



**MEETING NOTES**  
**Narcotic Treatment Program Advisory Committee**  
**1500 Capitol Avenue, First Floor, Training Room A**  
**JUNE 17, 2015**

**Members Present:**

Marlies Perez, DHCS  
Michele Wong, DHCS  
Michael Freeman, DHCS  
James Gasper, DHCS

Stan Sharma, Ph.D.  
Mark Hickman  
Steve Maulhardt  
Al Senella  
Mike Martinez, MD  
Mark Lewison  
Laura Rossi, Ph.D.  
Nicole Benoit  
Nadine Lauren

Steve Day  
Carolyn Perry  
Marshall Stenson  
Garrett Stenson  
Mira Parwiz  
Tammi DeMasters  
John Doyle  
Katherine Barrett

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

DHCS provided an update on approval of State Plan Amendment (SPA) 15-012. This SPA expands the group counseling size limits for Drug Medi-Cal services.

The NTP Section is shifting to a caseload model with 8 analysts and a nurse evaluator. This would result in improved services for patients, providers and the department.

An updated “Save The Date” was handed out for the Department’s Annual Substance Use Disorders Conference, October 26-27, 2015 in Orange County.

The Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver is still in the final stages of review and approval. DHCS is working with various stakeholders and partners to provide training and implementation assistance once approved.

The NTP Section has a new email address and fax number that are monitored daily and can be used for any correspondence. Email: [DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov)  
Fax: (916) 440-5230.

## **Waiver Overview and Update – SUDCD, Marlies Perez**

DHCS provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver. The goal is to improve Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services for California beneficiaries. The Waiver is consumer focused and provides the following benefits: authority to select quality providers, use evidence based practices to improve program quality outcomes, support coordination and integration across systems, reduce emergency rooms and hospital inpatient visits, ensure access to SUD services, increase program oversight and integrity, provide availability of all SUD services, and place client in the least restrictive level of care. The presentation also covered County/State responsibilities, quality improvement, financing, program evaluation, requirements and implementation.

To view the full presentation, please visit:

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

## **Title 9 Draft Regulations – SUDCD, Michele Wong**

DHCS provided an additional opportunity for members to review and comment on proposed updates/changes to Title 9 Regulations, which were reviewed during the previous advisory meeting on March 18, 2015. The regulatory topic discussed was specific to Medication Units.

For input or suggestions on the draft regulations package, please email:

[DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:DHCSNTP@dhcs.ca.gov).

## **The San Francisco Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Presentation – Dr. Brad Shapiro & Dr. Stephen Dominy**

Dr. Shapiro & Dr. Dominy from San Francisco General Hospital Ward 93 presented their unique OBOT Pilot Program. They discussed OBOT pilot data along with significant program exceptions, entry points to OBOT Methadone, stabilization track, service delivery, OBOT pharmacies, roles & responsibilities of affiliated NTP and OBOT challenges.

## **Naloxone in NTPs – Dr. James Gasper, Pharmacy Benefits Division**

Dr. Gasper provided a presentation on Improving Naloxone Access to Promote Opioid Safety.

He discussed the current status of opioid related mortality and practical approaches health care providers can take to minimize overdose deaths and facilitate access to the opioid antidote naloxone.

## **Agenda Items for the Next Meeting**

The next advisory group meeting will be held at 1500 Capitol Avenue, First Floor, Training Room A, on September 29, 2015.

Providers would like to discuss:

- Provider Enrollment Division
- Update 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](mailto: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.