



MEETING MINUTES
Narcotic Treatment Program Advisory Committee
1700 K Street, First Floor Conference Room
MAY 9, 2016

Members Present:

Jennifer Kent, DHCS
Marlies Perez, DHCS
Michele Wong, DHCS
Michael Freeman, DHCS

Steve Day
Alice Gleghorn
Mark Hickman

Jason Kletter, Ph.D.
Judy Martin, MD
Steve Maulhardt
Brad Shapiro

Department & Waiver Update – SUDCD, Marlies Perez

DHCS has received and is currently in the process of reviewing nine county implementation plans for the DMC-ODS Waiver. Currently, only San Mateo County's implementation plan has received DHCS approval and is awaiting approval from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Draft versions of submitted counties' implementation plans are available online. For more information, please visit: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/County-Implementation-Plans-.aspx>

State Opioid Treatment Authority Update – SUDCD, Michael Freeman

The NTP Section has a new field staff supervisor, Pelumi Abimbola (pelumi.abimbola@dhcs.ca.gov). Please copy him on communications with NTP field analysts.

DHCS is in the application process for the Target Capacity Expansion: Medication Assisted Treatment – Prescription Drug and Opioid Addiction (TCE:MAT-PDOA) grant funded through SAMHSA. If approved, the grant would award DHCS \$950,000 per year for up to three years. DHCS plans to target counties with the highest opioid overdose rates that do not currently have access to NTP services.

Training titled “Clinical Challenges in Opioid Prescribing: Balancing Safety and Efficacy” will be held on July 11, 2016 at the DHCS, Sacramento auditorium location. This training targets prescribers and is jointly provided by Substance Abuse and Mental Health

Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Postgraduate Institute for Medicine (PIM) and held in collaboration with DHCS.

<https://www.regonline.com/opioidcme2016-Sacramento>

The Substance Use Disorder 2016 Statewide Conference, “Shifting the SUD Paradigm”, will be held August 23-25, 2016 in Garden Grove, California at the Hyatt Regency Orange County. New this year is an Art Submission Contest. Registration is now open.

<http://www.cvent.com/events/substance-use-disorders-2016-statewide-conference/event-summary-56045ff256f74887ba4791a838266bfc.aspx>

Program, Policy, and Fiscal Division Update – SUD-PPFD, Don Braeger

Information was presented on the proposed Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) rates for Fiscal Year 2016-17. Statewide rates were presented in addition to the rates for counties that opt-in to the DMC-ODS Waiver. Draft statewide rates were provided for both non-perinatal DMC and perinatal DMC. For counties that opt-in to the Waiver, draft rates were provided for Buprenorphine, Disulfiram, Naloxone and Vivitrol.

NTP Regulations – SUDCD, Michael Freeman & Michele Wong

DHCS has completed a final draft of the NTP regulations package. The subjects included in this package are related to SB973, Buprenorphine, Fees and the capacity process, Hub and Spoke models, as well as other miscellaneous changes. A draft of the regulations will be sent electronically for informal feedback to be given on a scheduled conference call in the next month. After this round of informal input, the regulations will be formally submitted and another opportunity for feedback will be available during the public comment period.

MAT State Plan Amendment – DHCS Director, Jennifer Kent

DHCS is reviewing the avenues available for coverage of all of the medications used for medication assisted treatment. This includes who may prescribe or administer the medications as well as the reimbursement mechanism. Guidance will be coming from the Department to explain the options for coverage.

Provider Enrollment Division (PED) Certification Update - PED, Maria Ochoa

Continued certification of DMC providers – PED is engaged in a revalidation of all DMC providers. PED vocalized appreciation for NTP providers responding timely to the DHCS 6010 solicitation efforts.

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

For DMC application status, please contact: 916-323-1945

Mid-Level Practitioners Application Project – SUDCD, Michael Freeman

DHCS has developed a process for applying for the exception to allow mid-level practitioners to make dosing decisions. This process also requires approval by the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) to grant the exception. If exceptions are approved, it will allow Nurse practitioners and Physician Assistants to make dosing decisions for NTP patients. DHCS has been piloting the initial process with one provider and is actively working with CSAT to complete the process.

Medication Units – SUDCD, Michael Freeman

Licensure of medication units was discussed, including an overview of the process to apply for a medication unit. For further detail about the process and to apply please contact the NTPS.

Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

The next advisory group meeting will be held at *1500 Capitol Avenue, First Floor, Training Room A & B*, on September 7, 2016.

No agenda items were suggested.

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.