

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS**

**Meeting Minute Summary
May 14, 2025**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners Alicia Garoupa, Amanda Cowan, Ana Maria Quintana, Bruce Boardman, Charles Robbins, Deena Duncan, Howard Winkler, Jack Hadjinian, Jerry Velasco, John Ho Song, Juan Navarro, Rebecca Birotte, Ruben Rodriguez, Tony Bell, Tonya McKenzie

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioner Christina Gonzales

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Avia Rosen and Mark Mendoza Jr.

GUEST REGISTER: Joe Banez

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs May 14, 2025 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs April Meeting Summary – Draft; 2025 Strategic Priorities -Draft.

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs convened the meeting at 12:33 P.M.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests.</p> <p>Quorum present.</p>
2. Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Joe Banez is from Shatter Proof and his organization addresses addiction in the County and across the United States. He looks forward to partner with the Commission and the County. Would like to learn about the Commission's priorities to also find ways to uplift and amplify the hard work of the providers in the County to those who need treatment.• Shatter Proof Events: Walks for nonprofit's, virtual provider roundtables for those trying to figure out how to navigate and utilize the site, they attend events where they table, exhibit and speak to people to spread awareness.
3. Report from SAPC	<p>Dr. Tsai, Bureau Director, Stephanie Chen, Prevention Services Division Chief and Yanira Lima, Systems of Care Division Chief of SAPC presented on the following: Youth Prevention and Treatment Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Tsai provided the following update from SAPC:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Federal Changes<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Medicaid Waiver Perspective - could be significant but right now it's not a present focus.▪ Federal Block Grant perspective- New Budget that was released on 5/13/2025 that outlined a little bit more specifics around what they may be thinking at the federal level.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Key Highlights of Budget release: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gov. Newsom proposed revise budget and proposed changes to coverage for undocumented populations in California. • House released budget around a copay proposal where people on Medicaid would have to pay a copay of up to \$35 and that can be significant for us. • Changes to eligibility period where currently someone is eligible for 12 months and it will be shortened to 6 months and again that can create scenarios where it can be impactful. • Retroactive Medicaid eligibility • Realignment would stay steady • Primary Prevention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SAPC Key Strategies ○ Prevention Categories: Universal, Selective and Indicated ○ Program Highlight: LA County Social Places and Opportunities for Teens (SPOT) Program is operating in unincorporated areas of the county, which are in communities with concentrated poverty. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Serves Youths in grades 7-12 in high need communities and aims to promote equity in recreation services while fostering youth development and protective factors. For more information visit: https://parks.lacounty.gov/ourspot/. • Youth SUD Treatment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategies Expanding SUD Services and Reach for Youth, TAY, and Caregivers ○ State level: CalAIM unrestricted for Medi-cal coverage for all ages ○ Local Level: R95, Reimaging Youth SUD Engagement (RYSE), Building Relationships, Inspiring Development, Growing Engagement (BRIDGE) ○ Ongoing implementation • Expanding SUD Services and Reach – RYSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Roadmap for RYSE: Listening sessions with Youth, TAY and Treatment Providers, Reimaging Environments for SUD Engagement and Treatment (RESET) Funds, RYSE Upgrade the Program, Field-Based Services Enhanced • Supporting and Reaching Caregivers in SUD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BRIDGE Program is available at 233 youth treatment locations covering all Service Planning Areas and Supervisorial Districts ○ BRIDGE Services: Early Family Engagement Services, Family Education, Community Outreach and Engagement, Family Support Groups, Leadership and Mentoring Programs, Positive Family Developing Program • Expanding SUD Services and Reach – MAT and School Reach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Addiction Medication initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Youth Addiction Medication (MAT) Learning Collaborative ▪ Youth Opioid Response (YOR) Workgroup ○ Better reach into Schools:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ School-Level (FBS): Expand the delivery of SUD services on individual campuses ▪ District-Level collaboration: Partner with LAUSD to update the MOU and Service Delivery Agreement to support broader access to Early Intervention & SUD treatment services across campuses • Expanding SUD Services in Juvenile Justice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Juvenile Detention Facilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Expansion of SUD services planned for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ▪ CalAIM Justice-Involved Initiative
4. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absence	<p>Commissioner Christina Gonzalez has asked to be excused from the May 14, 2025, meeting.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Howard Winkler and seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Birotte.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p> <p>Commissioner Charles Robbins is appearing remotely in accordance to AB2449 “emergency circumstances” for today’s meeting.</p> <p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to Approve by Commissioner Juan Navarro seconded by Commissioner Deena Duncan</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
5. Action on Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2025 meeting	<p>Chair Tonya McKenzie entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Juan Navarro and seconded by Commissioner Jerry Velasco.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
6. Action on 2025 Strategic Planning	<p>The discussion on Action on 2025 Strategic Planning was tabled for a future meeting due to time constraints.</p>
7. Chair’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCJCC Vacancy Update- Chief Fisher is currently Onboarding and should be joining us during our next CAOD meeting. • Trainings – Reminder that Past Due Trainings were emailed to everyone, and they are due by May 31st. Please email Diana once they are completed. • New Commissioner Orientation Packet – Packet will be emailed to everyone, and Diana will present it during our June meeting. • CAOD (Monthly) & Subcommittee (Bimonthly) Schedule • Policy & Planning: June 12:30-1pm • Education & Prevention: July 12:30-1pm • CAOD: 1-2:30 pm

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8. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	No comments from commissioners.
9. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:38 P.M.

Next meeting date:

June 11, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.
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