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## STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES (SBP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2022

| COMMITTEE MEMBERS                                |    |   |   |   |   |
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| P = Present   A = Absent                         |    |   |   |   |   |
| Erika Davies, <i>Co-Chair</i>                    | A  | Thomas Green                              | P | Reba Stevens ( <i>Alternate</i> )           | A |
| Kevin Stalter, <i>Co-Chair</i>                   | P  | Mark Mintline, DDS                        | A | Rene Vega, MSW, MPH<br>( <i>Alternate</i> ) | A |
| Miguel Alvarez                                   | P  | Paul Nash, PhD, CPsychol, AFBPsS,<br>FHEA | P | Ernest Walker, MPH                          | A |
| Mikhaela Cielo, MD                               | EA | Mallery Robinson                          | P |   |   |
| Wendy Garland, MPH                               | P  | Harold Glenn San Agustin, MD              | P | Bridget Gordon ( <i>Ex Officio</i> )        | A |
| COMMISSION STAFF AND CONSULTANTS                 |    |   |   |   |   |
| Cheryl Barrit, Jose Rangel-Garibay, Sonja Wright |    |   |   |   |   |
| DHSP STAFF                                       |    |   |   |   |   |
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\*Members of the public may confirm their attendance by contacting Commission staff at [hivcomm@lachiv.org](mailto:hivcomm@lachiv.org).

\*Meeting minutes may be corrected up to one year from the date of Commission approval.

\*\*LOA: Leave of absence

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<https://hiv.lacounty.gov/standards-and-best-practices-committee/>

**CALL TO ORDER-INTRODUCTIONS-CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS:** The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am. Kevin Stalter led introductions and prompted attendees to share about their pets/children.

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

#### 1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION #1:** Approve the agenda order, as presented (*Postponed/No quorum*).

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

**MOTION #2:** Approve the 2/01/2021 Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee meeting minutes, as presented (*Postponed/No quorum*).

### II. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. **OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS COMMISSION ON ITEMS OF INTEREST WITHIN COMMISSION JURISDICTION:** There were no public comments made.

**III. COMMITTEE NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:** There were no new Committee business items.

- 4. OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMISSIONERS TO RECOMMEND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS, OR ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ACTION DUE TO AN EMERGENCY, OR IF NEED FOR ACTION AROSE AFTER POSTING AGENDA:** There were no new committee business items.

**IV. REPORTS**

**5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT**

- a. Cheryl Barrit, Executive Director (ED) reported the following:

• Comprehensive HIV Plan (CHP) 2022-2026

AJ King is meeting with stakeholder groups and will provide updates at the full Commission meeting on 3/10/22. He may not be present at the April and May Committee meetings as he will devote time to writing.

• AB 361

C. Barrit shared that the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors has instructed all Commissions to prepare for the resumption of in-person meetings beginning in the month of April for groups that are tied to the Brown Act; this includes full body Commission meetings and standing Committee meetings. Caucuses and other sub-groups will remain virtual. Commission staff will provide a WebEx link and/or conference line to support a hybrid meeting form starting in April 2022.

C. Barrit reminded the Committee that AB361 is in effect until 2024 and Commission staff will seek guidance from County counsel and provide accommodations as possible.

• Oral Health Service Standards Targeted Review Project Updates

Jose Rangel-Garibay reported that the Committee convened an oral healthcare subject matter expert panel to support Commission staff in drafting a dental implant addendum to the current Ryan White Part A oral healthcare standard. The addendum will provide clarification and guidance to the Commission's current oral healthcare service standard regarding dental implants.

The panel consisted of dental providers and dental program administrators. Commission staff will work with the panel facilitator to compile a meeting summary and begin drafting the addendum. During the panel, the group discussed:

- Clinical situations that would make a client a candidate for dental implants and stressed the importance of having standardized criteria
- Cost associated with placing, maintaining, and restoring dental implants
- Revisiting the consumer bill of rights and consider expanding the client responsibilities section to reconcile client expectations and service provider capacity

• Special Populations Best Practices Project Updates

J. Rangel-Garibay reported he will attend the Aging Task Force meeting later this afternoon to understand the potential changes to the group's scope of work. He will present best practice recommendations to the Transgender Caucus at their April meeting; and he will present best practice recommendations to the Consumer Caucus at their March meeting. He will focus on identifying best practice resources for the Women's Caucus and the Black Caucus next.

**6. CO-CHAIR REPORT**

- a. **2021 Workplan Review & Opportunities to Support Task Forces and Caucuses**

- There were no changes to the workplan.

**7. Division of HIV & STD Programs (DHSP) Report**

- Wendy Garland reported that DHSP staff have started returning from their COVID-19 placements. She also noted that Lisa Klein will be retiring and recognized her hard work and service to the Commission and DHSP.

## V. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### **8. Service Standards Development**

#### **a. Substance Use Disorder and Residential Treatment Standards**

COH staff reported they submitted a transmittal letter to DHSP indicating the Committee had completed their review of the Substance Use Disorder and Residential Treatment service standards. A copy of the letter is included in the packet. DHSP staff will now review the document and implement; and COH staff and DHSP staff will continue regular communication to receive updates on Request For Proposal (RFP) for this service category.

C. Barrit addressed a question regarding a LA Times article reporting on Kaiser Permanente's approach to CalAIM implementation being perceived as limiting the number of high-risk utilizers allowed into their program. She noted that the different health plans are reporting to the State Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and describing the services they can provide to offer the expanded service defined by CalAIM for the target population(s).

#### **b. Benefits Specialty Services Standards**

COH staff shared resources from the "Benefits in 2022 for Aging Adults Living with HIV" presentation and recommended the Committee include the website [www.benefitscheckup.org](http://www.benefitscheckup.org) to the Benefits Specialty Services standard.

C. Barrit described 2-1-1 as social service directory designed to function as an information referral hub for LA County residents; the program works with various departments within LA County, non-profits, and agencies.

#### **c. Transitional Case Management- Incarcerated/Post-Release**

The Committee began review of the Transitional Case Management- Incarcerated/Post-Release (TCMIPR) service standards.

C. Barrit noted that since the last review of the TCMIPR service standards there have been significant changes to the County jail system related to the establishment and prioritization of alternatives to incarceration led by the Board of Supervisors.

Glenn San Agustin recommended adding language regarding Hepatitis C training and engaging subject matter experts and agencies currently contracted to provide this service for feedback.

K. Stalter suggested reviewing TCM-related standards for incarcerated/post-release populations in other jurisdictions and recommended sending a Word version of the document to committee members and DHSP staff to begin harnessing feedback.

W. Garland recommended reaching out to Dr. Nina Harawa for input as she has been working to develop interventions in the jail system. W. Garland also reported she will provide more information in the future regarding the ranking for this service category and agencies currently contracted to provide this service. She added that working with the jails is challenging due to changes in administration and workflows.

G. San Agustin noted that JWCH is the sole contractor for TCM and has one case manager in the jail. The case manager is working remotely and not allowed back in the jail due to COVID-19. He recommended adding language related to remote work for TCM staff; and sharing the TCM standard with the case management staff serving the jail population to request feedback.

W. Garland noted that case managers faced difficulty accessing clients/seeing them in-person due to COVID-19 safety measures. She shared that using telehealth for Medical Case Management (MCC) worked well and acknowledged that the jail and post-release population and their setting are different. She suggested to ask case managers if this was

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helpful or a hindrance to those clients to gain a sense of how the service is working.

### **VI. NEXT STEPS**

#### **a. TASK/ASSIGNMENTS RECAP:**

- ➡ COH staff will post an updated meeting packet on the Commission website
- ➡ COH staff will edit the TCMIPR service standard to reflect items discussed during today's meeting
- ➡ COH staff will share the TCMIPR service standard draft with subject matter experts for feedback

### **12. AGENDA DEVELOPMENT FOR NEXT MEETING:**

- Report back updates regarding AB361
- Report back updates regarding the Comprehensive HIV Plan 2022-2026
- Report back updates on the Special Population Best Practices project
- Report back updates on the Oral Health service standard Targeted Review project
- Continue review of the TCMIPR service standards

### **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 13. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC AND COMMITTEE TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Aging Task Force will meet at 1pm today and will discuss broadening the scope of the group. An updated packet will be posted on the Commission website.

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

- 14. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:17am.