

STRATEGIES AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE



Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Southeastern Live Well center
5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114
Tubman Chavez Room A

A quorum for this meeting is five (5)

Committee Members: Nicole Aguilar | Amy Applebaum | Joseph Mora | Ivy Rooney | Jeffery Weber | Michael Wimpie (Chair)

Members Absent: Beth Davenport | Venice Price | Winston Tilghman

MEETING MINUTES

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action	Follow-Up
1. Call to order, introductions, comments from the chair, and a moment of silence	Michael Wimpie called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM. Introductions were had.	
2. Public comment (for members of the public)	None	
3. Sharing our concerns (for committee members)	None	
4. ACTION: Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee agenda for February 4, 2025	Motion: Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee agenda for February 4, 2025 Motion/Second/Count (M/S/C): Applebaum/Weber/5-0 Abstentions: none Motion carries	
5. ACTION: Approve the Strategies and Standards Committee meeting minutes from December 3, 2024	Motion: Approve meeting minutes for December 3, 2024 M/S/C: Weber/Applebaum/4-0 Abstentions: Aguilar, Mora Motion carries	
6. Review follow-up items from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HPG Support Staff (HPG SS) will send the updated Transportation Standards draft to the committee and will include it in the February 2025 meeting for review – completed• HPG SS will obtain input from the committee members and bring the updated Universal Standards draft with tracked changes to the February 2025 meeting for review and approval – completed• HPG SS will add all suggestions to the Work Plan – completed	

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7. Old Business		
<p>a. ACTION: Approve Transportation Service Standards</p>	<p>Motion: Approve the Transportation Service Standards as presented with the following new dot point addition: “Ride sharing for safety or other reasons is at the discretion of the case manager” M/S/C: Aguilar/Mora/6-0 Discussion: There have been concerns about clients using public transportation due to deportation risk. Language needs to be incorporated to address safety. Another barrier may be Humana canceling transportation coverage. Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add a new dot point about safe transportation under unassisted transportation within key service components section. Ride sharing is allowable due to other concerns (i.e., safety, family members) in consultation with the case manager. HSHB office will inform providers about these changes to the Transportation service standards and allowable services. <p>The committee proposed to include ridesharing and taxi services as alternative modes due to safety concerns, particularly affecting young people and women. Transportation is provided through insurance for clients, particularly curb-to-curb ride-sharing services like Uber and Lyft. These rides are billed to insurance rather than tapping into other service budgets.</p> <p>The discussion raised the following important key points:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Awareness & Accountability: All providers and clients must be fully informed about the transportation options through managed care plans. These plans already include door-to-door transportation, which can significantly reduce reliance on public 	<p>Forward to the HPG for approval.</p>

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	<p>transit, thereby enhancing our collective responsibility.</p> <p>2. Limitations & Case-by-Case Decisions: Insurance-based transportation often requires advance scheduling, sometimes 24-hour notice. In cases of urgent needs, alternative options may be necessary.</p> <p>3. Safety Considerations: Safety concerns are a priority, especially in cases such as domestic violence. It is suggested that language be incorporated into policies to allow case managers discretion in approving ride-sharing services when safety concerns exist.</p> <p>4. Balancing Cost & Accessibility: While ridesharing is an option, budget constraints must be considered. The County team monitors contracts and spending to ensure funds are used appropriately and within the intended guidelines.</p> <p>5. Policy Language Refinement: The best phrase for policies regarding transportation funding, focusing on achieving a balance between specificity and flexibility.</p> <p>6. Contract Monitoring & Compliance: Given that the County is responsible for contracting with providers, there will be continuous oversight to ensure that funds are used as intended and that providers adhere to the established guidelines and ongoing monitoring</p> <p>Abstentions: none</p> <p>Motion carries</p>	
<p>b. ACTION: Approve the Universal Service Standards</p>	<p>Motion: Approve the Universal Service Standards as presented with the changes noted below.</p> <p>M/S/C: None</p> <p>Discussion: The committee recommended the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Incorporate trauma-informed care as a step before disciplinary action (page 6). - Consistent training and embracing of practices among all clinic staff are important. Under Termination of 	<p>HPG SS will send the word document to the committee for additional input and return the Universal Service Standards to the committee for review and approval at its next meeting.</p>

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	Services, to what does the second dot point refer? Motion not made	
c. ACTION: Approve the Trauma-Informed Care document	Motion: Approve the Trauma-Informed Care document as presented M/S/C: None Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Is this a complementary document that gets incorporated into the Service Standards or a separate document? Motion not made	
8. New Business		
a. ACTION: Review and approve the Anti-Racism Statement	Motion: Approve the Anti-Racism Statement as presented: "To create a supportive environment where all members can feel heard, valued, and respected with acknowledgement to the voice and differential treatment of all cultural backgrounds". M/S/C: Rooney/Weber/6-0 Abstentions: none Motion carries	HPG SS will forward the statement to the Steering Committee for approval.
b. Review: Emergency Financial Assistance and Housing Service Standards	The committee reviewed the service standard and noted the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The length of the term for Partial Assistance Rental Subsidy (PARS) has been a topic of discussion for some time. - Change the amount of time one can be on the waiting list and allow new applicants receive priority over repeat applicants. The committee will review the service standards further at its next meeting.	HPG SS will return the service standards to the committee for further review at its next meeting.
9. Routine Business		
a. Discussion: Recommendations from Priority Setting & Resource Allocation Committee (PSRAC)	None	
b. Review: Committee Attendance	Reviewed	

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c. Recommendations to the HIV Planning Group (HPG), HPG committees, and requests of recipient	None	
d. Suggested items for future committee agenda	None	
10. Announcements	None	
11. Next meeting date	Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM Location: Southeastern Live Well Center; 5101 Market St, San Diego, CA 92114 (Tubman Chavez Room A)	
12. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.	