



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Meeting Notes

**California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
Proposition 64 Advisory Group
March 18, 2021, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Webex Virtual Meeting**

Members Present	
Denise Galvez	Veronica Lewis
Marlies Perez	Amanda McAllister-Wallner
Martin Martinez	Lynn Silver
Jim Keddy	Jevon Wilkes
Joe Eberstein	John de Miranda
Ruben Cantu	Laura Mata Lopez
Non-Members Present	
Melissa Jones, California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)	
Palvinder Kaur, Sierra Health Foundation (SHF)	
Matt Cervantes, SHF	

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Marlies Perez, Chief, Community Services Division, DHCS

Denise Galvez, Section Chief, Youth Services Section, DHCS

Galvez opened the meeting by congratulating the Proposition 64 Advisory Group (P64AG) members on celebrating one year as a stakeholder group. After membership introductions, Galvez reviewed a few housekeeping items before giving Perez the floor to cover the meeting agenda and objectives.

Contract Updates and Timeline

Marlies Perez, DHCS

Denise Galvez, DHCS

Galvez provided P64AG members with an update on fiscal year (FY) 2020-21 and 2021-22 contracts, based upon the Governor's 2021 January Budget.

Galvez also shared preliminary figures totaling **\$265,906,000** in Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention, and Treatment Account funding for Round 3 interagency agreements, based upon the proposed budget.

Below are the projected totals each state agency will receive in Round 3, based upon projected funding amounts for FY 2021-22.

- DHCS - \$50,781,000
- California Department of Public Health - \$50,781,000
- California Department of Education - \$190,430,000
- California Natural Resources Agency - \$12,695,000

Galvez answered funding-related questions from members. She also reminded them that the revenue totals shown are subject to change, based upon the Governor's May Revision.

Proposition 64 Community Youth Access Grants

Melissa Jones, Program Manager, CNRA

Jones shared information about the Community Youth Access Grants application, review and selection process, available funding amounts, eligibility requirements, and timeline to award sub-grantees. She also answered questions from members about the timeline to award community partners and when additional funding opportunities will be available.

Elevate Youth California (EYC) Cohort Updates

Palvinder Kaur, Program Officer, SHF

Matt Cervantes, Director of Health Programs, SHF

Kaur and Cervantes shared highlights from the EYC annual report from March to September 2020, which included youth engagement and reach, by race and ethnic group, the total number of youth participants (3,959) served, prevention program activities (320) offered, and hours of technical assistance provided to funded partners (127).

SHF also discussed developing a data reporting tool for EYC-funded partners, including a narrative section with an opportunity for EYC partners to share challenges, potential solutions, and program outcomes. SHF shared its vision to expand opportunities for partner support by encouraging cross-collaboration amongst EYC partners to access new and diverse perspectives and share knowledge and resources through networking.

In addition, SHF mentioned two organizations they are contracting with to provide technical assistance to EYC partners. Mentor California provides EYC partners with strategies, best practices, and tools to cultivate a culture of care for e-mentoring programs.

Also, National Compadres Network guides partners in their approach to understand generational trauma and systemic racism, and how to integrate trauma-informed practices and policies into their organization.

In closing, SHF briefly discussed adult and youth listening sessions to gain insight and knowledge shared with EYC-funded partners.

EYC: Round 3 Planning and Implementation Strategies

Marlies Perez, DHCS

Denise Galvez, DHCS

Perez and Galvez led members in a discussion of project strategies, funding structures, possible service and funding gaps in counties across the state, and the timeline for EYC Round 3.

Galvez briefly reviewed the EYC project strategies that the members agreed upon at the December 2019 meeting. She also highlighted the accomplishments from the two previous EYC cohorts, including 58 funded partners across 38 counties and \$55.8 million invested in California communities.

Perez and Galvez provided the members with two options to develop the Round 3 Request for Application (RFA):

- **Option A:** Make no changes to the current RFA.
- **Option B:** Maintain the EYC structure, adding a tiered approach to allow for capacity building among smaller organizations to implement culturally-based or street interventions.

Through a tiered approach, members supported Option B to explore additional prevention models and build smaller community-based, urban, rural, and tribal organizational capacities.

Additionally, members discussed adding an innovation track. In the interest of time, Galvez moved to table the innovations discussion to the August 5 P64AG meeting.

Members also wanted to see youth with disabilities as a focus population, and youth in governance, including youth mental health and healing practices, in the RFA. Members agreed to dedicate 20 percent of total Round 3 funding to these youth, with a cap of \$500,000.

Proposition 64 Advisory Group Membership

Marlies Perez, DHCS

Perez reviewed the roles and responsibilities of members. She also reminded members that if they choose to return to the stakeholder group as a member, then a letter of commitment must be submitted to DHCS.

Proposition 64 Round 3 Timeline

Denise Galvez, DHCS

Galvez briefly reviewed the Round 3 EYC project timeline, with members noting several important dates, including the announcement of the Round 3 administrative contractor,

P64AG membership application deadline, Round EYC RFA release date, and announcement of new P64AG members.

Public Comment

Jamie Yee, Alameda County Behavioral Health, suggested youth-led programs with stipends as Alameda County does not receive Proposition 64 funding. She argued for allowing county behavioral offices to be eligible for future EYC grants.

Lisa Eisenberg with the California School-Based Health Alliance commented to the membership about considering prevention projects by utilizing schools as a resource for Proposition 64 funds.

Jim Keddy, a P64AG member, mentioned that additional prevention funding available to counties would help youth and young adults expunge cannabis convictions; however, counties are not following through with the program.

Closing and Next Steps

Denise Galvez, (DHCS)

Galvez adjourned the meeting after thanking members for their feedback during the afternoon planning session. She also reminded them that the next P64AG meeting is scheduled for August 5.