# Joint Consumer & Professional Advisory Committee
## Minutes – November 10, 2021

**Members/Alternates Present:** Diane Bucon, Thomas Coleman, MD, Michelle Darnelle, Kimberly Fritz, Tina Hendizadeh, Kevin Kandalaft, Greg Knoll (Co-Chair), Valerie Martinez, Donald Miller, MD, Jennipher Ohmstede, George Scolari, Harriet Seldin, DDS, Aaron Starfire, Caryn Sumek, Janet Vadakkumcherry, Vivian Urquizu, Ann Warren, Lindsey Wright  
**HSD Staff Present:** Jamie Beam, Grace Choe, Angela Galba-Davis, Eric McDonald, MD, Sherinna Paguio, Heather Summers  
**Guests:** Eduardo Chavez, Carol Neidenberg

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| I. Welcome and Introductions | • Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Greg Knoll.  
• Introductions were made. | |
| II. Public Comment | • None | |
| III. Presentation | • A Whole Person Wellness (WPW) presentation was given by Heather Summers. | |
| IV. Healthy San Diego (HSD) Subcommittee Reports | **Quality Improvement Subcommittee (Valerie Martinez)**  
• QI Topics  
The Quality Improvement (QI) Subcommittee alternates between quality improvement study updates and updates from the workgroups. The Quality Improvement Project Team was recently formed and will be comprised of a quality representative from each health plan. It will work separately outside of the QI Subcommittee to advance two initiatives partnered with the County: blood lead screening and fluoride varnish. The County is preparing a training for December 10th to train 35 participants on fluoride varnish application to encourage fluoride application amongst practices. The QI Project Team will promote the event and assist in recruiting 35 participants for the training. The Facility Site Review (FSR) Team will attend as the team performs site reviews at clinical practice sites. The FSR will teach the practice of applying fluoride varnish. Members from the Health Education and Cultural Linguistic (HE/CL) Workgroup will also attend, along with Valerie Martinez. The purpose is to raise awareness that oral health is a part of the overall health visit. Fluoride varnish is needed, but it does not replace a dental home. | |
California Children Services (CCS) Transition Taskforce has had two meetings focused on the transition of the California Kids Care (CKC) pilot for children with five specific diagnoses. DHCS requested an invitation to the next meeting. There will be about 420 children transitioned. In December, CKC will send out letters letting them know they’ll have to make a health plan choice. There will be meetings setup to talk about the cases and to make sure there’s a warm handoff.

- **Health Plan - AIS Workgroup**  
  The primary focus of the meeting was the annual mandatory ICT training. There was a long discussion about coordinating care between AIS and the Medi-Cal Managed Care Health Plans.
  - The health plans will use the December meeting to review the MOUs.

### Behavioral Health Subcommittee  
*(George Scolari)*

- Dr. Esposito shared her role regarding Behavioral Health Services Population Health. There are plans for a needs assessment to be completed in March which will primarily review fentanyl overdoses.
- Enzo Pastore from Jewish Family Services (JFS) discussed their work as advocates for the residential care providers. There has been a slight increase in some of the complaints and grievances.
- Greg Knoll gave an overview of the difference between what JFS does as residential type advocates versus what the Consumer Center for Health Education & Advocacy does for the outpatient referrals for substance use providers.
- Judith Yates presented on the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Board and some of the work they are doing. She shared that Bill Stewart will be the new chair of the Board.
- Behavioral Health Subcommittee discussed the Medi-Cal RX Program. A flyer was distributed for the Medi-Cal RX Program training. Prescription drug services are being carved out of Medi-Cal Managed Care January 1, 2022. As a result, health plans will no longer be covering pharmacy services. Instead, there will be a single benefit called Medi-Cal RX. The state has chosen Magellan to be the pharmacy benefit managers. Magellan is setting up trainings with all the health plan providers. Training notifications will be sent out collaboratively under the Healthy San Diego umbrella.
- There was discussion regarding the NAMI Color Ball Event held virtually last week. The NAMI Walk will be at the end of April at Liberty Station. Behavior Health Subcommittee
requested Healthy San Diego health plans and federally qualified health centers be grouped together in one area.

- Behavioral Health Operations Team discussed the School Behavioral Health Incentive Program, a new program coming from the state. Governor Newsom allocated $380 million to enhance school based behavioral health services in California. These funds will enhance school based behavioral health services for all children in school, not just health plan members. A new task force will be created within the operations team that will meet once a month.
- Cassidy Acosta, representing DHCS and Aurrera Healthgroup, talked about a new communications workgroup which will focus on Cal MediConnect that will be eliminated in 2023 and moving into a dual eligible special needs plan (DESNP).

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<th>HSD COVID-19 Taskforce (George Scolari)</th>
<th>Members agreed to continue HSD COVID-19 Taskforce meetings. These meetings will be utilized to provide COVID-19 updates.</th>
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<td>HSD CalAIM Taskforce (George Scolari)</td>
<td>There was no meeting last month, instead there was the CalAIM Kick-off Event.</td>
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**V. Action Items**

| Approval of minutes from previous meeting | October 14, 2021, meeting minutes approved. |

| Continuance of Teleconferencing Meeting Option Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e) | The continuation of teleconferencing was approved for this committee and subcommittees. |

**VI. CalAIM REPORTS (Greg Knoll)**

- The committee continued discussion of the CalAIM implementation status.

**VII. Chairs’ Reports**

**A. Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) (Co-Chairs)**

- A nominating committee was formed to find the new chair and vice chair.
- HSAB approved the Authorization to Develop and Implement Food System Sustainability, Equity, and Local Sourcing Procurement Guidelines and Program and Adopt a Corresponding Policy, Authorize Community Garden Endowment to Administer Funds. The Acceptance of the California Department of Public Health Tobacco Control Resource Program Funds was also approved.
- There was a COVID outreach and education presentation.
A flyer was distributed for Community Inspiration Awards. This award is to honor people in the community or small groups in that are going above and beyond, to help throughout the pandemic tackling all the health care needs of various neighborhoods that have been left behind in the past. HSD members were encouraged to enter nominations. The awards will be given out around the first of the year.

**B. CCI/Cal MediConnect Advisory Committee Update (Greg Knoll)**

- The committee discussed concerns about a smooth transition in 2023. The committee also expressed concern about brokers providing misinformation regarding Cal MediConnect, stating that the program is closing now. DHCS has been notified of these activities.

**VIII. Information/Updates (Written or Oral)**

**A. Public Health Services (PHS) (Tom Coleman, MD)**

- Due to COVID-19, the state extended the California Tobacco Control Program for all local lead agency contracts. The tobacco funding runs to the beginning of the first of the year. A three-and-a-half-year work plan will be formulated and submitted for approval to the State. A board letter is scheduled to go the second week of January.
- A COVID-19 Watch came out today. San Diego County is averaging about 500 cases a day. Under CDC classifications, the County hovers between the top two tiers as far as transmission. The latest data for case rate presents a threefold difference. Hospitalizations maintain a twelvefold difference amongst those who are not fully vaccinated. Although COVID itself is stable in terms of hospitalizations, hospitals continue to feel the strain. There has been a significant uptick in terms of childhood and adolescent infections. In the 0 to 18 years old population both locally and nationwide, the highest number of cases for several reporting periods has consistently been in the 6 to 11 years old. The 5 to 11 years old are now approved for vaccines. This will hopefully have a profound impact on case transmission. As of today, 2.3 million plus are fully vaccinated.
- Today's Influenza Watch shows 287 cases, no deaths, no outbreaks to date. The flu tends to increase around Thanksgiving due to increased travel. As a result, an uptick in influenza is anticipated.
- Two CAHANs were released over the last month. The first CAHAN occurred on October 26th and provided information on the expansion of booster doses to Moderna and Johnson & Johnson. The second CAHAN released on November 5th.
provided information related to the vaccine approval for 5 through 11 years old.

- There is an ongoing outbreak of shigella sonnei amongst people experiencing homelessness. It’s a very infectious organisms spread fecal to oral. Handwashing is critically important in terms of stopping transmission. Currently, there have been 31 confirmed and 3 probable cases among persons experiencing homelessness. It appears it may have peaked around mid-October and is on the decline.

| B. Behavioral Health Services/Board Conference (Nilanie Ramos) | No Report |
| C. Aging and Independence Services (Kristen Smith) | No Report |
| D. Medical Care Services Division/Healthy San Diego Statistics (Grace Choe) | The September data shows the raw numbers total of 826,647 enrolled in managed care out of 912,435 enrolled in Medi-Cal. It’s showing a very steady percentage of 90% to 91% this entire past year. The managed care default rate for San Diego is 39% and the statewide rate is 37.1%. The October data shows a total of 920,975 Medi-Cal recipients. Between October 2020-2021 it shows the Medi-Cal unduplicated recipients total at 961,817. Angela will send the statistical reports to the committee. |

**IX. Agenda Items For Next Meeting**

- None

**X. Adjourn**

- Meeting adjourned by Greg Knoll at 4:45 p.m.