

CCA Monthly Roundtable | MINUTES

Meeting Hours: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
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3:00 PM – 4:00 PM CCA ALW

Date 1/16/2018

Conference Phone Line – **PLEASE NOTE NEW NUMBER**

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Standing Updates:

[3:00 – 3:10 pm]

- Review of Minutes/Action Items
 - None
- ALW inbox / enrollment statistics
 - Waitlist Update- We are still working at capacity and moving through the in-house applications received in March. We are still accepting wait-list requests, but we're also asking that you go back and check with folks who have been on the wait lists for a while to confirm that they are still interested in participating in the program.

Topics:

[3:10 – 4:00 pm]

1. Staffing updates

- **Angelina Azevedo (DHCS):** We want to give you an update on staffing changes that have occurred recently here at DHCS. Most of you may not have realized that during our recent merger, I left. Now I'm back as the Manager over the HCBS Operations unit. In addition, Karli Holkko is now a Health Program Specialist supporting the HCBS Section. She will be supporting all HCBS programs including operations. We also are pleased to announce the addition of Rudy Acosta as the new Section Chief for the HCBS Section. He was unable to join us today because he currently out on paternity leave.
- We are sad to announce that our Nursing Supervisor Holly Kim has retired from state service, effective January 12. We also lost an additional 4 of our reviewing nurses from the LA office who have left the department. With these staff changes in mind it's important now more than ever to remember that all correspondence should come through the ALW CCA Assessment Inbox so that it can be routed to the correct staff person and to ensure that requests are not overlooked.

2. March, April, May Applications

- **Angelina Azevedo (DHCS):** We are still working through approximately 200 applications that were received in March, April, and May. We are no longer automatically extending the pend expiration dates. Moving forward, you need to view these as two different types of requests. For those cases that are already in a 'pending' status, we will need updated assessment tools and ISPs to extend

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pend dates further. For any March, April or May applications that are in a 'submitted' status, we will need a new assessment tool and ISP when they switch to 'pend' status since these applications are now over six months old. You will have 30 days from the DHCS pend notification to submit these updates or the case will be closed without enrollment. When you submit the updated AT and ISP, let us know if you are requesting move in and enrollment or a pend extension that is good for 6 months. No move-ins for March, April, or May applications will be processed until we receive an updated assessment tool and ISP. Do we have any questions?

3. Waitlist Update – Good news!

- **Angelina Azevedo (DHCS):** The Governor's budget released on January 10, 2018 includes funding to add an additional 2,000 slots to the Assisted Living Waiver (ALW) starting June 1, 2018. This funding is contingent upon legislative approval and will also require DHCS to prepare an amendment to the Assisted Living Waiver and submit to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for approval.
- Thank you all for your advocacy and support of this program. We are excited about the potential to serve additional Medi-Cal beneficiaries through the ALW. As we move forward, we are committed to keeping all of our program partners updated on the status of the program.
- **Hector (Media Home Health):** Will you be maintaining the one-to-one ratio based on the wait list, or accepting new applications that are not on the wait list?
- **Angelina Azevedo (DHCS):** We will be working off of the wait list first, in the order received. There are certain instances when we will consider priority enrollments but overall we will be maintaining the one-to-one ratio.

4. Quarterly Status Reports

- **Angelina Azevedo (DHCS):** As a reminder, your next quarterly report is due today. Receipt of the quarterly reports on a timely basis helps us research any pending cases you may have and ensure that our records match. It also helps us determine any disenrollment we may have missed which is very important given the capacity of our waiver. As a reminder, we do not research any cases for CCAs who have not submitted their most recent quarterly status report.

5. Rate Increases

- **Angelina Azevedo (DHCS):** ALW reimbursement rates are increasing for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018. The monthly care coordination rate is increasing to \$320 per month, the tier 1 rate is increasing to \$58 per day, the tier 2 is increasing to \$69 per day, the tier 3 is increasing to \$80 per day, and the tier 4 is increasing to \$92 per day. A news blast will be posted on the Medi-Cal website but please help us spread the word to the ALW facilities.

6. Reenrollments

- **Angelina Azevedo (DHCS):** Reenrollments are a priority but to clarify, the reenrollment packet must be received within 30 days of their return to the facility or public subsidized housing setting in order for us to backdate to the date they

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moved back in. The packet must include a copy of the admission form to verify move in date.

- To clarify, this policy is for individuals who have been out between 31-60 days and are requesting re-enrollment. In this instance, CCAs will need to have the reenrollment application to us within 30 days of their return to the facility. Don't forget to inform the facility of disenrollment and reenrollment, so that they are aware. We've had a few issues where a facility attempted to bill for a person who was already disenrolled.

7. HCBA Waiver update

- **Angelina Azevedo (DHCS):** Applications have been received for potential HCBA Waiver Agencies and are currently under review. Notification to awarded applicants will go out in early February.

Action Items

- None