

**HEALTHY SAN DIEGO  
 JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
 MINUTES – April 8, 2021**

**Members/Alternates Present:** Laverne Brizendine, Diane Bucon, Thomas Coleman, MD, Michelle Darnelle, Kimberly Fritz, Brandi Jenkins, Kevin Kandaloft, Greg Knoll (Co-Chair), Kathleen Lang, Valerie Martinez, Donald Miller, MD, Sam Moehlig, Nilanie Ramos, James Schultz, MD (Co-Chair), George Scolari, Harriet Seldin, DDS, Kristen Smith, Caryn Sumek, Ann Warren, Lindsey Wright

**HSD Staff Present:** Jamie Beam, Grace Choe, Angela Galba-Davis, Jennifer Tuteur, MD

**Guests:** Eduardo Chavez, Tina Hendizadeh, Patricia King, Melissa Stout-Penn

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>I. Welcome and Introductions</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Dr. James Schultz.</li> <li>Introductions were made.</li> </ul>	
<b>II. Public Comment</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
<b>III. Presentation</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chris Olen and Ben Coyle from Jewish Family Service of San Diego gave a presentation on their services.</li> </ul>	
<b>IV. Healthy San Diego (HSD) Subcommittee Reports</b>		
<p><b>Quality Improvement Subcommittee</b>  <i>(Valerie Martinez)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee has agreed to the two QI topics of fluoride varnish screening and blood lead screening.</li> <li>Fluoride Screening            A study was created to capture the fluoride varnish study efforts. The study includes background information on the importance of oral health as well as the policy letter that was issued in 2008. Nine responses were received from the survey, totaling about a 10% response rate. The barriers indicated from the responses included patients already being referred to a dental home, providers believing the service was not covered, and lack of time. A focus group was suggested to obtain more information on the barriers and to understand them better. Some interventions suggested included creating a quick guide, providing the Department of Public Health (DPH) training on applying the varnish, and providing the Public Health Services (PHS) staff training on administering the varnish.            -Dr. Schultz requested to identify a best practice to help achieve this without adding more to the medical assistants' plates.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blood Lead Screening There are several State requirements regarding blood lead screening. Valerie will write up background information on the requirement, as well as assess the current State requirements and pull together what the health plans are doing to ensure compliance.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Behavioral Health Subcommittee</b> <i>(George Scolari)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral Health Subcommittee The Behavioral Health Subcommittee will be meeting tomorrow.</li> <li>• George shared the Healthy San Diego Overview document with the HSD Joint Advisory Committee, which includes overviews of HSD and the Behavioral Health Subcommittee.</li> <li>• HSD COVID Taskforce The meeting was on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The taskforce was originally created to help the health plan members that were temporarily housed at the Convention Center. March 24<sup>th</sup> was the last day for housing homeless individuals at the Convention Center and have now been moved to other shelters. However, the taskforce has decided to keep this meeting going for the time being.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Angela will send this document to the committee</i></p>
<p><b>V. Action Items</b></p>		
<p><b>Approval of minutes from previous meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 11, 2021, meeting minutes were approved.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VI. Chairs' Reports</b></p>		
<p><b>A. Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)</b> <i>(Co-Chairs)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting mostly focused on the approval of two Board letters.</li> <li>• The Health and Human Services Agency-Budget Office gave a presentation on the fee package schedule.</li> <li>• Dr. Tom Coleman gave a report on Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health Grant Supplemental Funds for Increasing COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination Coverage.</li> <li>• Dr. Wooten gave an excellent Health Officer report that excited everyone about moving to the orange tier and all the efforts in place for equity.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>B. CCI/Cal MediConnect Advisory Committee Update</b> <i>(Greg Knoll)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next meeting is Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VII. Information/Updates (Written or Oral)</b></p>		
<p><b>A. Public Health Services (PHS)</b> <i>(Tom Coleman, MD)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 -The Epi curve is still relatively flat. There were just over 8,000 cases reported in the last four weeks (2,000 a week, 289 a</li> </ul>	

	<p>day). The focus is still to get people immunized as quickly as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-Hospitalizations have continued to go down with the curve still flattened. The percentage of positivity rate has flattened a little but is progressively going down.</li><li>-Of the thirteen triggers the County has been tracking, the only one that is still elevated is community outbreaks. Hospital capacity and public health response look good. Change in vaccine equity metrics at the State level and testing positivity enabled the County to move into the orange tier. The adjusted case rate is .8 and testing positivity is 2.3.</li><li>-The Governor announced the Beyond the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. It is predicted that on June 15th, there will be a lot opening up still with probable restrictions in terms of mask wearing. There is guidance coming on April 15th regarding some things like live events, but there is a lot of flux. This is assuming people who want a vaccine continue to receive it, and the hospital system doesn't change.</li><li>-The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services convened a variant workgroup. There are three categories: Variants of interest (three identified—two from New York and one from Brazil), Variants of concern (five identified), and Variants of high consequence (the County does not have any at this point). In our community, B.1.1.7 is still the most prevalent in terms of genomic sequencing, reinforcing not every test has genomic sequencing. The County has seen four cases of P.1 (Brazil variant). Of the five variants of concern, four have been circulating in the community. In March, there was a CAHAN message to all medical providers in the County on who should have genomic sequencing. The County has robust capability, and our Public Health lab will be able to do some of the sequencing.</li><li>-A week from today, every Californian 16 years and older will be eligible for a COVID vaccine. Pfizer is for ages 16 and older, and Moderna and Janssen are for ages 18 and older. There are vaccine trials among adolescents and children between 6 months and 11 years old. Dr. Wooten stated vaccines for those between 6 months and 11 years will come out early next year, and for adolescents will likely be the beginning of the school year in the Fall. Almost 2 out of 5 in the 16 years and older category has had at least one dose, and almost a quarter are fully vaccinated. The State's initial goal was to try to vaccinate 70% of population, but now it's increased to 75%.</li></ul>	
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	<p>-Dr. Wooten gave an update during the Board meeting and stated there are 39 health equity zip codes within the County. The County has tried to establish sites from a health equity lens to try to immunize people within these zip codes. Data also shows race and ethnicity background of population of 16 years and older, who've had at least a single dose. Notably in the LatinX population, almost 40% have had at least one dose, which is significant given the burden this population has had in terms of hospitalizations and mortality.</p> <p>-The State's travel advisory has been updated within the last week, which now states if an individual tests positive and develops symptoms that individual should isolate. Fully vaccinated travelers are not required to test or quarantine before or after travel unless they have symptoms of concern for COVID-19. The recommendation for non-essential travel (tourism or recreational) for those who are not fully vaccinated is to test before and after arrival at destination, self-quarantine for seven days after travel even if the test is negative, and if they don't get tested, they should self-quarantine for ten days after travel. Essential travel is essential services defined at the federal level; CDPH's updated guidance includes no need to quarantine for persons doing essential travel who routinely cross state or country borders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Health Services has applied for two new funding opportunities. The first is a year and a half long grant of over \$600,000 that enables us to focus on vaccine hesitancy and trying to rectify that particularly in African American and LatinX populations. This is a second supplemental grant that came from a CDC grant that we already had focusing on nutrition, physical activity, and community clinical linkages. The second funding opportunity is the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Grant. It has been submitted and will expand capabilities in terms of more testing, case investigation, contact tracing, and epidemiological focus.</li><li>• Dr. Eric McDonald has transitioned from the Medical Director of Epidemiology and Immunization Service Branch to the Chief Medical Officer for the Health and Human Services Agency— Medical Care Services Division. Dr. Seema Shah is now the Medical Director of Epidemiology and Immunization Service Branch. Prior to this position, she was an ER Physician at Rady's. Dr. Shah requested Dr. Coleman share with the group the recent CAHAN related to any infectious disease in terms of stressing the importance of asking about international travel for any signs and symptoms of acute infectious illness.</li></ul>	
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<p><b>B. Behavioral Health Services/Board Conference</b> <i>(Nilanie Ramos)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No report this month. The Behavioral Health Continuum of Care will go back to the Board on May 4<sup>th</sup> and will be reported on at the next Healthy San Diego meeting.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>C. Aging and Independence Services</b> <i>(Kristen Smith)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The workgroup is having monthly meetings for the MSSP transition. It will get carved out starting January 1, 2022, but in the meantime, contracts are all in place.</li> <li>Our role as the Health and Community Team includes working with older adults and people with disabilities for COVID outreach and now for homebound vaccinations. If you have clients or beneficiaries with significant disabilities who are unable to leave their home, they can call 2-1-1 and be put on a list. This list is sent to our team who forwards it to vaccinators. We now have contracts in place with Sharp, Alvarado, Tri-City and Fire agencies.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>D. Medical Care Services Division/Healthy San Diego Statistics</b> <i>(Grace Choe)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy San Diego Statistics for February 2021.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Healthy San Diego enrollment data is showing 91.7% enrolled in Managed Care.</li> <li>Managed Care enrollment is 776,168. Medi-Cal enrollment is 855,752.</li> <li>The County default rate is still slightly higher than the State. The default rate is showing a 2.8% difference this month. The County is at 37.3% and the State is at 34.5%.</li> <li>Eligibility services for March 2021. Medi-Cal recipients are up by 19.99% and 18.43% for children.</li> <li>Medi-Cal shows 910,808 unduplicated recipients.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>VIII. Health Care and Legislative Updates</b></p>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Schultz - The deadline passed for the County to submit a proposal to run a County-operated Health System. Since we did not hear anything about it, are we assuming they did not submit one? Asking because there are concerned members in this committee who also want to know.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Caryn Sumek - To the best of my knowledge, they did not submit.</li> <li>Greg Knoll - The timeline has been extended maybe to June. We may find out the decision just before and be able to comment on it. I don't think this is over.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Schultz - The County hosted, sponsored, and provided technical-know-how to the San Diego County Medical Society for an informational COVID Town Hall for physicians since April 2020. For a while it was weekly, then bi-weekly and lately it's been monthly. It took a brief break in the Fall but started up again with the surge. The last town hall will be in about two</li> </ul>	

	weeks. Physician specialists and experts have been keeping the physician community on the cutting edge of new developments such as strains, vaccines, surges, surge response, etc.	
<b>IX. Agenda Items For Next Meeting</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>X.Adjourn</b>		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned by Dr. James Schultz at 4:53 pm.</li> </ul>	

**THE NEXT HEALTHY SAN DIEGO JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED**  
 Thursday, May 13, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
*Via Zoom*  
 Minutes recorded and transcribed by Angela Galba-Davis