



PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Microsoft Teams
June 11, 2024
2PM – 4PM

Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

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WELCOME

Dr. Gary Tsai, Bureau Director, DPH

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Agenda

2:00 – 2:05 **Welcome**

2:05 – 2:10 **Approval of Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2024**

2:10 – 2:20 **Workgroup Updates**

- **Building Communities of Belonging**
- **2024 PAC Membership / PAC Awards**

2:20 – 3:50 **Discussion Items**

3:50 – 3:55 **Meeting Wrap Up**

3:55 - 4:00 **Public Comments**

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APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2024 Meeting

Armen Ter-Barsegyan, Systems of Care, DPH

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PAC Motion: April Meeting Minutes

- Please speak up if you'd like to make any changes.
- Motion to Approve
- Motion to Second





BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF BELONGING (FORMERLY “CLAS”)

Maricela Gray, House of Hope
Junie Gonzales, Cri-Help

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Building Communities of Belonging Workgroup Meeting

Meeting recap:

- Meeting on June 5, 2024
- Opportunities for Capacity Building:
 1. Language Assistance Plan
 2. Bilingual Bonus Support



Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 3, 2024 | 9am – 10am

E-mail Armen Ter-Barsegyan Ater-barsegyan@ph.lacounty.gov to join workgroup



2024-26 PAC MEMBERSHIP UPDATES



Armen Ter-Barsegyan, SACP

2024-26 PAC Membership

- PAC Membership Applications closed Friday, May 24.
- Applications currently under review.
- Applicants notified of decision near end of June



PAC Awards

- 2024 PAC Award Applications will be released soon.





PAC DISCUSSION ITEMS



FY2024-25 SAPC rates

William Taetzsch, Didi Hirsch

- Are FY24-25 SAPC rates for the provider network finalized?
- Will FY24-25 rates include the anticipated increases discussed in the last All-Provider Meeting?



CA Projected Budget

William Taetzsch, Didi Hirsch

- How does SAPC anticipate the state's projected budget deficit will affect SAPC funding for the provider network?
- Any SAPC guidance or recommendations for provider network members when it comes to preparing for anticipated changes in funding driven by the state's projected deficit?



Capacity Building Initiative

William Taetzsch, Didi Hirsch

- Any new information on FY24-25 CBI items?





SAPC DISCUSSION ITEMS





RECOVERY HOUSING BILLS (AB 2479 & AB 2893)

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CA PROPOSITION 1

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Translating Terminology Changes Into Action

- **“Behavioral Health (BH)” = Mental Health (MH) + Substance Use Disorders (SUD)**
 - **Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) → Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)**
- **Similar to how Los Angeles County (LAC) leads county specialty SUD systems across the State because of its unique structure that allows for a dedicated focus on SUD priorities and has supported unprecedented growth of its SUD systems, LAC has an opportunity to lead the State in its approach to Prop 1.**
 - **BH care integration does not happen with structural changes alone or by default → an integrated BHSA vision will require additional coordination and work beyond the status quo.**

Opportunities to Lead the State in Prop 1 Implementation

- **BIG PICTURE** → Ensuring that the BH in BHSA is meaningful in both words and action (focuses on both SUD and MH priorities)
 - The Interim Housing Outreach Program (IHOP) is a great first start and example.
- **Representation & Focus** → Ensuring true coordination across new BHSA infrastructure and processes to support both SUD and MH priorities
 - BH Commission
 - Integrated Plan development process, including the budget and programming for SUD funds
 - Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report (BHOATR) – expenditures, underspending, performance metrics

Opportunities to Lead the State in Prop 1 Implementation (cont'd)

- **BHSA Housing Investments → Recovery-oriented housing**
 - LAC has been unique in the extent SAPC has invested in recovery-oriented housing across the County.
 - Increased housing investments under BHSA represent an opportunity to further differentiate LAC's approach to homelessness to ensure a continuum of housing options.
- **Prevention → Opportunities outside of BHSA**
 - LAC is unique in terms of SAPC's investments in Prevention, investing more than double the amount that most counties use in their federal Substance Use Block Grant funds to support upstream Prevention, particularly around Positive Youth Development.
 - The importance of upstream investments must not be lost.

Opportunities to Lead the State in Prop 1 Implementation (cont'd)

- **BHSA Bond Investments → SUD capacity**
 - Similar to the BH Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP), SAPC aims to ensure that the bond funds under BHSA are invested to expand BH capacity, inclusive of SUD capacity



Looking Ahead

- **LAC is in a position of strength when it comes to ensuring a robust BH system by ensuring a robust SUD system because of its unique structure with SAPC and DMH.**
- **Dr. Tsai is the only SUD Director on the DHCS Planning Committee for Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT), alongside Dr. Wong from DMH.**
- **SAPC is looking forward to working with DMH, the County Behavioral Health Directors Association (CBHDA), and DHCS to ensure necessary collaborations.**
 - Planning and fiscal analysis to balance the service impacts of BHSA
 - BH Commission
 - Integrated Plan
 - Behavioral Health Outcomes, Accountability, and Transparency Report (BHOATR)



CERTIFIED MEDI-CAL PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS (CMPSS) UPDATES



Zena Yusuf, Provider Support & Health Program Improvement

Peer Updates

- Scholarship cycle 2 reopened in June
 - Simplified application
 - Disbursing scholarships on a first come, first serve basis
 - SAPC Peers [website](#)- Scholarship Opportunity section

- 34 Certified Peers onboarded as of May 1
 - TTC (22), LA CADA (5), Grandview (3)



Upcoming events

- Final Peers PAC info session on 6/24 from 1-2:30pm.

[Register here](#)

- Peers training on 7/16 from 1:30-3:45pm.

[Register here](#)

- Questions [**SAPC_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov**](mailto:SAPC_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov)

Final Peer Info Session

MON **24** JUNE

1-2:30PM

We'll discuss:

- Updates about Certified Peers
- Final recommendations to support your agency in certifying Peers

[Register & join on Teams here](#)

Email SAPC_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov for questions





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Meeting Wrap Up

- **Next meeting:** August 27, 2024 (Virtual) – **New date**
- Brainstorming Topics for Future Meetings
- Decisions/Next Steps
- Meeting Evaluation (+/deltas)





PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Next PAC meeting:

August 13, 2024, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

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