HEALTHY SAN DIEGO (HSD)
CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – May 08, 2025

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

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

Other Participants/Guests: Amanda Berry, Camey Christenson, Emily Do, Wendy Ferguson, Alfie Gonzaga, Skylar Hanson, Danielle Ice, Amelia Kenner-Brininger, Sarah Legg, Joanna Oboza, Christopher O'Malley, Trixy Joy Manansala, Angie Martinez, Chris Partridge, Joe Prickitt, Christy Rosenberg, Salvador Tapia, Judith Yates, Fadra Whyte, 19515149241, iPhone (120)

Public Comment: Cesar Javier, Purita Javier

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome and Introductions	The Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee (CPAC) was called to order by Professional Chair Dr. Patrick Tellez at 3:00 p.m. Caryn Sumek commented about virtual attendance accommodations for Members with disabilities that is being recognized by other County of San Diego advisory boards. Jack Dailey cited the California Attorney General's July 2024 Opinion No. 23-1002 relating to the federal Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Brown Act that allows remote participation for a member with a qualifying disability. It was determined that the ADA accommodation relative to the Brown Act requirements would need to be further researched.	
II. Public Comment	Three public comments were made: 1. Joe Prickitt from UCSD Center for Community Health requested an update on information submitted via email regarding the HSD CPAC CalAIM Task Force regarding Department of Health Care Services Enhanced Care Management Referral Standards and results from a CalAIM stakeholder survey that had been conducted. He inquired about the process for engaging with the HSD CalAIM Task Force and submitting items for the agenda. The email communication and request will be resubmitted. 2. Purita Javier provided public comment summarizing medical documentation regarding how the air quality around her residence affects her health. This matter was referred to Aging & Independence Services for follow-up. *3.* Cesar Javier provided public comment regarding the impacts of environmental air quality surrounding his residence. Since 2021, he has been seeking help on this issue and was previously referred to the County, City and Air Pollution Control District. This matter was referred to Aging & Independence Services for follow-up.	
III. Action Items		

A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2025	On MOTION of Dr. Jennifer Tuteur, seconded by Kim Fritz, the March 13, 2025, Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Committee Members present voting yes.	
IV. Presentation		
A.	**San Diego County Community Health Data** (Christopher A. O'Malley, MPH, CPH, Chief, Agency Operations, Public Health Services) Comments: ▪ Dr. Seldin asked whether the Older Adult Health Report (anticipated release May 2025) includes oral health. - Response: Chris O'Malley will check the report for oral health data. If it is not included, it can be added next year. ▪ Dr. Seldin asked if languages spoken are available at the city level. - Response: The city and municipality demographic profile (city version) incudes languages spoken at home other than English and percentages. ▪ Brittany Charity-Walker asked for clarification about when the data would be updated. - Response: The majority of data products will be updated in May 2025, including community profile data, discharge data, and death data. The homelessness data products will be updated in the summer. The demographic data are current, which includes data from the American Community Survey that typically comes out in December. A new version of the demographic profiles will be released around February 2026. ▪ Salvador Tapia asked whether substance use data are available at the ZIP Code level. - Response: Data are available by ZIP Code but typically data are reported by sub-regional area (SRA) or aggregated census tract due to privacy concerns where there are smaller populations. There are also capabilities for providing data at the school district area or GIS mapping. ▪ Lindsey Wright asked about how the Board of Supervisors have responded to the community health data presentations. - Response: The Middle Eastern North African demographic profile was created based on a Supervisor request. As new Supervisors come on, data products are included in briefing packets with demographic profiles.	
V. HSD Reports & Discussion		
A. 2025 HHSA Advisory Board Chairs Meeting Update (Jack Dailey /	Dr. Tellez reported: ▪ The 2025 Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Advisory Board Chairs Meeting was hosted by Dr. Kim Giardina on March 25, 2025. The meeting agenda included 2024 Highlights, an HHSA Fiscal Update, and 2025 Priorities. The informational slides from the meeting will be shared with members of the Committee.	

Dr. Patrick Tellez)	▪ The main highlights were on the changing landscape of new County leadership, new direction from the Board of Supervisors, and other mandates. There are some important factors on the radar focusing on the political landscape and budget gaps. Amy Thompson provided the fiscal update, economic outlook, and County financial planning and budget strategy. ▪ Advisory Boards were invited to provide input on the 2025-27 County Recommended Budget and to share any other opportunities of interest for additional engagement. ▪ The County's 2025-27 Recommended Budget was released on May 1, 2025. The total recommended budget is $8.62 billion, with an HHSA recommended budget of $3.5 billion. The Governor's Budget May Revision will shape what the budget looks like. ▪ A Federal Programs Memo dated April 30, 2025, from the County's Chief Administrative Officer, Ebony Shelton, to the Board of Supervisors was provided to members of the Committee. The memo serves as an update of the potential impact of federal funding on County programming. An Incident Command Structure has been formed to closely monitor the federal actions and facilitate planning. ▪ The HSD CPAC is continuing to monitor the budget as part of its charge to be aware of what's happening in the environment that could impact our mission and to take appropriate actions. ▪ Additionally, the HSD CPAC report-out was made to share progress from the past year including the by-laws update and the approval of Dr. Tellez as the Professional Chair.	
B. HSD CPAC CalAIM Task Force Updates (Kim Fritz / Dr. Jennifer Tuteur)	Kim Fritz and Alison Sipler reported: ▪ During the March 13, 2025, kick-off meeting, the HSD CPAC CalAIM Task Force structure was determined. The structure components were summarized, including: - <u>Background</u>: Established January 9, 2025, by the HSD CPAC in response to Board of Supervisors direction. - <u>Purpose</u>: Increase enrollment in all 14 Community Supports (CS). - <u>Duties and Expectations</u>: Ensure CS services are being maximized, ensure a robust array of providers to serve the community, provide feedback on the metrics outlined in the Board Letter, inform the Board on what is being done to identify and mitigate barriers to CS enrollment. - <u>Membership</u>: Members comprise HSD CPAC members as well as community partners representing CS Providers and other interested stakeholders. - <u>Meetings</u>: Occur every other month (February, April, June, August, October, December) on the 2nd Thursday from 3-5 p.m.; it is a Brown Act public meeting where voting members must attend in-person (virtual participation allowed for individuals with an accessibility accommodation).	

	▪ Meeting information including agendas and approved minutes can be found on the HSD CPAC webpage. ▪ The April 10, 2025, meeting included presentations on the Community Supports (CS) eligibility criteria and utilization data and robust discussion. ▪ The goal is to move the needle and increase CS enrollment by focusing on a few services to work on first that will have the biggest impact on improving health, reducing healthcare costs, and greatest capacity for increasing enrollment. An opportunity will be provided for the community to provide input. The June 12, 2025, meeting will include an overview of the results from the community input and a discussion to determine which CS services the group agrees to focus on along with clarifying strategies to improve enrollment numbers. ▪ The June 12, 2025, meeting will also include brief presentations on relevant CalAIM analyses and key findings from the CS Listening Sessions, the ECM and CS Community Capacity Assessment, and other CS enrollment data and insights.	
C. 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 second meeting of the HSD Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force Steering Committee took place on May 7, 2025. ▪ It was reported that the County and MCPs are making progress on the DHCS-required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). MOU oversight and collaboration on activities will be carried out through the various workgroups of the Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force. ▪ The Street Medicine Initiative that was initially formed under Board of Supervisors direction in 2024 has been transitioned to a HSD Street Medicine Workgroup to continue efforts to improve access to care and outcomes for unsheltered individuals. It will report to the Care Coordination & Community Engagement Leadership Team. With this addition, there are now 16 workgroups and additional sub-workgroups operating under HSD through HHSA, cross-thread any information to the HSD CPAC for policy matters, and to assign operational or programmatic tasks that align with contractual or regulatory requirements to the various workgroups. ▪ There was a question about who leads the HSD Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force Care Coordination & Community Engagement Leadership Team. It was clarified that Salvador Tapia and Lily Wang are the Co-Chairs. The role of Leadership Team Co-Chairs is to provide subject matter expertise, oversight, and support to the workgroups, but not to have formal or set meetings.	

	▪ There was question about whether the Street Medicine Workgroup is an open meeting. It was confirmed that anyone who is interested in participating in the workgroup can contact Cynthia Nambo. It was also confirmed that the participants from the original Board of Supervisors-directed Street Medicine effort, including those individuals who participated in the in-person Street Medicine Summits, would roll over to the new HSD workgroup, which will be open to anyone who has interest in joining.	
D. Nominating / Membership Committee Update (Caryn Sumek / Michelle Darnelle)	Caryn Sumek and Alison Sipler reported: ▪ The goal of the Ad Hoc Nominating/Membership Committee is to streamline membership categories and grow new membership to fill vacancies. The group is tasked with outreach and to give more structure to the member recruitment approach. This corresponds to the HSD restructure process and by-laws update approved in January 2025. ▪ The ad hoc committee met on May 5, 2025. The meeting focused on continuing discussion about member recruitment and developing processes and materials for new member outreach, selection, and onboarding. ▪ The ad hoc committee will be developing outreach materials, implementing a recruitment process, and making sure there are resources available to fill vacant seats and maintain membership, particularly for the consumer seats. Part of the discussion to date has been about looking at each member category and identifying organizations that might be sources to provide referrals for people who would be interested in participating. ▪ Of the 16 Consumer Member seats, three are currently occupied. One of the five "Countywide Consumer Interests" Board of Supervisors-appointed seats was filled effective March 2025 by District 4 - Dr. Suzanne Afflalo (Voting Member) / Eva Matthews (Alternate). ▪ It is a priority to work toward filling the vacant seats and ensuring meaningful opportunities for consumer member participation. ▪ Dr. Jennifer Tuteur recommended that Judith Yates be considered for one of the vacant consumer seats.	
E. Emerging Trends and Issues (Jack Dailey)	Dr. Tellez invited members to share emerging trends impacting the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system: ▪ Eva Matthews shared observations as a CS Medically Tailored Meals / Medically Supportive Food provider. She noted that clients and providers are still having issues with completing referrals that delays client enrollment. For individuals who are dual eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal (Medi-Medi) some additional challenges are being observed, including low MCP reimbursement and high declination. There are efforts to smooth the client enrollment experience.	
V. Chairs Report		
A. Health Services Advisory	Dr. Seldin reported out a summary provided by the Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) Chair Barry Jantz:	

Board (Dr. Harriet Seldin)	▪ There is a new HSAB member, Deanna Alexander Myer, who was appointed by Supervisor Terra Lawson-Remer. ▪ There was an item authorizing competitive solicitation for evidence-based family home visiting support that passed. ▪ Public Health Services (PHS) provided a fee update presentation. The County has a policy (B-29) that says that there needs to be a plan for full cost recovery. There were various fees included in the Board Letter for the Public Health Laboratory. The first reading of the Board Letter was May 6, 2025. It is an annual process to share the full costs for programs. ▪ There was discussion about youth engagement and the process for HSAB to provide input on legislative recommendations. ▪ The next HSAB meeting is May 13, 2025, and officers will be elected.	
B. Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Robin Sales)	Judith Yates reported: ▪ The last meeting of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) occurred on May 1, 2025. The meeting was overseen by the new Behavioral Health Services (BHS) Acting Director, Nadia Privara. There were several important agenda items pertaining to budgets. ▪ The County Recommended Budget shows a 91% increase in behavioral health services over the last seven years, from a figure in the mid-millions to a figure that is roughly $1.3 billion. With many unknowns, the impacts of how we provide ongoing funding for services and programs to targeted populations bears watching. ▪ The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Budget is based on a 3-year plan. This concludes the last 3-year plan and having a separate budget under the MHSA funding. While the funding has increased since it was created in Fiscal Year 2018-19, the funding has intentionally not gone up in recent years to continue existing services rather than to expand or promote further. ▪ The role of BHAB in the BHS Director selection process was discussed. BHAB has been asked to provide a draft to HHSA of what qualities they would like to see. The selection process is currently unknown. It is indicated in the BHAB by-laws and dictated in the Welfare & Institutions Code that BHAB has a role in reviewing and making recommendations on the applicants for the appointment of the BHS Director. With so many challenges to our targeted population and our communities, it is important that BHAB provides clarity and consistency for maintaining strong and visionary leadership. ▪ The BHS Director's Report included an item on the optimization of the organizational structure and operations of BHS as a health plan. It has been requested to put this item on the agenda for a future BHAB meeting with time for discussion. Other challenges due to the Medi-Cal Transformation/CalAIM Behavioral Health Payment Reform initiative where BHS is moving from a cost-based reimbursement to a fee for service may be of interest to include on this Committee's future agenda. ▪ Nadia Privara could be invited to speak so some of the BHS issues at a future meeting.	

C. Senate Bill 43 (Kristi Jones)	Kristi Jones reported: ▪ The Office of the Public Conservator is continuing to track all the incoming referrals and identifying those that are related to Senate Bill (SB) 43. As of April 2025, there have only been five referrals related to SB 43. The Public Conservator also updated the public website with the information for the process and revised the grave disability criteria. ▪ The Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) contracts were updated as of January 2025 to support SB 43 regulations and to optimize the use of the CSUs for evaluating and treating individuals with primarily Substance Use Disorder (SUD). In partnership with Jewish Family Services, BHS is educating community providers and law enforcement on using the CSUs as alternatives to Emergency Departments for the 5150 transports. It is anticipated that Sharp Chula Vista CSU will begin services in Fall 2025. CSU providers are holding operational meetings to integrate SUD care and coordination for SB 43 related involuntary holds. The San Diego Relay program connects the medical patients to support after non-fatal overdoses, offering peer support and linking them to treatment and community services. ▪ All hospital contracts have been updated to cover involuntary SUD treatment under SB 43 for medical patients when medical funding is not available. ▪ The Alvarado Parkway Institute contract is now in place and includes a chemical dependency recovery hospital with beds for patients needing - inpatient care strictly for SB 43 and SUD related services. ▪ Activity related to admissions into services and facilities under SB 43 for grave disability remains lows. Volumes are within the normal ranges. No significant increases in service utilization reported. Findings also indicate very minimal changes in the number of transports, admissions, contacts, or referrals specifically involving cases where SUD is the primary or exclusive diagnosis.	
IV. CalAIM Reports		
A. Providing Access and Transforming Health Collaborative / Intrepid Ascent (Skylar Hanson)	Skylar Hanson reported: ▪ At the April 2025 San Diego PATH CPI meeting, a presentation was provided on the County's ECM and CS Community Capacity Assessment findings. ▪ A Data Exchange Framework Coffee Chat was held with John Ohanian, Chief Data Officer for the Center for Data Insights and Innovation at the California Health and Human Services Agency. The event was hosted at the 211 Connection Center. - The next meeting of the San Diego PATH CPI is May 15, 2025. The focus will be voting on priorities for the county. Priority areas of interest from the initial voting were: 1) Adults with Serious Mental Health and/or SUD Needs, 2) Children/Youth with Serious Mental Health and/or SUD Needs, and 3) Housing Trio: Transition Navigation Services, Deposits, Tenancy and Sustaining Services. The May 2025 meeting will include breakout sessions to explore current opportunities, gaps, and barriers. A question was asked about how the San Diego PATH CPI and the Board-directed HSD CPAC CalAIM Task Force efforts were being coordinated to share data and avoid	

	duplication of effort. It was clarified that Intrepid Ascent has set their own goals regarding ECM and CS, but there have been conversations about sharing data and not duplicating efforts by allowing the HSD CPAC CalAIM Task Force to take the lead on Community Supports. ▪ On May 21, 2025, there will be a themed CalAIM Academy focused on Medically Tailored Meals featuring representatives from Mama's Kitchen, Mom's Meals, Modify Health, Roots Food Group, and the Food as Medicine Workgroup. ▪ The June 2025 San Diego PATH CPI meeting will be inviting Leading Age, a community-based organization focused on senior care to discuss CS related to seniors and transitions of care.	
B. Medi-Cal Rx	No report	
C. Health Plans / Advocates / Consumers / Clinical & Social Service Providers	No report	
VII. Information / Updates		
A. Public Health Services (Dr. Ankita Kadakia)	Dr. Tuteur reported on behalf of Dr. Kadakia: ▪ PHS released a report through the County News Center about the Salmonella outbreak that occurred in San Diego; seven people were hospitalized to date. ▪ There was a tuberculosis outbreak at a church that is under investigation and contacts are being notified. ▪ PHS is pending a decision on the Expansion Laboratory Capacity grant and the COVID Public Health Services grant. ▪ There have not been any Measles cases in San Diego County this calendar year, but there have been nearly a thousand cases in multiple states thus far. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) put out a toolkit for providers that helps answer questions about who needs a shot if they are certain ages. If you are not sure you have received the two vaccinations, the recommendation is to get your titters. On April 7, 2025, a drug use advisory was put out regarding the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) and Measles vaccine. The title of the advisory is Vaccination Prevents Outbreaks and Protects Californians. We're trying to prevent measles from becoming endemic again. It will be interesting to continue to track and see what we can do to improve health education and make it easier to vaccinate.	
B. Behavioral Health Services (Kristi Jones)	Kristi Jones reported: ▪ The National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI) is hosting the 11th Annual Children and Youth Mental Health Well-Being Celebration is on May 10, 2025, from 2-6 p.m. at the Grossmont Center Mall. ▪ With May being Mental Health Matters Month, BHS is hosting a free community event called "Let's Talk About It" to highlight crisis response services such as the Access & Crisis Line, the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline,	

	Mobile Crisis Response Teams, and other local mental health services. The event will be held Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee Community Center in Chula Vista. ▪ BHS issued an information notice to contracted and County-operated programs for the discontinuance of the comprehensive, continuous integrated system of care model and change agents developing recovery, excellence, training requirements. For over 20 years these requirements have worked to address the needs of individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.	
C. Aging and Independence Services (Kristen Smith)	Kristen Smith reported: ▪ May is Older Americans Month, and the theme is "Flip the Script on Aging" to highlight older adults as vibrant, contributing members of society. ▪ The latest numbers for the In-home Supportive Services Program (IHSS) is 46,991 recipients. ▪ For the Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP), the State has lowered the age now to 60 years old. Currently there are no MSSP clients age 60 to 64, but they are welcome. It will be different, because they won't have Medicare by and large. ▪ World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is June 15, 2025. Financial abuse is one component of elder abuse and scams are something that older adults can be vulnerable to clicking on bad links and quite often have more assets at risk. The Elder Justice Task Force and the District Attorney's Office are working on a series of events with AARP called the "Scam Jam Tour".	
D. Medical Care Services (Dr. Heather Summers)	Dr. Heather Summers reported: ▪ The Medi-Cal and CalAIM in San Diego County Statistics and Data Resources is up and functioning on the County's website. In the next few months dental information will be added. ▪ The May 20, 2025, the Board of Supervisors meeting will include an update on the Medicaid Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The Board Letter is titled Increasing Medi-Cal Reimbursement Rates to Improve Healthcare for Nearly 1 Million San Diegans.	
E. Healthy San Diego Statistics (Michael Worman)	Michael Worman provided the Healthy San Diego Statistics report: ▪ For April 2025, the total enrollment for Medi-Cal Managed Care in San Diego County was approximately 940,000 individuals. The Medi-Cal Enrollment by Health Plan was: Blue Shield Promise with 192,782 (20.5% of total), Community Health Group with 386,943 (41.2%), Kaiser with 74,128 (7.9%), and Molina with 286,291 (30.5%). ▪ For April 2025, the Eligibility Services by the Numbers Report showed total enrollment in the following programs: CalFresh with 404,465 recipients (up 2% from last year), CalWORKS with 52,960 recipients (up 4.3%), County Medical Services had 8 recipients, General Relief had 5,649 recipients (up 5.4%), and Medi-Cal had 886,817 recipients (down 9.1%). For all these programs, the total number of unduplicated recipients was nearly 1.25 million individuals.	

VIII. Future Agenda Items	None	
IX. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned by Dr. Tellez at 5:02 p.m.	

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

Thursday, July 10, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *Via Zoom and in person*

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