introduced Dr. Suzanne Afflalo as the new member representing the Countywide Consumer Interests Board of Supervisors appointed seat for District 4, with Eva Matthews serving as alternate.	
II. Public Comment	None	
III. Action Items		
A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 09, 2025	On MOTION of Kristen Smith, seconded by Dr. Harriet Seldin, the January 09, 2025, Meeting Minutes were approved with the requested corrections by Dr. Patrick Tellez and Kim Fritz, with all Committee Members present voting yes.	
B. Voting Item: Professional Chair	Jack Dailey summarized the action from the January 09, 2025 meeting, directing the Ad Hoc Nominating / Membership Committee to present a nominee for the Professional Chair Officer position. Caryn Sumek, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Nominating / Membership Committee, recommended Dr. Patrick Tellez to serve as the Professional Chair. On MOTION of Dr. Harriet Seldin, seconded by Salvador Tapia, Dr. Patrick Tellez was approved as the Professional Chair, with all Committee Members present voting yes.	
C. Voting Item: CalAIM Task Force Structure and Schedule	Jack Dailey summarized the action from the January 09, 2025 meeting that established the CalAIM Task Force under the HSD Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee, with the goal of increasing enrollment in services, particularly the 14 Community Supports. Andrew Gregor, County Counsel, provided clarifications to ensure alignment with Board of Supervisors and Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) expectations, and compliance with Brown Act requirements. Three recommendations were presented to the Committee to: 1) select initial set of Co-Chairs, 2) determine membership, and 3) establish a meeting schedule. On MOTION of Jack Dailey, seconded by Asya Anderson, Kim Fritz and Dr. Jennifer Tuteur were approved as Co-Chairs and a preliminary roster of	

	members including community representatives *(Dr. Suzanne Afflalo, Asya Anderson, Jack Dailey, Michelle Darnelle, Kim Fritz, Dr. Donald Miller, Caryn Sumek, Dr. Patrick Tellez, Ann Warren, Lindsey Wright, Christy Rosenberg, Janet Vadakkumcherry)*, with all Committee Members present voting yes. Discussion: ▪ A formal roster will be drafted for review and finalization of the CalAIM Task Force membership. ▪ Dr. Seldin commended the process to establish the CalAIM Task Force under the HSD Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee. ▪ The meeting schedule was discussed, with the recommendation to alternate months with the HSD Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee. The meeting schedule was voted on as part of Agenda Item III. D. CPAC Meeting Schedule 2025.	
D. CPAC Meeting Schedule 2025	Heather Summers clarified that the regular meeting of the HSD Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee will take place every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), alternating months with the CalAIM Task Force (February, April, June, August, October, December). On MOTION of Dr. Ankita Kadakia, seconded by Kim Fritz, the alternating monthly schedule for the Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee and CalAIM Task Force meetings were confirmed, with all Committee Members present voting yes.	
IV. HSD Reports & Discussion		
A. Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force (Dr. Heather Summers)	Dr. Heather Summers reported: ▪ The purpose of the HHSA-directed HSD Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force is to support contractual and regulatory requirements. The Steering Committee comprises the Medical Care Services Director, Jamie Beam, and the Co-Chairs of each of three Leadership Teams (Quality Improvement & Health Equity, Care Coordination & Community Engagement, and Health Plan Operations) with the goal of funneling up information from Workgroups through the Leadership Teams. ▪ The first meeting of the HSD Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force Steering Committee was on February 13, 2025. Discussion centered around what the group wants to accomplish, how it will function to help identify and track collective goals and ensure threading across the three leadership teams and 15+ workgroups, and communication and reporting to ensure flow of information to the Health & Human Services Agency Deputy Chief Administrative Officer and the HSD Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee. ▪ There will also be a meeting on April 10, 2025, with the Co-Chairs of the various Leadership Teams and Workgroups that are now operating under this HSD Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force. ▪ The HSD Collaborative Organizational Structure will be shared as part of the after-meeting summary.	

B. Emerging Trends and Issues (Jack Dailey)	Jack Dailey invited members to share emerging trends impacting the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system: ▪ Caryn Sumek shared that implementation of SB 43 is revealing a subset of complex patients with severe Substance Use Disorder (SUD), mental health, and medical needs. These patients may be too severe for SUD placement due to medical or mental health issues. The issue is not unique to San Diego and may be a statewide policy concern. ▪ Caryn Sumek also shared that a top finding from the Community Health Needs Assessment is that some providers are sending their patients to the Emergency Department (ED) due to an inability to obtain timely access to care. This issue may grow with federal policy changes and should be kept on the radar when looking at ED volumes. ▪ Dr. Miller and Dr. Kadakia commented about Measles. There is a growing concern about measles regarding vaccination of adults and parents. California's vaccination rates are better than some other states, but there are pockets within the county with low rates. The current MMR vaccine has been very effective; the second MMR vaccine was not required until the early 1990s. If there's any question, it's better for adults to get vaccinated. A California Health Alert regarding measles was shared in the meeting chat.	
V. Chairs Report		
A. Health Services Advisory Board (Dr. Harriet Seldin)	Dr. Seldin reported: ▪ There was no meeting of the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) in January 2025. ▪ The February 2025 meeting included, a talk was given on the County of San Diego legislative advocacy process, a presentation from Dr. Kadakia presented on the Tiajuana River Valley Sewage Emergency, and tobacco grant funding was accepted. There was also discussion about youth engagement.	
B. Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Robin Sales)	Robin Sales reported: ▪ Dr. Luke Bergmann presented on Optimal Care Pathways to the Board of Supervisors and Dr. Nicole Esposito discussed at the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting regarding children and youth. The focus is on the outcome and enhancing access to behavioral health services. ▪ Community engagement updates related to Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) / Proposition (Prop) 1 were discussed. ▪ BHSA / Prop 1 added 18 more categories of people and organizations that BHS will need to reach out to. State guidelines are still emerging.	
C. Senate Bill 43 (Kristi Jones)	Kristi Jones reported: ▪ Minimal changes have been observed in the number of transports, admissions, contacts, or referrals related to cases where substance use disorder is the primary or exclusive diagnosis. ▪ Data is being monitored and tracked. In late April, more data will be available from all facilities with detention, including involuntary	

	detention. Reporting will include reason for the holds to delineate who is there for SB 43. EDs, law enforcement, Hospital Emergency Response Teams (HERT) and Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRTs) will also be included in the data.	
IV. CalAIM Reports		
A. Providing Access and Transforming Health Collaborative / Intrepid Ascent	Skylar Hansen reported: ▪ The February 24, 2025, in-person meeting had about 75 attendees. ▪ The next virtual meeting will be Thursday, March 20, 2025.	
B. Medi-Cal Rx	Comments: ▪ Dr. Miller stated there hasn't been much issue, especially with mental health medications for kids under age 18. ▪ A provider reported challenges with denials occurring for non-stimulant ADHD medications for children. The recommendation was to use the CoverMyMeds appeal process and upload documentation. It was suggested to email offline with details to find help.	
C. Health Plans / Advocates / Consumers / Clinical & Social Service Providers	No report	
VII. Information / Updates		
A. Public Health Services (Dr. Ankita Kadakia)	Dr. Kadakia reported: ▪ There is a decline in COVID, Flu, and RSV. ▪ Influenza A cases are at a peak and there were five pediatric deaths of unvaccinated children. Efforts are being made to encourage vaccination through social media and provider outreach. Vaccination is still encouraged due to the ongoing Flu season. ▪ The County is monitoring and tracking Bird Flu. No cases have been detected in the county. Interdepartmental Bird Flu Monthly Meetings have started to prepare for potential action.	
B. Behavioral Health Services (Kristi Jones)	Kristi Jones reported: ▪ Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is opting into the BH-Connect initiative. ▪ BHS is implementing evidence-based practices documented by the state: ○ Assertive Community Act Treatment ○ Forensic Act ○ Coordinated specialty care for first episode psychosis ○ Individual placement and support model of supported employment ○ Community health workers ○ Clubhouse services ▪ BH-CONNECT initiative will be a phased rollout over the next five years. Updates will be provided at future meetings.	

	▪ BHS is working to get the Community Health Worker program running quickly, as it's needed for Institutions for Mental Disease placements to be reimbursed by Medi-Cal for stays of 60 days or less. Reimbursement is for acute care up to 60 days.	
C. Aging and Independence Services (Kristen Smith)	Kristen Smith reported: ▪ In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) continues to complete large volumes of intakes. ▪ Multipurpose Senior Services Program cases are holding stable. ▪ A Navigation Guide is under development for people with dementia for Personal Care Services, in partnership with Aging & Independence Services, Office of Business Intelligence, and Medical Care Services (MCS). The guide will undergo a stakeholder review through the HSD Long-Term Care Transitions of Care Workgroup in April. The guide includes IHSS, Community Support for Personal Care and Homemaker Services, the Assisted Living Waiver, Community-Based Adult Services, and a list of providers.	
D. Medical Care Services (Dr. Heather Summers)	Dr. Heather Summers reported: ▪ Dr. Jennifer Tuteur was named Chief Medical Officer for the County. ▪ As part of the December 10, 2024 (31) Board of Supervisors directive, Medical Care Services is developing a public awareness campaign for Medi-Cal Transformation to increase awareness about Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports services. An activity was conducted at the February 27, 2025, San Diego PATH CPI meeting to obtain feedback on informational materials. In coordination with the County's Self-Sufficiency Services, a text message co-developed with MCPs will go out to over 500,000 Medi-Cal enrollees over a series of days in March 2025. ▪ On May 20, 2025, MCS will return to the Board of Supervisors with a Board Letter report out on the Ad Hoc Medicaid Subcommittee and assessment findings. ▪ The County's contractor, Eviset, will present findings from the CalAIM ECM and CS Community Capacity Assessment. These findings can be reviewed by the CalAIM Task Force.	

E. Healthy San Diego Statistics (Michael Worman)	Michael Worman provided the Healthy San Diego Statistics report: ▪ For January 2025, the total enrollment for Medi-Cal Managed Care in San Diego County was approximately 935,000 individuals. The Medi-Cal Enrollment by Health Plan was: Blue Shield Promise with 185,000 (20% of total), Community Health Group with 386,000 (41%), Kaiser with 73,000 (8%), and Molina with 286,000 (30%). ▪ For January 2025, Eligibility Services by the Number Report showed total enrollment in the following programs: CalFresh with 405,000 recipients (up 0.92% from last year), CalWORKS with over 52,000 recipients (up 4%), County Medical Services had 8 recipients, General Relief had 5,600 recipients (up 15%), and Medi-Cal had 885,700 recipients (down 9.5%). For all programs, the total number of unduplicated recipients was nearly 1.25 million individuals. ▪ Kristen Smith asked if reports were available for other Medi-Cal populations beyond Medi-Cal Managed Care, such as Fee-for-Service or Dual Eligible. Michael Worman indicated the data are available and can be provided. There was a suggestion to integrate data on all Medi-Cal Managed Care enrollees, including PACE and SCAN, into the enrollment data report.	
VIII. Future Agenda Items	None	
IX. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned by Jack Dailey at 4:12 p.m.	

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

Thursday, May 08, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Via Zoom and in person*

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