HEALTHY SAN DIEGO (HSD)
CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – January 09, 2025

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

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

Other Participants/Guests: Denise DiNoto, Emily Do, Kristen Garrett, Stephanie Gioia-Beckman, Alfie Gonzaga, Andrew Gregor, Danielle Ice, Hannah Kassler, Sevana Keshishian, Luwam Kidane, Sarah Legg, Donald Miller, Kelly Motadel, Lyle Pavuk, Rhonda Perkins, Cindy Requa, Christy Rosenberg, Amanda Simmons, Sam Sonnich, Judith Yates, Cvenegas 1's iPhone (Zoom)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
I. Welcome and Introductions	The Joint Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee was called to order by Consumer Chair Jack Dailey at 3:00 p.m. Jack Dailey introduced Dr. Patrick Tellez as the new member representing the Professional Physicians and Clinicians member category, nominated by the San Diego County Medical Society.	
II. Public Comment	None	
III. Action Items		
A. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from October 10, 2024	On MOTION of Kim Fritz, seconded by Dr. Harriet Seldin, the October 10, 2024, Meeting Minutes were approved, with all Committee Members present voting yes.	
B. By-Laws Approval	Jack Dailey provided background and presented the amended by-laws for a Committee vote: ▪ At the September Special Meeting, recommendations for proposed by-laws changes were made and feedback was incorporated. ▪ The changes reflect updates to the establishing authority (Welfare & Institutions Code Section 14089.05) that took effect January 1, 2025, to consolidate the Consumer Advisory Committee and Professional Advisory Committee into a single Consumer and Professional Advisory Committee. ▪ In accordance with the by-laws, the amendment was formally introduced and submitted in writing at the October 10, 2024 meeting to be presented for a formal vote at the subsequent regular meeting. The amended by-laws become effective upon adoption by the Committee. On MOTION of Joanne Franciscus, seconded by Dr. Ankita Kadakia, the proposed by-laws amendment was approved, with all Committee Members present voting yes.	
C. CalAIM Task Force	Jack Dailey proposed to take a pause on the voting item until after Dr. Giardina's presentation. During the presentation, a recommendation was	

	made to establish a CalAIM Task Force under the Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee to respond to the Board of Supervisors request. On MOTION of Dr. Harriett Seldin, seconded by Michelle Darnelle, the CalAIM Task Force was established, with all Committee Members present voting yes. Discussion: ▪ Volunteers from the Committee and community who indicated interest in task force participation included: Kim Fritz, Caryn Sumek, Ann Warren, Lindsey Wright, Dr. Tellez, Michelle Darnelle, Christy Rosenberg (San Diego Wellness Collaborative), and Denise DiNoto (Intrepid Ascent)	
D. Ad Hoc Nominating Committee	Jack Dailey reported that the Committee needed to take action to receive nominations to fill the vacancy for the Professional Chair Officer position. ▪ The Committee Chair has the authority to appoint a Nominating Committee to present nominees for officer positions. ▪ The recommendation is to assign this task to the to the existing Ad Hoc Nominating/Membership Committee to present a nominee at the next meeting on March 13, 2025. On MOTION of Kim Fritz, seconded by Lindsey Wright, the Ad Hoc Nominating/Membership Committee will reconvene to identify a nominee for the Professional Chair vacancy and report back at the next meeting, with all Committee Members present voting yes.	
III. Presentation		
A.	**Health and Human Services Priorities and Consumer Professional Advisory Board New Year Address** (Dr. Kimberly Giardina, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director, Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA)) Dr. Kim Giardina shared HHSA updates and discussed the Medi-Cal Transformation Board direction pertaining to Healthy San Diego: ▪ HHSA updates and priorities centered around changes in Federal administration, District 1 Supervisor vacancy, County labor negotiations, annual budget, and HHSA departmental reorganization. ▪ A December 10, 2024, Board Letter pertaining to Health San Diego was reviewed (Item #31: *An Analysis of Barriers to Optimal Medi-Cal Transformation Implementation, a Feasibility Assessment for a Public Awareness Campaign, and a Development of a Healthy San Diego Task Force*). - It is a Board priority to ensure that access to and eligible consumer engagement in Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) services are optimized. - In response to the Board direction (Recommendation #3) to establish a task force under Healthy San Diego, an HSD-CPAC Task Force was formed. The Task Force will meet and report back findings and recommendations at a future HSD-CPAC meeting.	

	- The goal is to inform the Board on what is being done to identify and mitigate barriers to increase ECM and CS enrollment.	
IV. HSD Reports & Discussion		
A. Medi-Cal Transformation (Salvador Tapia)	Alison Sipler reported on behalf of Salvador Tapia: ▪ The Healthy San Diego collaborative structure now includes a Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force with three Leadership Teams (Quality Improvement & Health Equity, Care Coordination & Community Engagement, and Health Plan Operations) supporting the various workgroups. ▪ HHSA established the HSD Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force in March 2024 with the purpose of supporting contractual and regulatory requirements. ▪ The Medi-Cal Transformation Task Force Steering Committee comprises County Medical Care Services and the Leadership Team Chairs. The first meeting will be held in February, and meetings will occur bi-monthly, alternating months with the Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee meetings.	
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 Emergency Departments (ED) are seeing high volume driven by Flu. SB 43 started on January 1, 2025, but hospitals are not seeing a huge increase in behavioral health patients. ▪ Dr. Seldin commented that fluoridation is at risk at all levels. Comparisons to other cities have shown that when water fluoridation is removed, dental decay rates go up. ▪ Dr. Tuteur noted flu-related ED challenges and promoted vaccination. ▪ Dr. Tuteur also commented that due to Healthy San Diego advocacy with Medi-Cal Rx and the State last year, around the time of the floods, that there are no time or quantity limits for medications during a State of Emergency. She advised Managed Care Plans to educate Customer Service Desks and providers relating to the recent fires to avoid challenges with accessing asthma or other medications. ▪ Jack Dailey shared that the new administration's immigration policies are having a ripple effect on the immigrant community as it relates to access to healthcare benefits and ongoing coverage for Medi-Cal. The Legal Aid Society of San Diego (LASSD) is receiving calls and questions from parents with children that are on Medi-Cal with concerns about whether they should pull their children off Medi-Cal. This should be an ongoing conversation in 2025 about Public Charge, noting past efforts in 2017 to get the word out and ensure a credible base of information. LASSD welcomes partnerships to provide community-facing presentations.	

	▪ Dr. Kadakia noted public health concerns across California due to federal administration changes, including fluoridation and funding for vaccinations. There are also concerns how shifting priorities will impact overall population health and implications of Public Charge (for people seen in public health clinics).	
V. Chairs Report		
A. Health Services Advisory Board (Dr. Harriet Seldin)	Dr. Seldin reported: ▪ The Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) met in January. ▪ Key items from the meeting included approval of a Public Health Laboratory single source procurement, implementation of an electronic health record system, discussion about youth engagement and subcommittees, and progress to finalize HSAB's strategic plan update. ▪ She noted that the HSAB letter to the Board of Supervisors in 2024 was an example of the type of collaboration between Healthy San Diego and HSAB to communicate a message for the Board to use existing advisory boards and committees to help navigate policy change. The reason the Board directed the new task force to be housed within the Healthy San Diego Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee was because of the HSAB advocacy to not duplicate effort.	
B. Behavioral Health Advisory Board (Robin Sales)	Judith Yates reported: ▪ The Board of Supervisors directed a Board Letter to Behavioral Health Services (BHS) on December 20, 2024 (Item #32), authorizing a consultant-driven assessment of the BHS department to optimize its role as a health plan. ▪ The BHAB Chair has been holding meetings over the past year to try to help people better understand what SB 43 is and the potential implications. The next meeting will occur in late January. ▪ She also commented about finding opportunities for advisory boards to get more connected and increase effectiveness to advise together on shared challenges.	
C. Senate Bill 43 (Kristi Jones)	Kristi Jones reported: ▪ The Public Conservators Office has implemented a new data collection case tracking tool. They have a new staffing model, and they're doing referral estimates that they've completed. The Public Conservator referral process update will include SB 43 involuntary treatments. They have been working on workflow analyses and operating procedure updates. The Public Conservator staff have received multiple in-service presentations on Substance Use Disorder treatment resources. There is Public Conservator collaboration and consultation during the County case conferences that are held specifically to review potential LPS eligible patients under the SB 43 criteria. ▪ There have been operational meetings held with the Crisis Stabilization Unit providers to implement Substance Use Disorder service delivery	

	and care coordination into the Crisis Stabilization Unit settings with relation to the new SB 43 related involuntary holds. ▪ The San Diego Relay offers behavioral health support in the Emergency Departments (EDs) for those with substance use related care needs, including those with non-fatal overdose and those on the involuntary holds. There were 11 of the 13 Peer Support Specialists hired. One ED site was approved and two additional ED sites are in the final stages of being approved. ▪ There are amendments underway to psychiatric, acute, inpatient hospital contracts to cover the statutory authorized involuntary Substance Use Disorder treatment when necessary for Medi-Cal clients in situations where their current medical reimbursement is unavailable. ▪ As for education and training, there have been 162 introductory trainings conducted for SB 43. A comprehensive website was launched. Nine collaborative work group sessions were held with stakeholders from law enforcement, emergency medical services, hospital systems, individuals with lived experience, and community partners. ▪ For expanded treatment services and support over the last few years, BHS has increased capacity in its opioid treatment programs by 300 treatment slots, including 50 spots that were just recently added. ▪ BHS has increased treatment capacity by 10% in its largest general adult substance use outpatient programs. They're building capacity for Medicaid assistant treatment and ambulatory withdrawal management at multiple outpatient programs with the goal of having these medical services at the majority of outpatient Substance Use Disorder locations by the end of this fiscal year. ▪ The Alvarado Parkway Institute contract has been amended to include chemical dependency recovery hospital beds for patients requiring inpatient level of care with the approval from the clinical director. ▪ The Optimal Care Pathway 2.0 modeling is currently underway. This service mapping and analysis will guide ongoing Substance Use Disorder system capacity planning. ▪ Earlier this year, $12.4 million will be dedicated to developing 48 new recuperative care beds countywide, which will boost hospital substance use treatment coordination to support those with the complex medical and behavioral health needs and access temporary housing placements. ▪ Tri-City Psychiatric Health Facility in the north region is anticipated to be operational in the spring of 2025 to serve clients with special Serious Mental Illness and co-occurring Substance Use Disorder. ▪ Launching in July of 2026, we have a new Substance Use Disorder capacity with the substance use recovery treatment services program in the south region. This will have 72 to 96 new beds for residential treatment, withdrawal management, and recuperative care.	
VI. ***CalAIM Reports***		

A. Providing Access and Transforming Health Collaborative / Intrepid Ascent	Denise DiNoto reported: ▪ Intrepid Ascent and the San Diego PATH CPI can support the Board directive regarding an ECM and CS general awareness campaign as well as support the task force. ▪ San Diego PATH CPI monthly meeting logistics have changed to third Thursday for one hour. Registration is required. The first monthly meeting of the new schedule is January 16, 2025. The next in-person meeting will be February 24, 2025. Anyone who is interested can participate in these meetings. ▪ Data is received quarterly from the MCPs, which is a quarter behind. DHCS just posted an update to their current data which goes through June 2024, which is about a year and a half behind. ▪ Various meetings and events are planned this year, including CalAIM Curious and ad hoc informational webinars. Discussion: ▪ Jack Dailey commented that the San Diego PATH CPI is a multi-stakeholder collaborative focused on increasing ECM and CS enrollment. The new CalAIM Task Force under Healthy San Diego should be leveraging all of the work that has been done and continue in partnership. ▪ Dr. Heather Summers noted that the San Diego PATH CPI took the place of the former HSD CalAIM Workgroup. The new Board-directed task force is an opportunity to bring the efforts back together.	
B. Medi-Cal Rx	Comments: ▪ Jack Dailey commented that some prescribing protocol limitations were lifted a few months and went smoothly.	
C. Health Plans / Advocates / Consumers / Clinical & Social Service Providers	No report	
VII. ***Information / Updates***		
A. Public Health Services (Dr. Ankita Kadakia)	Dr. Kadakia reported: ▪ EDs and hospitals are flooded with influenza A. Receiving the seasonal influenza vaccine can prevent mortality and severe outcomes. ▪ There has been an increase in Whooping Cough, which is coming back to pre-pandemic levels. This is another example of a vaccine preventable disease through Tdap vaccinations. It is important to make sure pregnant mothers, family members and caregivers are vaccinated. Social media campaigns and other public health education is circulating for Pertussis as well as for Whooping Cough.	

B. Behavioral Health Services (Kristi Jones)	Kristi Jones reported: ▪ The Edgemoor psychiatric, acute, and inpatient unit plans are still under review with the Department of Health Care Access and Information and California Department of Public Health. ▪ In October 2024, the National Alliance on Mental Illness of San Diego was awarded a contract to continue substance use and peer-related services within San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital. ▪ BHS has continued their efforts to sustain and expand the capacity within subacute and community-based care that is informed by the optimal care pathways model. This model expands long-term care by including community-based services that provide continuous care and housing to people with behavioral health conditions. ▪ In March 2024, BHS established five new board and care slots with more slots planned for 2025. ▪ In the spring, the Board allocated funding to be administered over three fiscal years to increase recovery residents' access for people with County-funded substance use outpatient treatment. ▪ BHS has the No Place Like Home permanent supportive housing program for individuals with behavioral health conditions who are experiencing or are at risk for chronic homelessness. Five new buildings were developed and two are currently in the leasing phase. This increased the housing capacity by adding 122 units. ▪ In November 2024, BHS had a County 2025-2030 Capital Plan open house to discuss the enterprise-wide capital planning process with community members on three of the behavioral health infrastructure developments: San Diego County Psychiatric Hospital conversion to subacute care, Children's Crisis Residential at Polinsky Children's Center, and Central Region behavioral health community-based care. The preliminary draft is available online. ▪ SB 43 was implemented as of January 1, 2025. BHS is continuing to advocate for solutions to the operational and medical reimbursement issues related to providing Substance Use Disorder care in Lanternman-Petris Short designated facilities. ▪ BHS is continuing the readiness planning for the implementation of Behavioral Health Services Act, which is transforming the Mental Health Services Act and will shift the scope of previously funded services.	
C. Aging and Independence Services (Kristen Smith)	Kristen Smith reported: ▪ The Multipurpose Senior Services Program, which is similar to ECM, is lowering the age for eligibility from 65 to 60. No date has been confirmed on the effective date. In the meantime, AIS is getting processes and procedures in place. ▪ In-Home Supportive Services continues to grow. ▪ AIS is also working in Alzheimer's and dementia through the State-funded Healthy Brain Initiative grant, which includes partnerships with	

	Public Health Services and Champions for Health. Champions for Health has been working with various health systems. UCSD has at least one department with a field for cognitive evaluation scores in the electronic health record (EHR). An evaluation found that physician EHR field training and protocol implementation increased dementia screening and identification. Through the grant, Champions for Health is working with other health systems to replicate the EHR field and protocol. ▪ Another dementia project is the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program that is a partnership between UCSD and SDSU, which includes education for both medical and social service providers. ▪ The County has obtained data from Medicare to determine a prevalence estimate for Alzheimer's and related dementias in our county.	
D. Medical Care Services (Dr. Heather Summers)	Dr. Heather Summers reported: ▪ The County is nearing completion of two year-long assessments: 1) The capacity and infrastructure assessment identified County ECM and CS-like services that are being provided with existing clients that could be billable, with the potential for the County to contract with at least one MCP for at least one service. 2) The community capacity assessment explored countywide capacity for ECM and CS. The findings will be shared once they have been presented to the Board. The findings may help inform the new Board-directed CalAIM Task Force. Michael Worman provided the Healthy San Diego Statistics report: ▪ For November 2024, the total enrollment for Medi-Cal Managed Care in San Diego County was approximately 946,000 individuals. The Medi-Cal Enrollment by Health Plan was: Blue Shield Promise with 191,000 (20% of total), Community Health Group with 392,000 (41%), Kaiser with 73,000 (8%), and Molina with 289,000 (30%). ▪ For December 2024, Eligibility Services by the Number Report showed total enrollment in the following programs: CalFresh with 406,000 recipients (up 4.82% from last year), CalWORKS with over 52,000 recipients (up 5.9%), CMS had 6 recipients, General Relief had 6,000 recipients (up 28.27%), and Medi-Cal had 898,000 recipients (down 7.34%). For all programs, the total number of unduplicated recipients was nearly 1.25 million individuals. ▪ These reports are posted on the County's Healthy San Diego webpage.	
VIII. Future Agenda Items	▪ Ad Hoc Nominating/Membership Committee to present Professional Chair nominee for Committee vote ▪ Confirm next steps for Board-directed CalAIM Task Force	
IX. Adjourn	Meeting adjourned by Jack Dailey at 5:02 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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