### HEALTHY SAN DIEGO

**JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES – September 9, 2021**

**Members/Alternates Present:** Laverne Brizendine, Thomas Coleman, MD, Michelle Darnelle, Kimberly Fritz, Tina Hendizadeh, Kevin Kandalaft, Greg Knoll (Co-Chair), Kathleen Lang, Valerie Martinez, Donald Miller, MD, Nilanie Ramos, George Scolari, Harriet Seldin, DDS, Kristen Smith, Caryn Sumek, Vivian Urquizu, Janet Vadakkumcherry, Ann Warren, Lindsey Wright

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

**Guests:** Eduardo Chavez, Jeff Jimenez, Patricia King, Sarah Lyman, Evan Rangel, Christy Rosenberg, Anthony White, 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. Healthy San Diego (HSD) Subcommittee Reports |**Quality Improvement Subcommittee (Valerie Martinez)**  
George Scolari Reporting  
• This month’s meeting focused on the QI topics of Oral Health and Blood Lead Screening. Dr. Tuteur gave an overview of the Oral Health Topic. The Blood Lead Screening topic is an important topic for the health plans due to the requirements of the Department of Health Care Services that will be implemented next year.  
• Dr. Rich spoke about the California Kids Care Pilot, which ends December 31, 2021. Starting January 1st, children will have to re-enroll into a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan. The CCS Workgroup will meet every month into the next year to ensure the children have a smooth transition. | |
| **Behavioral Health Subcommittee (George Scolari)**  
• The HSD Pharmacy Benefit Quick Guide was shared at the meeting.  
• Dr. Esposito talked about population health, as the new Population Health Officer for the County.  
• Marisa Varond talked about the Walk for Recovery event coming up two Saturdays from now. Several of the health plans are sponsoring that event.  
• Report outs from the Mental Health Contractors Association and the Behavioral Health Advisory Board were presented.  
• Tabitha Lang from the County’s BHS provided her ongoing dashboard report and highlighted a small decrease in |
utilization for some behavioral health services, including in-patient care.

- There were two presentations, one on the Children, Youth and Families Pandemic Impact Report and another on In Home Outreach Team (IHOT) and Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT).

### HSD COVID-19 Taskforce

*George Scolari*

- The meeting focused on the need for practices to reduce the amount of non-emergency patients at emergency rooms. Non-emergency patients should be advised that health plans have urgent cares and other resources to service them unless it is a true emergency situation.

### HSD CalAIM Taskforce

*George Scolari*

- There was no meeting this month. The virtual kick-off event is scheduled for October 22nd.

### IV. Action Items

#### Approval of minutes from previous meeting

- July 9, 2021, meeting minutes were approved.

### V. CalAIM REPORTS

*Greg Knoll*

- The committee continued discussion of implementation status as well as the Whole Person Wellness transition effective January 1st. Members will continue receiving the same services throughout the transition.

### VI. Chairs' Reports

#### A. Meetings for Remainder of 2021

*Greg Knoll*

- Due to the Veteran’s Day Holiday, the November meeting will be moved to Wednesday, November 10th. Instead of going dark, there will be a December meeting on Thursday, December 9th.

  George Scolari: The CalAIM Workgroup meeting will be moved from December 24th to December 17th.

#### B. Health Services Advisory Board (HSAB)

*Co-Chairs*

- There was discussion of the Board letters, specifically on the County’s declaration of misinformation regarding the vaccine as a public health crisis.

  - Dr. Wooten gave an update on the public health report.

  - The HSAB Advance has been postponed.

#### C. CCI/Cal MediConnect Advisory Committee Update

*Greg Knoll*

- There was no meeting this month.

### VII. Information/Updates (Written or Oral)

#### A. Public Health Services (PHS)

*Tom Coleman, MD*

- COVID-19
  - A health alert network was released on August 19th. The CDC recommended an additional mRNA COVID-19 vaccination for certain immunocompromised people. There is no update yet on boosters.
- The latest surveillance report from COVID-19 Watch can be found on this website: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/Epidemiology/COVID-19%20Watch.pdf

- **PHS Update**
  - Historically, Dr. Wooten served as the Public Health Officer with statutory authorities and the Director of Public Health Services. She will continue as the Public Health Officer. There is ongoing recruitment for the Director of Public Health Services. Currently, Dr. Elizabeth Hernandez is the Acting Director. There's also been a recruitment for two Deputy Public Health Officers. Dr. Cameron Kaiser came on board recently as one of the Deputy Public Health Officers.

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**B. Behavioral Health Services/Board Conference (Nilanie Ramos)**

- Dr. Miller requested an update on the closing of the mental health crisis center in North County that ran through New Alternatives. The North County Crisis Response Team closed due to low utilization. However, funding was reallocated to other North County outpatient programs to support access to the system of care to avoid crises. The Mobile Crisis Response Teams pilot program had their soft launch in January 2021, which began in North County to meet the needs of the community designed to serve both youth and adults. The Mobile Crisis Response Teams are currently deployed and utilizing the Access and Crisis Line (ACL). The teams are active in North Coastal and South Region and will conduct a phased-out approach to make this type of resource and service available throughout the county. Further information on the Mobile Crisis Response Teams is available here: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/bhs/BHS_MCRT.html

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**C. Aging and Independence Services (AIS) (Kristen Smith)**

- AIS continues to work with the County's vaccine team on the Homebound San Diegans Whole Vaccination Program. Over 1,200 people were vaccinated by this program. The third dose will be distributed to people with specific immunocompromised conditions. Populations needing a vaccine in their home can call 2-1-1, or register via MyTurn. The request will be sent to the vaccine team and contracted vaccine providers.

- A new project involving IHSS was recently approved by the Board of Supervisors to improve internet access and provide tablets for homebound IHSS recipients and caregivers to improve mental health during isolation. At this time, AIS is
identifying primary needs which will help develop the RFP for a contractor to provide the services. It is expected to connect individuals to telehealth mental health services even if all they need is a training on how to use their tablet and connect with their loved ones and support groups. The program will begin later in 2022.

• The last AIS/Health Plan Workgroup put together the MSSP carve out transition plan taking place on January 1st, which George submitted on behalf of the plans. The Workgroup will continue to work towards obtaining more definitive guidelines from the State that coincide with guidelines from DHCS to the health plans and CDA to the MSSP providers regarding topics like information sharing.

D. Healthy San Diego Statistics (Grace Choe)

• The raw numbers show a total of 811,137 enrolled in managed care and 896,926 enrolled in Medi-Cal for a percentage of 90.4.
• In July, the default numbers display another peak at 42.7% for the County and 39.2% for the State.
• August’s Eligibility Services by the Numbers shows 904,581 Medi-Cal recipients.

Angela will send the statistics to the committee

VIII. Agenda Items For Next Meeting

• None

IX. Adjourn

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

THE NEXT HEALTHY SAN DIEGO JOINT CONSUMER & PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED

Thursday, October 14, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Minutes recorded and transcribed by Angela Galba-Davis