

Statement of interest and vision for the MCHAP Chair position.

My vision for the MCHAP is simple: Your time at MCHAP should be the most engaging, impactful and fulfilling time you spend as an advocate. Period. Otherwise we are not taking full advantage of what this incredible group has to offer. You are the experts, whether that is professional expertise, personal expertise, or both. Your time and knowledge are so valuable. Both you and the children served by MediCal deserve your best.

So that's my vision. I believe it supports your best interest, and the interest of the families we serve.

The mission then, is how we get there. I have greatly appreciated everyone's patience with me during the times over the past year or so when I have acted as "co-chair" with Bert. I'll be the first to admit that it is not easy to find the right balance between the breadth and the depth of our work, particularly when we have such limited time together, while also having a near limitless set of areas we could try to address.

We have addressed previously how to make the best use of our meeting time. I have discussed my concern about the balance of time spent with the panel receiving information over giving information (advising). I continue to want every panel member's input on how to accomplish this to the best of everyone's satisfaction (acknowledging each panel member's needs can be different). I really want each member to know that their voice has been heard.

Additionally, I want to be sure the door is open if there are specific issues that are important to you and that you would like the panel to consider taking action on.

As before, I also want to be sure what we are working on will actually be impactful. I believe the key to this is seeking continued input from DHCS/Director Kent on how we can best align our goals and their need for our input. Otherwise we risk wasting our precious time on producing something that isn't completely helpful or needed.

So this is the direction I believe we should go in. Again, you are the experts, so I look forward to your input on how we will indeed make your time on the MCHAP truly fulfilling and enjoyable!

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