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

**Members/Alternates Present:** Laverne Brizendine, Diane Bucon, Thomas Coleman, MD, Michelle Darnelle, Kimberly Fritz, Kevin Kandalaft, Greg Knoll (Co-Chair), Kathleen Lang, Valerie Martinez, Kelly Motadel, MD, Jennipher Ohmstede, Nilanie Ramos, James Schultz, MD (Co-Chair), George Scolari, Harriet Seldin, DDS, Kristen Smith, Aaron Starfire, Caryn Sumek, Vivian Urquizu, Ann Warren, Lindsay Wright  
**HSD Staff Present:** Jamie Beam, Grace Choe, Angela Galba-Davis, Chris Lee, Eric McDonald, MD  
**Guests:** Eduardo Chavez, Sarah Lyman, Christy Rosenberg, Melisa Stout-Penn, Garrick Wong

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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** | • There was a presentation on the FY 21/22 HHSA Budget by Ardee Apostol, Assistant Finance Officer for HHSA. |  |
| **IV. Healthy San Diego (HSD) Subcommittee Reports** | Quality Improvement Subcommittee (Valerie Martinez)  
-- Health Education & Cultural/Linguistics Workgroup (HE/CL)  
-- The poverty simulation, offered in partnership with COPE, had over 120 participants. Due to a high-volume waitlist for the simulation, the workgroup will hold a second event in November.  
-- There is an Implicit Bias Training planned for August. The workgroup is going to meet with Dr. Coleman tomorrow to discuss a potential collaboration.  
-- An ACES webinar is planned for September. It will be an update on the current state and requirements of ACEs, and additional resources for providers and practices. The workgroup looks to partner with Aurrera Health.  
-- The CalAIM Kickoff Event is October 22nd. The HE/CL workgroup will support the kickoff event, offering any technical/admin support and refreshments.  
-- The HE/CL workgroup declined the Childhood Obesity Initiative’s request to financially sponsor an event in the amount of $2,400 to $8,000.  
-- DCHS formally invited the HE/CL workgroup to present the Pediatric Provider Toolkit on October 27th. The workgroup requested to present in partnership with Meredith Kennedy at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) due to a prior partnership with the local AAP. The panel will represent the Healthy San Diego HE/CL entity and not individual health plans. |  |
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<th>Facility Site Review Workgroup (FSR)</th>
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<td>--Effective July 1\textsuperscript{st}, the expectation is to resume activities and return to the standard program operations which includes FSR activities. The Medical Monitoring Unit sent a site review tracker that allows every health plan to communicate strategies focused on resuming FSR activities and address backlogs of FSRs.</td>
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<td>--The FSR workgroup is collaborating on a training requested by San Ysidro Health Clinic.</td>
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<th>Consumer Center for Health Education &amp; Advocacy (CCHEA)</th>
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<td>--The Consumer Center and Legal Aid are still working remotely, with limited staff at the office. There is no foreseeable change in remote working.</td>
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<td>--There is involvement in statewide DHCS Stakeholder meetings, specifically about the post pandemic eligibility policy planning. These meetings focus on redetermination processing and the notices that will change when the health pandemic orders are lifted.</td>
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<td>--CCHEA provides Cultural Competency Training regarding serving gender diverse and trans individuals, one of the three populations that is a focus this year, in addition to immigrants and individuals with limited English proficiency.</td>
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<th>Health Plan Workgroup (HPWG)</th>
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<td>--George Scolari gave the COVID-19 update. Dr. McDonald requested vaccination data be shared and verified for accuracy, as well as provide information on how the workgroup can partner with the County to conduct outreach to unvaccinated individuals.</td>
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<td>--The health plans have MOUs with the County for a variety of areas. The workgroup will acquire representatives from each area not already represented, such as refugees and TB. Representatives will present an update and reconnect with the correct contacts each month at the Health Plan Workgroup meeting. The first one will be in September with the TB Program.</td>
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<th>San Diego Regional Center Workgroup (SDRC)</th>
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<td>--The workgroup has not met recently. A meeting will be scheduled in a couple of months.</td>
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<th>Community Based Adult Services Ad Hoc Workgroup (CBAS)</th>
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<td>--The CBAS centers received word from the Department of Aging that starting in June of this year, reassessments will be conducted on-site. Until the end of October, participants will be reassessed and receive services on-site at least once a week. Limited capacity on-site must still be maintained.</td>
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• Health Plan - AIS Workgroup
  --The next quarterly meeting will be rescheduled. The focus of the meeting is the MSSP transition back to the County. A meeting with DHCS took place two weeks ago and focused on ensuring the California Department of Aging and DHCS aligned with their requirements and expectations for counties, MSSP programs, and health plans particularly in coordination of care.

• QI Topic - Blood Lead Screening: Feedback from health plans’ QAS are being finalized. The next steps are going to be developing baseline rates and then identifying methodology on monitoring and intervention. The proposed intervention was to test in-house and assess if this is a service that can be provided. Additional sites are also being surveyed.

• QI Topic - Fluoride Varnish Application: Dr. Olinger estimates about only 5% of practices are offering fluoride varnish. He suggested meeting with Nancy Starr, who provided a rundown on the program that she offers and is looking for plan practices. They have a training specifically focused on fluoride varnish application. Training will also include billing, ordering supplies, and administering varnish. Methods of collaboration were discussed resulting in the suggestion of providing health plan data. The plan is to develop a pre and post-test to assess knowledge, behavior, and then fluoride varnish application rates following her training interventions. Any subsequent trainings would be offered by the HE/CL Workgroup.

Behavioral Health Subcommittee (BHS) (George Scolari)

• The Behavioral Health Subcommittee is invited to the larger CalAIM Workgroup meeting for a special presentation on the Community Information Exchange by 211.

• Dr. Nicole Esposito gave an update on Population Health. County Behavioral Health Services is working on a Naloxone distribution plan as well as working with the Sheriff’s to set up medication assisted treatment (MAT).

• Marissa Varond from the McAlister Institute shared that peer support specialists are now an approved benefit under the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System. These peers have life experiences dealing with substance abuse, working with other substance abusers, and are familiar with reimbursement processes. The McAllister Institute walk is on September 25, 2021, at Liberty Station.

• Tabatha Lang gave an update on their Behavioral Health Services Dashboard. They are working to decrease the turnaround time for appointments. There was also a discussion regarding availability of psychiatric beds for children. Specifically in San Diego, the issue is due to children
with developmental problems unable to return to a group home.
- Catherine Nacario from NAMI gave an update on services they provide and shared that they've expanded to Imperial County.
- Nilanie Ramos shared about the Behavioral Health Operations Team Meeting. There was discussion about mental health services in schools and health plan covered services versus County covered services. In addition, a new mandatory screening tool will be released soon.
- Cassidy Acosta gave an update on Aurrera Behavioral Health. Their contract for the Coordinated Care Initiative and Cal MediConnect has ended and they are shifting into a CalAIM focus.
- Greg Knoll gave a presentation on the DHCS Cal MediConnect Dashboard that compares all the health plans and quality withhold scores.

**HSD COVID-19 Taskforce (George Scolari)**
- This task force was originally set up for our health plan members that were placed at the Convention Center and County funded hotel rooms. Meetings will continue as there are still a few members in County funded hotel rooms.

**HSD CalAIM Taskforce (George Scolari)**
- The health plans are working towards covering services similar to In Lieu of Services (ILOS).
- Susan Bower, representing the Regional Task Force, shared the new voucher program, which includes 300 housing vouchers to help pay partial rent payments. These vouchers can only be used by clients linked to some form of a case management service.
- Whole Person Wellness (WPW) will transition on January 1st. There are currently 221 members. Members who are receiving WPW through either Exodus or Path will be receiving services through December 31st paid for by the County and will transition to the health plans on the following day. With this transition, Exodus and Path will be able to offer some additional services.

**V. Action Items**

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting**
- June 10, 2021, meeting minutes were approved.

**VI. CalAIM Reports (Greg Knoll)**
- Chair proposed that starting this meeting through the end of the year, CalAIM Reports will be on every agenda. Committee discussed sharing implementation status without revealing anything proprietary to increase opportunities for collaboration.
### VII. Chairs’ Reports

| A. Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB) (Co-Chairs) | ● There was a detailed presentation regarding the Hepatitis C Elimination Implementation Plan Board Letter by Jeff Johnson, Chief of the Epidemiology and Immunizations Services Branch, and Patrick Loose, Chief of the HIV, STD, and Hepatitis Branch.  
● The Board discussed the Mental Health Contractors Association of California Letter.  
● There was discussion about scheduling another advance as HSAB has done every year for the last few years.  
● A committee to do the Community Inspiration Awards was discussed and also development of a Youth Advisory Board and Youth Board Members. |
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<td>B. CCI/Cal MediConnect Advisory Committee Update (Greg Knoll)</td>
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### VIII. Information/Updates (Written or Oral)

| A. Public Health Services (PHS) (Tom Coleman, MD) | ● COVID-19  
-Almost 1.9 million San Diego residents are fully vaccinated. Over 140,000 in San Diego have had the first shot of Moderna or Pfizer but not the second shot. Bottom line is that a single dose is significantly less effective, especially against new variants.  
-The COVID-19 Watch released yesterday looked at cases from the beginning of January. From January 1st, 99.8% of the deaths and 99.9% of the hospitalizations in 99.1% of the cases were either unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated. There have only been 3 deaths of those fully vaccinated.  
-There are concerted efforts to fully vaccinate populations in the health equity zip codes, both within and outside of the county. Due to vaccine hesitancy, we continue to stress the efficacy and safety of the vaccines.  
-There are two MARC (Monoclonal Antibody Regional Center) facilities in the county, one in Chula Vista and the other in Hillcrest. The number to find out about eligibility and schedule an appointment is 619-685-2500. |
| B. Behavioral Health Services/Board Conference (Nilanie Ramos) | ● The Behavioral Health Services Procurement Board letter goes to the Board on July 13th. If approved, this Board letter would authorize competitive solicitations, single source procurements, and an amendment to extend an existing contract to support critical behavioral health services. |
| C. Aging and Independence Services (Kristen Smith) | ● At the State’s transition meeting this month, it was stated when MSSP goes back to being carved out in January 2022, there will also be parallel guidance surrounding coordination. Members will still be receiving their services from AIS and the |
AIS social workers will continue to coordinate as much as they have with the health plans arranging services.

- AIS will be getting more staff and continuing our COVID-19 expansion of meals through our federal Senior Nutrition Program. We expect expanded funding to continue.
- AIS’s efforts with homebound vaccinations are continuing with referrals from 211 and the State's MyTurn system for homebound residents of all ages. Providers can call 211 to get patients on the list.
- The Alzheimer’s Project Clinical Roundtable just released their third edition of the clinical guidelines. Dr. McDonald is now serving on the Clinical Roundtable.
- Our free community programs, such as Feeling Fit Exercise Classes, are resuming now that the county is reopening. Individuals can be referred via the AIS website (www.aging.sandiegocounty.gov). There is also information on several other programs available on the website.

D. Healthy San Diego Statistics (Grace Choe)

- For the month of May, the raw numbers show a total of 800,513 enrolled in managed care, out of a total of 879,778 enrolled in Medi-Cal which results in 91%.
- The County’s default rate went up to 42% in April, which is the highest rate within the past year. However, that month the State was also at a higher rate of 37%. In May, the County’s rate did go back to 37% and the State’s rate was 36%.
- There are 932,702 unduplicated Medi-Cal recipients from June 2020 to June 2021.

IX. Health Care and Legislative Updates

- None

X. Agenda Items For Next Meeting

- None

XI. Adjourn

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