



# Provider Advisory Committee Meeting

The Alhambra, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Bldg. A9 East  
Microsoft Teams  
July 12, 2022  
2PM – 4PM

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

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# Agenda

2:00 - 2:05	Welcome
2:05 – 2:10	Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 10, 2022
2:10 – 2:30	Recognition of Termed Out PAC Members
2:30 – 2:50	FY 2022 – 2024 Member Selection Process & Results
2:50 – 3:10	SAPC Announcements
3:10 – 3:20	Feature CalAIM Update - July 2022 Documentation Changes
3:20 – 3:35	Workgroup Updates
3:35 – 3:40	PAC Member Item
3:40 – 3:45	Future PAC Meeting Dates
3:45 – 3:50	Brainstorming Topics for Future Meetings
3:50 – 3:55	Meeting Wrap Up
3:55 - 4:00	Public Comments

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# Welcome

Dr. Gary Tsai, Director, DPH-SAPC

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# Approval of Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2022 Meeting

Kyle Kennedy, Systems of Care, DPH-SAPC



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# Recognition of Termed Out PAC Members

Gary Tsai, Director, DPH-SAPC

Kathy Watt, Van Ness Recovery House

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## Termed Out PAC Members

<b>Ken Bachrach</b>	Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.
<b>Cory Brosch</b>	Phoenix House California
<b>Lisa K. Campana</b>	LA Bio Med/Options for Recovery
<b>JoAnn M. Hemstreet</b>	Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
<b>Elan Javanfard</b>	Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
<b>Felipe Kaiser</b>	Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc.
<b>Rocio Quezada</b>	California Hispanic Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Inc.
<b>Edgar U. Sebastian</b>	Helpline Youth Counseling, Inc.
<b>William V. Tarkanian</b>	Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse
<b>Tenesha Taylor</b>	Watts Healthcare Corporation
<b>Shelly D. Wood</b>	Grandview Foundation, Inc.

**We thank you for your service!**



# FY 2022 – 2024 Member Selection Process and Results

Gary Tsai, Director, DPH-SAPC  
Kathy Watt, Van Ness Recovery House

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# New Member Selection Process

## SELECTION COMMITTEE

### PAC Members

1. Kathy Watt (Co-Chair)
2. Deena Duncan
3. Christina Gonzales
4. Denise Shook

### SAPC Staff

5. Daniel Deniz
6. Stephanie Chen
7. Marika Medrano
8. Dr. Nima Amini
9. Ami Shah

FY 2022-24 Selection Process Details	#
<b>Open PAC Slots</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Applications Reviewed</b>	<b>14</b>
<b># of Reviewers Per Application</b>	<b>2</b>





# Introducing the FY 2022 – 24 Cohort

1. **Jose Aguilar**, Grandview Foundation
2. **Nina Glassman**, Roots Through Recovery
3. **Colette Harley**, SHIELDS for Families
4. **JoAnn Hemstreet\***, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
5. **Hiroko Makiyama**, Koreatown Youth and Community Center, Inc.
6. **Nely Meza**, Casa Treatment Center
7. **Rocio Quezada\***, Helpline Youth Counseling
8. **Liana Sanchez**, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse
9. **James (Jim) Symington III**, Compator, Inc.
10. **William Taetzsch**, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
11. **Aris Tubadeza**, AADAP, Inc.

\*Returning for a second term

# PAC MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

Members most effectively contribute to the PAC by participating in a **bi-directional exchange of information and ideas** that can be used to shape SADC policies and decisions.

1. Ability to dedicate at least 4/hours a month, if needed (e.g. workgroups).
2. Understand SUD policies & procedures, state regs, & certification standards.
3. Promote and implement changes to advance & grow system.
4. Discuss issues & recs at committee meetings & disseminate pertinent info to network providers.
5. Attend all meetings; if unable, designate a representative. Discontinue membership if miss two meetings within a 12-month period.
6. Submit notification in writing if no longer able to serve.

Source: [PAC Bylaws](#)



# SAPC Announcements

Dr. Gary Tsai, Director, DPH-SAPC

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# Announcements

- **Updating MAT Policies & Procedures at the Agency-Level**
- **PAC Awards**
- **CalAIM Updates**
  - Certified Peer Support Specialist Program
  - Payment Reform
  - BHCIP



# Feature CalAIM Update – July 2022 Documentation Changes

Dr. Brian Hurley, Medical Director, DPH-SAPC

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# Agenda

- **Inter County Transfer of Medi-Cal Benefits (ICT)**
- **Updating FE for MyHealthLA Enrollees now Eligible for Medi-Cal**
- **Reminder: New Adult Paper-Based ASAM for SAGE Downtimes**
- **CalAIM Documentation Redesign**
- **Open Discussion**



Home Apply For Benefits Programs Help

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04/27/2022

**LA County users:**

Please create a new account in BenefitsCal and link to your case to access your benefits. Welcome to BenefitsCal!

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## Welcome to BenefitsCal.

Here you can apply for Medi-Cal, CalFresh and CalWORKS.

Ready? Let's do this.

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Apply Now

See If You Qualify



Do I Qualify?



# DPSS Customer Service Center

- **Local numbers**

- (626) 569-1399
- (310) 258-7400
- (818) 701-8200

- **Toll Free**

- (866) 613-3777

- **Hours**

- Monday – Friday from 7:30AM – 7:30PM
- Saturdays from 8:00AM – 4:30PM
- We are closed on all County Holidays



## Intercounty Transfer Verification

- SAPC updated MEDS visibility; SAPC can now verify updated county of residence listed in MEDS file
- Per [BHIN 21-023](#), LA County of residence is sufficient, effective for dates of service 7/1/2021 onward, for establishing Medi-Cal eligibility



## Essential Contact Info

- For a specific authorization question, contact the care manager named in SAGE
- UM General number: **(626) 299-3531** and email: [SAPC.QI.UM@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:SAPC.QI.UM@ph.lacounty.gov)
- Netsmart Helpdesk for SAGE technical problems/questions: **(855) 346-2392**
- Phone Number to file an appeal: **(626) 299-4532**
- Providers or patients who have questions or concerns after receiving a Grievance and Appeals (G&A) Resolution Letter should contact the **G&A number** at **(626) 293-2846**

### Clarification

- Phone Number to follow-up with an appeal after receiving a resolution letter: **(626) 293-2846**

## Updating FE for MyHealthLA Enrollees now Eligible for Medi-Cal

Los Angeles County

### **START-ODS**

System Transformation  
To Advance Recovery  
and Treatment



## **Documenting Changes in Financial Eligibility Status**

# Updating FE for MyHealthLA Enrollees now Eligible for Medi-Cal



<b>Coverage Expiration Date</b>
05/31/2020
<b>Effective Date Of Contract</b>
01/01/2000

Figure 2: Coverage Expiration Date for Applying for Medi-Cal After Benefits Acquisition

The “DMC Medi-Cal” guarantor must be added and set as the primary guarantor using the “Change Order” arrows to move “California Department of Alcohol and Drugs” to the top of the list order (Figure 3). Providers must ensure the “**Coverage Effective Date**” (Figure 4) within the guarantor details corresponds to the same date the Medi-Cal benefits became effective. This information is available on the benefits card or the notification sent to the patient. It is recommended that the patient apply online through the YBN portal so that any needed information can be accessed online easily.

Guarantor Selection	
Change Order	Guarantor Name
↓ ↑	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRU
↓ ↑	LA County - Non DMC
↓ ↑	Applying for Medi-Cal
-- Guarantors -- <input type="button" value="Add Guarantor"/>	

Figure 3: Benefits Acquired During Treatment



<http://www.asam.org/asam-criteria/criteria-intake-assessment-form>

ASAM CRITERIA

# Free Paper-Based ASAM Criteria Assessment Interview Guide

Developed by ASAM and the UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs with funding from the California Department of Health Care Services, this addiction treatment resource supports increased quality and consistency of patient assessments and individualized, patient-centered care.

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The ASAM Criteria® Assessment Interview Guide is the first publicly available standardized version of the *ASAM Criteria* assessment. With this release, ASAM and UCLA hope to increase the quality and consistency of patient assessments and treatment recommendations. This resource can also help assist states looking to facilitate continuity and consistency in substance use disorder (SUD) treatment delivery and coverage.

Because it is paper-based, offered **free to all clinicians**, and can be used in many different clinical contexts, the Guide enhances the public utility of *The ASAM Criteria's* multidimensional assessment approach for the addiction treatment community.



## CalAIM Documentation Redesign (BHIN 22-019)

- DHCS removed the requirement to have a point-in-time treatment plan and the requirement that each chart note tie to the treatment plan, effective 7/1/2022 for **non-OTP LOCs**.
- DHCS removed the requirement for clients to sign the treatment plan, effective 7/1/2022, **for non-OTP LOCs**.
- DHCS now requires problem lists to allow active and ongoing updates of a client's evolving clinical picture
- Progress notes reflecting the plan of care, and verification of appropriate billing should align with progress notes.
- See Provider Meeting materials and video via <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/NetworkProviders/Regulations.htm>



## Timeline

- The primary users will use the presented instructions when SAGE is available to submit a problem list
- The Problem List Form will be posted on SAPC's Forms page:  
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/NetworkProviders/Forms.htm>
- As usual for the clinical form process; secondary providers could submit their problem list form following the SAPC Problem List Form standards to SAPC by sending to: [SAPC.QI.UM@PH.LACOUNTY.GOV](mailto:SAPC.QI.UM@PH.LACOUNTY.GOV) for review/approval

# Q&A / Discussion

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.

Socrates





# PAC Workgroup Updates

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# PAC Workgroup Updates

- **Funding Utilization Workgroup**

*Shelly Wood*

- **Reaching the 95% Workgroup**

*Deena Duncan*

- **Business Technology Workgroup**

*David Hindman & Samson Kung*

## ***PAC Workgroups***

- *Established based on SAPC's need to address gaps*
- *Providers study a particular problem and draft recommendations*

Source: [PAC Bylaws](#)

# **Provider Advisory Committee Business Technology Subcommittee**

## **Next Meeting Dates**

- Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 10:30AM-12:00PM
- Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 03:00PM-04:30PM

## **Standing Agenda Items**

- Update on SAPC-IT Initiatives
- Update on Sage Initiatives and Enhancements
- Provider Identified Business Technology Perspectives and Priorities

**HIDEX Technical Updates and Discussion Meeting for  
Secondary Providers to be scheduled this month**



## PAC Member Item

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## Future PAC Meeting Dates Anulkah Thomas, Systems of Care

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# Future PAC Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

# Future Workgroup Meeting Dates

Reaching the 95%	Business Technology
Monday, July 18 from 2 – 3:30 pm	Tuesday, August 23 from 10:30-12pm
Thursday, August 4 from 2:30 - 4 pm	Thursday, November 17 from 3-4:30pm
Thursday, Sept 1 from 2:30 - 4 pm	
Thursday, October 6 from 2:30 - 4 pm	
Thursday, November 3 from 2:30 - 4 pm	

Please contact Kathy Watt ([wattvnrh@aol.com](mailto:wattvnrh@aol.com)) or Anulkah Thomas ([athomas2@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:athomas2@ph.lacounty.gov)) if interested in joining.



# Brainstorming Topics for Future Meetings

Emily Caesar, Systems of Care

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# Meeting Wrap-Up

1. Decisions/Next Steps
2. Meeting Evaluation

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# Public Comments

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# Adjourn

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