

Statement of interest and vision for the MCHAP Chair position.

It would certainly be my honor to serve again as MCHAP Chair.

Once more, we are faced with extraordinarily difficult and rapidly changing times.

As a result, I think we can all agree that our work on this panel is more important than ever.

The children of California need each of your expertise and lived experience to help shape policy.

DHCS will be faced with making enormously difficult decisions over the next few years.

It is my hope that our time on the panel will not only help us to better understand how and why those decisions are made, but also hopefully help significantly guide those decisions.

Dr. Weiss has done a remarkable job in chairing the panel, including being purposeful about keeping a collaborative and appreciative tone with DHCS, and with Director Baass in particular.

My vision would be to keep all of you as engaged as possible in this important work.

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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