

DHCS Responses to Follow-Up Items from April 4, 2019

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<p>Director's Updates <i>Ken Hempstead, M.D.:</i> Will you forward the first periodic reply to the auditor's report to the group?</p>	<p><i>Jennifer Kent, DHCS:</i> We'll be happy to provide the 60-day update.</p>	<p>DHCS' 60-day responses have been posted to the California State Auditor's website: https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/recommendations/2018-111</p>
<p>Presentation on Perinatal Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Expansion Project <i>Ken Hempstead, M.D.:</i> Can you forward the link to the resource library?</p> <p><i>Elizabeth Stanley Salazar:</i> I encourage the Panel to engage and provide leadership. I'm looking at the project timeline on slide 14, and there are different activities for each quarter. I would like status updates from HMA and at those different points, there may be opportunities for the panel's support.</p>	<p><i>Helen DuPlessis, M.D.:</i> It's not up yet, but we'll make it available.</p> <p><i>Helen DuPlessis, M.D.:</i> We'd be happy to provide updates. We have Sacramento as one of our counties, and we'll let the Panel know when those county kickoff meetings are happening.</p>	<p>DHCS' MAT Expansion Project funds Health Management Associates, Inc. (HMA) to administer the Mother & Baby Substance Exposure Initiative, formerly known as the Perinatal MAT Expansion Project. In partnership with DHCS, HMA, the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC), and the California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC) have selected the following counties to target expanded perinatal access points: Mendocino, Lake, Shasta, Humboldt, Sacramento, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Ventura, Orange, and San Diego.</p> <p>HMA, CMQCC, and CPQCC have also procured more than 50 patient-facing perinatal educational materials and established a workgroup to identify gaps in resources. Additionally, a web-based resource library contains numerous perinatal resources, which can be found on the CMQCC website.</p> <p>A learning collaborative framework was also launched in summer 2019 to address the needs of counties statewide, including piloting the first quality improvement collaborative in rural,</p>

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		<p>Northern California counties that have high rates of maternal patients with Opioid Use Disorder (OUD). The project will also host regional in-person and virtual learning collaboratives on a quarterly basis, as well as up to 2 countywide perinatal information events.</p> <p>The Mother & Baby Substance Exposure Initiative aims to decrease neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) length of stay by decreasing NAS severity, reduce the number of child protective service referrals, while increasing the number of maternal patients identified with OUD and increasing participation in long-term recovery.</p> <p>The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration funded DHCS \$265 million through the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis, SOR, and SOR Supplemental grants beginning in April 2017. These grants fund the MAT Expansion Project, which aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to MAT using the three FDA-approved medications for the treatment of OUD, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths through the provision of prevention, treatment and recovery activities for opioid use disorder (including prescription opioids, heroin, and illicit fentanyl and fentanyl analogs).</p>
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