COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
Provider Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary – August 11, 2026

PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) MEMBERS PRESENT (20): Dr. Brian Hurley, M.D., (Co-Chair), Nely Meza-Andrade (Co-Chair), Celia Aragon; Adrian Reveles (Elizabeth McGhee – proxy); April Torres; Brianna Monroy; Dylan Grace; Erin Quinn; Hiroko Makiyama; Irene Lim; Jim Symington; Jina Tintor; Kelly Steiner; Leslie Salguero; Liana Sanchez; Lynetta Hale; Rosa Rios; Sarah Blanch; Seth Blackburn; Zainab Mohammed

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL REPRESENTATIVES (47): Aliya Buttar; Alyssa Cohen; Antonne Moore; Artur Fosyan; Belia Sardinha; Bernie Lau; Binaka Patel; Cailey Barnes; Carina Dominguez; Chloe Yuan; Christina Villegas; Christine Cerven; Daniel Deniz; David Flores; David Hindman; Esther Orellana; Ethan Chang; Francisco Reyes; Gladys Nahidi; Graciela Guardado; Greg Schwarz; Ilish Perez; Ivan Barragan; Janet Kim; Jody Xu; Julia Sandoval; Julie Monji; Katherine Li; Katherine Sutherland; Kimberly-lynn Otello; Lauren Trosclair Duncan; Linda Hamill; Liz Olson; Maria Au; Maria Elena Chavez; Marissa Palmer; Michelle Gibson; Mikayla Ragsdale; Monsi Portillo; Nancy Crosby; Nima Amini; Suri Mijares; Teresa De Anda; Tina Kim; Vanessa Lam; Yanira A. Lima; Zena Yusuf

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (52): Albert Melena (San Fernando Valley Partnership); Amy Mcilvaine (CIBHS); Baldomero Gonzalez (CRI-Help); Ashley Yuen; Bryan Mathews; Cassandra Tamayo (Social Model); Christy Beaudin (HealthRIGHT360); Cindy Boada-Doutt (Child & Family Center); Claudia Hathcock (Day One); Claudia Murillo-Hernandez (CIBHS); Dan George (HealthRIGHT360); Ebony Dolphin (Social Model); Efrain Marquez (BHS); Elena Ruiz (House of Hope); Emylze Garcia (CIBHS); Heidi Sanders (HealthRIGHT360); Ingrid Soto (L.A. CADA); Jaime Piscione (Child & Family Center); Jeanie Hansen (A Safe Refuge); Jessica Ortiz; Jonathan Irving (American Health Services); Juan Navarro (L.A. CADA); Karen Marder (NCADD-SFV); Kathy Watt (Van Ness Recovery); Krystal Edwards (CIBHS); Leena Syhapanha (HealthRIGHT360); Lisa Moreno (HealthRIGHT360); Lorna Flores (American Health Services); Maria Rodarte (Salvation Army); Maricela Gray (House of Hope); Marilyn Magana (Tarzana Treatment Centers); Martin Toledo (CIBHS); Maydy Bran-Orona (Parents Anonymous); Micheal Rubio (L.A. CADA); Michelle Palmer (BHS); Mireya Melendez (HOPICS); Nichole Garner (House of Hope); Nicole Centeno (Day One); Nzinga Garvey (CLARE|MATRIX); Ollie Alfaro (TWLM); Patric Brillhart (L.A. CADA); Paula Torres (Compatior); Pranab Banskota (CIBHS); Priscilla Ocampo (Tarzana Treatment Centers); Richard Cuevas (Chabad); Rosalyn Son; Sarah Redfield (Phoenix House); Stephan Salazar (Phoenix House); Tomas Robles (San Fernando Valley Partnership); Vanessa Ramirez (HealthRIGHT360); Veronica Diaz (Tarzana Treatment Centers); Yvonne Barron

ABSENT (3): Claire Kobren, Colette Harley, José Salazar

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: PAC Meeting Agenda; PAC Meeting Minutes (June 9, 2026); Meeting Presentation Slides

Topic	Discussion/Finding	Recommendations, Action, Follow-up
Welcome	**Dr. Brian Hurley, M.D., Interim Bureau Director, Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health (DPH), Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC)**	

Approval of Meeting Minutes	**Janet Kim (DPH)** • Janet Kim (DPH) presented the minutes from the June 9, 2026 PAC meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Erin Quinn (CRI-Help) and seconded by Lynetta Hale (Social Model Recovery Systems).	The minutes from the 6/9/2026 meeting were approved and posted on PAC webpage.
Building Communities of Belonging Workgroup	**Hiroko Makiyama (KYCC)** • Hiroko Makiyama (KYCC) reported that the BCB workgroup met in July. She encouraged members to participate in the Behavioral Health Services Administration (BHSA) planning process through the Department of Mental Health (DMH) committees, including Service Area Leadership Teams and Underserved Cultural Communities committees so SUD perspectives can be better represented in behavioral health. • Hiroko reminded volunteers that the SAPC's "Laying the Foundation: SAPC Expectations for Culturally Responsive SUD Services" training is available for testing on SAPC-LNC. The training will be available to the public before December 2026. • Nely Meza-Andrade (Casa Treatment Center for Women) invited members to join the Women-Centered Care Sub-workgroup to discuss challenges that adult and adolescent women face in accessing SUD treatment services and explore interventions and resources that can help reduce those barriers.	The Women-Centered Care Subworkgroup meeting will be rescheduled to September 24, 2026 from 11 AM – 12 PM.
2026 SUD Champions of Change Awards	**Bernie Lau (DPH)** • Bernie Lau (DPH) announced that 99 nominations were received for the 2026 SUD Champions of Change Awards and thanked members of the selection committee for reviewing the nominations. • Winners will be announced at the September All Treatment Provider Meeting.	2026 SUD Champions of Change awards will be presented at the 9/16 ATP Meeting.
H.R. 1 Discussion	**Celia Aragon (Behavioral Health Servies) and April Torres (HealthRIGHT 360)** • Dr. Hurley (DPH) reported on the current status of H.R. 1 and the effects on Medi-Cal eligibility, renewals, and coverage. He emphasized the need for readiness throughout the provider network and addressed questions on the work requirement mandate and behavioral health/SUD exemptions. • PAC members shared strategies their agencies are adopting to prepare their staff. • Dan George (HeathRIGHT 360) posed questions on how to educate staff and clients and highlighted the need to create a forum to share information and discuss these changes as providers and partners.	
Medi-Cal Eligibility Workgroup	**Bernie Lau (DPH)** • Bernie Lau (DPH) outlined the initial steps of creating a new workgroup to address Medi-Cal eligibility and redetermination issues. • Workgroup membership is open to PAC members and provider network staff who are knowledgeable in eligibility verification and enrollment workflows.	Individuals interested in joining the workgroup should- e-mail SAPC-SOC@ph.lacounty.gov to be included in the first meeting.

PAC Meeting Participation	**Nely Meza-Andrade (Casa Treatment Center for Women)** • Nely Meza-Andrade (Casa Treatment Center for Women) led a discussion on ideas to facilitate in-person meeting attendance and participation of PAC members. Suggestions included rotating sites, incentivizing participation through networking opportunities before/after meetings, appointing delegates to attend in person, and changing the meeting schedule to accommodate standing conflicts or avoid traffic. • Bernie Lau (DPH) solicited proposals for alternate days/times for a PAC member survey to determine if a different meeting schedule would promote more in-person participation from the PAC.	A survey will be sent to PAC members to explore alternative days/times for 2027 PAC meeting dates. Results of the survey will be covered at the next PAC meeting.
Provider Manual 11.0	**Dr. Brian Hurley (DPH)** • Dr. Hurley (DPH) invited questions and feedback from the Provider Manual 11.0 Meeting held last week. • Ilish Pérez (DPH) reported that 22 responses have been received for the feedback survey. She will send a follow-up email to solicit additional responses.	Provider Manual 11.0 feedback survey results will be shared at the next PAC meeting.
Equitable Access and Updated Workflows	**Antonne Moore (DPH)** • Christina Villegas (DPH) announced that the bilingual bonus incentive program will be resuming in FY26-27. Providers may refer to SAPC IN 26-12 or SAPC's Cultural Responsiveness and Language Assistance (CRLA) website for more information. • Christina reminded providers that they will have the opportunity to use the Network Adequacy Certification Application (NACA) portal in October to make changes to the SBAT, such as special populations, language capabilities, and new/deactivated sites. • Antonne Moore (DPH) announced updates to MCP workflows, such as new forms in Sage to meet State requirements for data exchange and care coordination with MCP partners. There will be a training for the provider network in November.	Providers should designate coordinators to access the NACA portal to make updates as needed. Antonne will present additional updates to the MCP workflows at the next PAC meeting.
CO-Triage Screening Pull-Forward	**Dr. Esther Orellana (DPH)** • Dr. Orellana (DPH) conducted a demonstration of pulling forward information to carry over responses from a CO-Triage screening into an agency's continuum or follow-up assessment. • Dr. Hurley (DPH) emphasized the utility of providers having visibility on questions that were already posed to clients. He solicited feedback on how to inform staff fielding calls and referrals from SASH and CENS of this feature.	
Public Comments	No public comments were offered.	
Next Meeting	**Reminder: Next Provider Advisory Committee Meeting** • The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2026, from 2 PM – 4 PM.	There are no changes to the 2026 PAC meeting schedule.

Reviewed and Approved: Y.Lima