



MEETING NOTES
Narcotic Treatment Program Advisory Committee
1500 Capitol Avenue, First Floor, Training Room C
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

Meeting Attendees:

Katrina Butcher, DHCS
Michael Freeman, DHCS
James Gasper, DHCS
Victoria King-Watson, DHCS
Maria Ochoa, DHCS
Marlies Perez, DHCS
Melissa Rolland, DHCS
Michele Wong, DHCS

Joyce Bartlett
Nicole Benoit
Michelle Burch
Steve Day
Tammi DeMasters
Mark Hickman
Jason Kletter Ph.D.
Maryam Laramée
Mark Lewison
Steve Maulhardt
Judy Martin, MD

Mike Martinez, M.D.
Javier Moreno
Laura Rossi, Ph.D.
Al Senella
Stan Sharma, Ph.D.
Garrett Stenson
Marshall Stenson
Randall Stenson
Nermina Terovic
Thaiphong Vo

Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division (SUDCD) Update – Marlies Perez

On August 5, 2015 DHCS successfully submitted an application for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Planning Grant for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHs). This grant will allow DHCS to establish clinics to better serve the needs of high utilizers.

For more information please visit: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/Pages/SUDS-PTRSD.aspx>

A reminder of the Department's Annual Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Conference on October 26-27, 2015 in Orange County was provided.

For more information on the upcoming conference please visit: <http://www.cvent.com/events/substance-use-disorders-statewide-conference/event-summary-4107bbd3082d4f47ad7b6d8f2d28b4e9.aspx>

The Bridge to Reform Waiver will expire on October 31, 2015. DHCS is currently in the final phases of negotiations with the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) for approval of the Medi-Cal 2020 waiver.

Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver (DMC-ODS) Waiver Update – SUDCD, Marlies Perez

On August 13, 2015 the DHCS received approval from the CMS to amend California's Bridge to Reform Demonstration Project. This amendment authorizes the state to test a new paradigm for the organized delivery of health care services for Medicaid eligible individuals with a SUD. The Waiver will be implemented over five phases beginning in September 2015.

For more information please visit: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/Drug-Medi-Cal-Organized-Delivery-System.aspx>

Title 9 Draft Regulations – SUDCD, Michele Wong and Michael Freeman

DHCS will soon be releasing a specific date for the 45 day public review and commenting period.

For input or suggestions on the draft regulations package, please email: DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov.

Buprenorphine Pilot Project – Thaiphong Vo and Javier Moreno, Aegis Treatment Centers

Thaiphong Vo and Javier Moreno of Aegis Treatment Centers presented the Buprenorphine Pilot Project that has been implemented in two of their clinics since December 2012. The presentation provided a high-level overview of provider's accomplishments over the past few years. Topics also included: advantages of adding Buprenorphine treatment in MAT settings, obstacles faced by Buprenorphine treatment in NTP settings and case studies of patients within the Buprenorphine treatment program.

Provider Enrollment Division (PED) Certification Update – Maria Ochoa and Katrina Butcher

PED provided updates on Drug -Medi-Cal (DMC) processes and phases of the DMC-ODS Waiver. Items discussed include: provisions of the DMC regulations, proposed implementation plan for certification/continued certification of providers under the DMC-ODS Waiver and instructions for accessing and completing DMC forms.

For more information please visit: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/DrugMedi-CalCertificationRe-CertificationContinuedCertificationInformation.aspx>

For DMC-ODS Waiver technical assistance please contact: 916-322-5109

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-016 Update, Robert Maus, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Division (PTRSD)

The SPA 15-016 is still within the process of seeking approval from the CMS. Questions and concerns regarding the SPA, providers and counties were addressed.

For more information on SPA 15-016 please visit:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/rural/Documents/SPA15-016SubUseDisSrv52215.pdf>

Naltrexone for Opioid Use Disorder Presentation – Dr. Larissa Mooney, UCLA

Dr. Mooney presented research on utilizing Naltrexone for Opioid Use Disorders. Topics in the presentation included: a general overview of opioid use, treatment approaches, research about extended-release Naltrexone and the UCLA Vivitrol pilot program.

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

The next advisory group meeting will be held at 1500 Capitol Avenue, First Floor, Training Room A, on January 07, 2016.

Providers would like to discuss:

- Mid-Level Practitioners
- Updates on Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver

Please submit any additional suggestions for agenda items to the NTP Section at DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov.

The Department would like to work collaboratively with the Narcotic Treatment Program Advisory Committee and are committed to addressing all NTP issues and obtaining input from the experts in the field. The Department's mission is to provide Californians with access to affordable, high-quality health care, including medical, dental, mental health, substance use treatment services, and long-term care. Our vision is to preserve and improve the physical and mental health of all Californians.

Meeting adjourned at 2pm.