



# PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Microsoft Teams  
February 13, 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

<b>2:00 – 2:05</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>2:05 – 2:10</b>	<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023</b>
<b>2:10 – 2:35</b>	<b>Workgroup Updates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Business Technology</b></li><li>• <b>Key Indicators</b></li><li>• <b>Building Communities of Belonging</b></li><li>• <b>Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists</b></li><li>• <b>2024 PAC Awards</b></li></ul>
<b>2:35 – 3:50</b>	<b>Discussion Items</b>
<b>3:50 – 3:55</b>	<b>Meeting Wrap Up</b>
<b>3:55 - 4:00</b>	<b>Public Comments</b>

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# APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2023 Meeting

*Armen Ter-Barsegyan, Systems of Care, DPH*

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# PAC Motion: December 12 Meeting Minutes

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





# BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY WORKGROUP UPDATE

*Jim Symington, Compator*  
*Aris Tubadeza, AADAP*

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# Business Technology Workgroup Update

- HIDEX overview for workgroup meeting on January 25, 2024

## Companion Guide



## Resource List



E-mail Armen Ter-Barsegyan [Ater-barsegyan@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:Ater-barsegyan@ph.lacounty.gov) to join workgroup (Open to all SUD providers)



# KEY INDICATORS WORKGROUP UPDATE

*Jonathan Higgins, Beacon House*

*Christina González, Impact*



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# Key Indicators Workgroup Meeting

- KI Workgroup “Successful Completion Survey” completed 12/18/2023
  - Examining treatment outcomes and perceptions of various outcomes
- KI Workgroup team to distribute PAC-wide “Metrics of Success” data
  - Looking to broaden pool of respondents, strengthen data



**Next Meeting: Monday, February 26 | 3pm – 5pm**

E-mail Armen Ter-Barsegyan [Ater-barsegyan@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:Ater-barsegyan@ph.lacounty.gov) to join workgroup



# 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

## Strategies for Advancing BCB Priorities

### Improving Language Assistance

- Leveraging the Language Add-on Rate
- Written Material Translation
- Fostering Bilingual Workforce

### Leadership Updates

- Junie Gonzalez of Cri-Help appointed as co-chair with Maricela Gray for the BCB workgroup.



**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 | 9am – 10am**

E-mail Armen Ter-Barsegyan [Ater-barsegyan@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:Ater-barsegyan@ph.lacounty.gov) to join workgroup







# Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists (CMPSS) Updates



*Zena Yusuf, Provider Support & Health Program Improvement*

# New Resources

Resource	Scan QR Code	
<p>Peer Certification <a href="#">Scholarship Application</a> and <a href="#">Scholarship Information</a></p> <p>Can cover all costs related to certification!</p>	<p>Application</p> 	<p>Information</p> 
<p><a href="#">Documentation Guide</a></p> <p>Includes examples for how to document Peer support services</p>		
<p><a href="#">SAPC Peers Website</a></p> <p>Includes links and information about scholarship</p>		



# Upcoming Events



Event	Date	Time	Link	Scan QR code
<b>Peer Info Session</b>	Wednesday, February 14, 2024	1pm – 2pm	Teams <a href="#">link</a> to join Meeting ID: 249 457 282 723 Passcode: UdRaYS	
<b>Enriching Substance Use Treatment with Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Services</b>	Thursday, April 4, 2024	9am- 11:15am	Registration link: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/calendar/Apr2024/PeerSupport040424.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/calendar/Apr2024/PeerSupport040424.pdf</a>	
<b>Connecting Clinical Documentation to Medi-Cal Codes for Counselors and Certified Peers</b>	Monday, March 11, 2024	9:30am- 12pm	Registration link: <a href="http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/calendar/Mar2024/SUDCounselor031124.pdf">http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/calendar/Mar2024/SUDCounselor031124.pdf</a>	

For new trainings, including Radical Hospitality, visit the [CST training page](#)

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- For Technical Assistance, e-mail [SAPC.CST@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:SAPC.CST@ph.lacounty.gov)



# 2024 PAC Awards



*Liana Sanchez, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse*



# 2024 PAC Awards Planning

- 10 PAC members
- Changes from last year:
  - Online application
  - Individual awards
  - Emphasizing specific examples



## Categories

### Individual awards

- Frontline Heroes
- Leadership

### Agency awards

- Collaborative Spirit
- Community Impact



# PAC Discussion Items



# Provider Manual 8.0 AWOL Policy

*William Taetzsch, Didi Hirsch*

Service	Due Date
<p>Data Submission (CalOMS/LACPRS) &amp; AWOL Policy</p>	<p><b><u>CalOMS/LACPRS Data Submission</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission Data: Within <b>seven (7) calendar days</b> of a patient's entry to treatment.</li> <li>• Discharge Data: On the day of discharge.</li> <li>• Annual Updates: Must submit no later than 12 months from the patient's admission anniversary date. Can submit as early as 60 days prior to the individual's admission date anniversary.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Absence Without Leave (AWOL) Policy</u></b></p> <p>Patients frequently leave without notice, resulting in varying Absence Without Leave (AWOL) policies among providers. These discrepancies often lead to delays in the admission process, particularly in the submission of CalOMS/LACPRS data for subsequent providers. To enhance the efficiency of patient transitions and admissions to CalOMS across network, the following unified policy is hereby established:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. For Non-OTP Levels of Care (ASAM 0.5, Outpatient, Intensive Outpatient, Withdrawal Management, Residential, Recovery Services):</b> If a patient fails to appear for the scheduled appointment, the provider should make efforts to reengage the patient before discharging the patient from CalOMS and the treatment program <b>within 14 calendar days from the scheduled appointment date</b>. However, if another provider contacts the original provider with the intention of opening a CalOMS/LACPRS record for the patient who attended their program, the original provider should promptly discharge the patient from CalOMS/LACPRS. The discharge date should correspond to the date of the patient's last face-to-face or telehealth treatment session or MAT service. They shall document the actual date of discharge as the "Discharge Process Date" in the relevant CalOMS Discharge forms.</li> <li><b>2. For Opioid Treatment Program (OTP):</b> If a patient fails to appear for the scheduled appointment, the provider should make efforts to reengage the patient before discharging the patient from CalOMS and the treatment program <b>within 30 calendar days from the scheduled appointment date</b>. If a patient misses their scheduled appointment, the provider should endeavor to reengage the patient within 30 calendar days before initiating the discharge process from CalOMS and the treatment program. However, if another provider contacts the original provider with the intention of opening a CalOMS record for the patient who attended their program, the original provider should promptly discharge the patient from CalOMS. The discharge date should correspond to the date of the patient's last face-to-face or telehealth treatment session. They shall document the actual date of discharge as the "Discharge Process Date" in the relevant CalOMS Discharge forms.</li> </ol>

# Professional Opportunities

*William Taetzsch, Didi Hirsch*





# SAPC Discussion Items





# "LOW BARRIER RESIDENTIAL POLICIES" AND "LOW BARRIER TOXICOLOGY/DRUG TEST POLICIES."

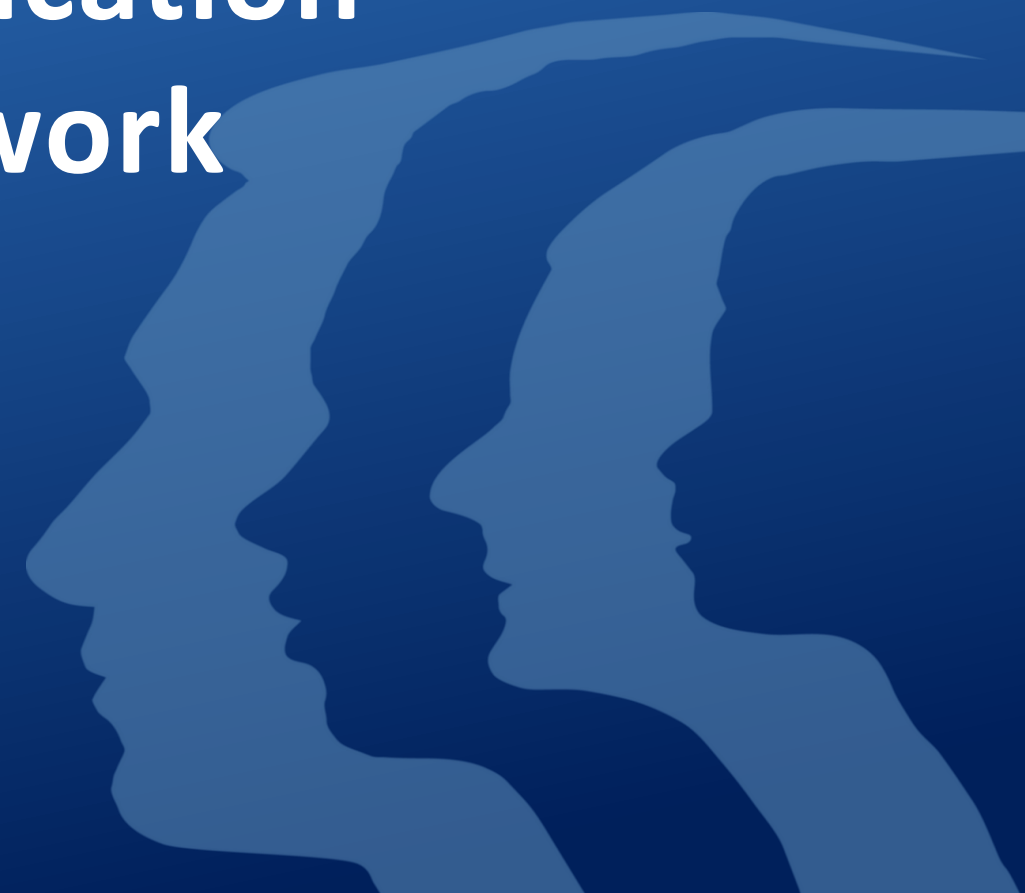
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Brian Hurley, M.D., M.B.A., FAPA, DFASAM  
Medical Director, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control  
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# Advancing Addiction Medication Services within SAPC Network



## Contract Bulletins


Open All

### Bulletins 2024


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– Attachment C - Patient Eligibility for Addiction Medications <i>(New - January 2024)</i>	 01/05/24
– Attachment D - Administration, Storage, and Disposal of Addiction Medications <i>(New - January 2024)</i>	 01/05/24
– Attachment E - Addiction Medication Training Requirements for Staff <i>(New - January 2024)</i>	 01/05/24
– Attachment F - Accessing Addiction Medications in Los Angeles County <i>(New - January 2024)</i>	 01/05/24
– Attachment G - Incidental Medical Services <i>(New - January 2024)</i>	 01/05/24
– Optional Policy Template A for Non-Residential Non-OTP Treatment Sites <i>(New - January 2024)</i>	 01/05/24
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beneficial treatment with buprenorphine on intake, throughout the admission, and at discharge. This shall include arranging follow-up appointments scheduled prior to discharge with coordination of access to addiction medication services arranged to ensure that sufficient buprenorphine is available until the next scheduled follow-up appointment.

**EFFECTIVE PERIOD**

This guidance is effective beginning July 1, 2022.


Treatment agencies shall return a copy of their addiction medication policy to both the assigned SAPC Contract Program Auditor and to your assigned DHCS licensing analyst on or before January 9, 2024. Any subsequent changes in a treatment agency’s addiction medication policy requires a written notice to both the assigned SAPC Contract Program Auditor and to the assigned DHCS licensing analyst.

Attached to this information notice are three optional policy templates applicable to three different categories of treatment sites that agencies may customize, as needed, in order to meet the requirement to have addiction medication policies and procedure: Non-Residential Treatment Sites, Residential Treatment Sites, and Opioid Treatment Program Sites. Agencies that operate multiple levels of care applicable to more than one of these categories and who use these templates to adhere to this information notice should submit addiction medication policies using **each** applicable policy template. For example, agencies with both non-residential and residential treatment sites should submit **both** non-residential and residential addiction medication policies.


**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For additional questions or requests, please contact your assigned Contract Program Auditor.

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Addiction medications for youth should be considered and used when deemed clinically appropriate by a licensed prescribing clinician. Research and clinical experience have not identified any age-specific safety concerns for addiction medications and all treatment options should be considered for patients of all ages.

The current versions of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved package inserts that include information about each medication's FDA labeled indication(s) and recommended dosages, warnings/precautions, administration, storage, disposal, and considerations for special populations are available for download through *Drugs@FDA FDA-Approved Drugs Database*:

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cder/daf/index.cfm>

REQUIRED MEDICATIONS FOR OPIOID USE DISORDER

- Methadone
- Buprenorphine
- Naltrexone



REQUIRED MEDICATIONS FOR ALCOHOL USE DISORDER

- Naltrexone
- Acamprosate
- Disulfiram

REQUIRED MEDICATIONS FOR TOBACCO USE DISORDER

- Nicotine Replacement Therapy
- Varenicline
- Bupropion

Refer to the subsequent clinical considerations that include additional information related to addiction medication services.

- Attachment E - Addiction Medication Training Requirements for Staff *(New - January 2024)*  01/05/24
- Attachment F - Accessing Addiction Medications in Los Angeles County *(New - January 2024)*  01/05/24

### List 1: Community Sites Who Provide Addiction Medication Services

- **Los Angeles County Clinic Directory for Addiction Medication Services**

<http://losangelesmat.org/search>

*Note: List interface lists the name, address, phone number, website (when available), distance to the external partner, and lists which specific addiction medications are available at each location.*

- **Los Angeles County Substance Use Treatment Bed and Availability Tool**

<http://sapccis.ph.lacounty.gov/sbat>

*Note: This interface lists DPH-SAPC contracted OTP and non OTP sites of care. OTP sites of care can be identified using the OTP checkbox in the filter. Other sites of care which offer MAT can be identified using Medications for Addiction Treatment (MAT) checkbox in the filter.*

*The address functionality on the site can be used to determine the distance between where the patient is the distance to the external partner.*

- **Los Angeles County Addiction Medication Consultation Line**

**213-288-9090**

*Note: DPH-SAPC contracted agencies can access on-demand addiction medicine telephone consultation via this access line between 8a and 12a, 7 days a week.*

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## Prescribing Clinician Cost Sharing Capacity Building Funding Opportunity

- Additional Capacity Building Start Up Funding (will be in new category 1E)
- \$150,000 during the first year, \$50,000 during the second year
- Requires recruiting and retaining medical clinician time (physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant) to provide medication services billed through SAPC for patients enrolled in treatment.
- Funds up to 1.0 FTE (initially) per SAPC contracted agency.
- Intended to complement provider agency investments to integrate medication services delivered as part of your agency's services.
- Can cover medication services provided remotely, but a portion of the medication services needs to be available in-person and on site.
- SAPC guidance forthcoming on invoice and implementation plan, anticipated due date of 3/31/2024.

## Questions?

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[bhurley@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:bhurley@ph.lacounty.gov)

Interested in more? Come to:

- ASAM Annual Meeting  
(Dallas in April 2024!)  
<http://www.asam.org>
- CSAM Annual Meeting  
(San Francisco Aug 2024!)  
<http://csam-asam.org>
- AAAP Annual Meeting  
(San Diego Dec 2023)  
<http://www.aaap.org>



# VOLUNTEERS

*Michelle Gibson, Treatment Systems of Care Deputy Director, SAPC*

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# Meeting Wrap Up

- **Next meeting:** April 9, 2024 (Virtual)
- Brainstorming Topics for Future Meetings
- Decisions/Next Steps
- Meeting Evaluation (+/deltas)







# PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Next PAC meeting:

April 9, 2024, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting



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