

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (CAOD)**

**Meeting Minute Summary  
June 12, 2024**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Tony Bell, Rebecca Birotte, Bruce Boardman, Amanda Cowan, Deena Duncan, Christina Gonzales, Jack Hadjinian, Lou La Monte, Tonya McKenzie, Juan Navarro, Charles Robbins, Ruben Rodriguez, Avia Rosen, Johnng Ho Song, Jerry G. Velasco, G. Lola Worthington

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Commissioners Edward Elizalde, Jozef Essavi, Alicia Garoupa, Mark Mendoza, Jr., Dean Nakanishi, Bennett Root, Jr., and Howard Winkler

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** N/A

**GUEST REGISTER:** Gary Tsai, M.D., Director for SAPC

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs June 12, 2024 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs May 2024 Minutes – Draft; PowerPoint Presentation: CalAIM’s Behavioral Health Administrative Integration & Prop 1

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair Tony Bell, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 12:37 P.M.  Chair Tony Bell asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests.  Quorum present.
2. Public Comments	No public comment.
3. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absences	Commissioners Edward Elizalde, Jozef Essavi, Alicia Garoupa, Mark Mendoza, Jr., Dean Nakanishi, Bennett Root, Jr., and Howard Winkler have asked to be excused from the June 12, 2024 meeting.  Commissioner Lou LaMonte, and Avia Rosen are appearing remotely by “just cause” in accordance with AB 2449.  Chair Tony Bell entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner G. Lola Worthington and seconded by Commissioner Tonya McKenzie.  Motion was unanimously carried.

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4. Action on Meeting Minutes for May 2024 meeting	<p>Chair Tony Bell entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Charles Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Jerry G. Velasco</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried</p>
5. Presentation on CalAIM's Behavioral Health Administrative Integration and Prop 1	<p>Gary Tsai, M.D., Bureau Director for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) provided a presentation on CalAIM's Behavioral Health Administrative Integration (BHAi) and Prop 1. Some of the topics shared included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medi-Cal Carveouts in California - Three Systems in One <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Physical Health, Specialty Mental Health, and Specialty Substance Used Disorder aka Drug Medi-Cal</li> <li>○ Los Angeles County is the only county in California where specialty mental health and substance used disorder is not under Behavioral Health Department</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Top Four Behavioral Health (BH) Changes Within CalAIM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Behavioral Health Payment Reform</li> <li>○ Behavioral Health Administrative Integration</li> <li>○ Specialty Behavioral Health System Enhancements</li> <li>○ Additional Offerings Through MCPs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• BH Admin Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 11 Components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 24/7 Call Center</li> <li>▪ Screening, Assessment, and Treatment Planning</li> <li>▪ Beneficiary Materials, Appeals, &amp; Grievances</li> <li>▪ Integrated DHCS-County Contract</li> <li>▪ Data Sharing &amp; Privacy</li> <li>▪ Cultural Competence Plans</li> <li>▪ Quality Improvement Plans</li> <li>▪ External Quality Reviews</li> <li>▪ DHCS Compliance Reviews</li> <li>▪ Network Adequacy</li> <li>▪ Provider Oversight</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ 3 Phases - #1: CY 2023-24; #2: CY 2025-26; #3: CY 2027+</li> <li>○ Important Considerations Related to BH Care Integration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CalAIM allows specialty MH and SUD services to be reimbursable across both systems</li> <li>▪ RAND analysis looking at evidence to support how administratively integrating systems through "carve in" found</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Los Angeles County's Approach to BHAi</li> <li>○ SAPC's Work-In-Progress</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Prop 1 – Behavioral Health Transformation and spoke on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of Prop 1</li> <li>• Key Behavioral Health Services Act Changes</li> <li>• Opportunities for Los Angeles County to Lead the State in Prop 1 Implementation</li> </ul>

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6. Discussion: Behavioral Health Administrative Integration and Collaboration Between SAPC and Department of Mental Health	The Commission will wait on additional information from the report to take a position when the details are presented.
7. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	No updates
8. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:18 P.M.

**Next meeting date:**  
 July 10, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.  
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