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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Katie Andrew, Danielle Cannarozzi, Julie Gallelo, Hudson Graham, Steve Heath, Darrell Kenworthy, Dharia McGrew, James Musser, Jan Resler, Dorothy Seleski, Maritza Valencia, Cynthia Vanzant, Mary Jess Wilson, Jonathan Porteus, Debra Payne

**Members Absent:** Robin Blanks-Guster, Terrence Jones, Olivia Kasirye, Cathy Levering

**Public Present:** Robyn Alongi, Emely Arienza, S. Bandy, Sonya Bingaman, Deborah Blanchard, Carolyn Brookins, Diane Bruce, Edward Bynum, Kristina Clinton, Priya Dasika, Eve Frayji, Melissa Garcia, Rhoda Gonzales, Bilee Hernandez, Brian Kennedy, Linh Le, Karen Lemieux, Susan McLearn, David Meadows, Rene Mollow, Amanda Morgan, Robin Muck, Onur Nacakgedigi, Donna Nagata, Amir Neshat, J. Page, E. Rambach, Kelsey Reyne, Destiny Rockwood, Lisa Rufo, Lorena Sanchez, Cherag Sarkari, Adrianne Sawyer, B. Schmitz, Rolande Tellier, Thom Tremble, Andrea Uvias, B. Vaccura, Mira Yang

- 1. 2:00 Welcome & Introductions Debra Payne
- 2. 2:05 Approve February 4, 2021, Meeting Minutes (Action) Debra Payne  
Moved: Gallelo; Second: Musser; Approved (See Below)
- 3. 2:10 New MCDAC Advocate Seat – Bilee Hernandez (Action) Debra Payne  
Moved: Vanzant; Second: Andrew; Approved (See Below)  
This will go to Board of Supervisors for approval.
- 4. 2:15 DHCS Carolyn Brookins

Rene Mollow joined the meeting to announce that DHCS will continue pursuit of resuming fee for service (FFS) dental service delivery model in Sacramento and Los Angeles Counties. The Department of Finance released Spring Finance Letter to legislature, information on proposed changes in posted on the Finance website. Specific reference is on page 17 of 44. The policy language and vision for the changes is the same. DHCS will release a transition plan, the timeline for transitioning to fee for service is January 1, 2022. There will be no dental managed care (DMC)

procurement at this time.

Payne – How will this work with CalAIM?

Mollow: CalAIM will eventually fully integrate medical and dental into health plans. The proposal to move to FFS is outside the CalAIM proposal and is a long-term goal of DHCS due to poor utilization in DMC.

Andrew: What will transition integration look like? Currently, there are not a lot of specific details.

Mollow: CalAIM integration is not slated until 2027. Within CalAIM, dental integration may include incentive payments for performance metrics. The revised transition plan for DMC to FFS will include working with providers and dental managed care plans to participate in the transition. The transition plan will be released for review by stakeholders prior to finalizing.

Vaccaro: Fifty percent of WellSpace patients are referred to specialists by the dental managed care plans, what can providers expect during transition to ensure continuity of care?

Mollow: All participating providers in GMC or FFS are enrolled in the Medi-Cal Program. DHCS' intent is for beneficiaries to be able to stay with current providers.

Porteus: This is a legislative decision. What is the role of MCDAC in providing local input into this decision?

Mollow: MCDACs role may be legislative/lobbying role? DHCS cannot speak to the value, or not, of MCDAC. DHCS always appreciates the input of all stakeholders and understands the purpose for the original development of MCDAC. MCDAC members will have to think about what the group's role will be moving forward. DHCS has started convening similar meetings in L.A. County because they also have managed care. DHCS understands the need to continue ways to improve stakeholder engagement and build on momentum gained in Sacramento County.

- a. [Dental Transformation Initiative Update](#) Carolyn Brookins
- Domain 1: January 2021 payment paid a total of \$33.5M, with \$9M to date to Sacramento County (FFS \$1.7M, DMC \$7.3M). There are 253 safety net clinics statewide that participate in Domain 1 with 3 in Sacramento County.
- Domain 2: As of February 2021, \$142M total paid. 163 providers in Sacramento County are opted into Domain 2 that have received \$7.3M (FFS \$2.1M, \$5.2M DMC). Statewide 3,212 providers are opted into Domain 2 (FFS, DMC, and safety net clinics).
- Domain 3: Sacramento County does not participate in Domain 3. Next payment going out in June 2021 for PYs 2019/2020.
- Domain 4: As of March 1, 2021 a total of \$90.9M paid with \$7M paid to Sacramento County LDPP. Program ended December 31, 2020. Final invoice for

- Sacramento County in process.
- b. [Prop 56 Update](#)  
No update from numbers reported at February MCDAC meeting.  
Sacramento County providers received \$6.5M.
- c. [CalAIM Update](#)  
Update to CalAIM will come out in the May budget revision. At that time proposals for CalAIM oral health initiatives will be released contingent upon approval. There will be a 30 day public comment period.
- d. Sacramento County Fact Sheet  
Data reviewed with Priya Dasika of DHCS as requested by MCDAC.

Payne/Musser: Reported to DHCS that parents of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Sacramento County are being informed by certain dental providers that they need to pay \$600 cash out of pocket to receive services.

Brookins: DHCS is aware of this practice and there is an investigation open. DHCS is compiling information as they receive it. DHCS recommends that parents are referred to a different dental provider.

5. 2:45 Adult Dental Goals for MCDAC Jonathan Porteus  
MCDAC has not traditionally focused on adult dental care in the county. Jonathan suggests doing an environmental scan to see how many adults are receiving care and where that care is being provided in order to begin a discussion for improving care to this component of the population.  
Resler: The Oral Health Program, as part of the Needs Assessment, collected adult utilization data by zip code and mapped locations of safety net clinics. The Needs Assessment is posted on the Oral Health website: [www.sacountyoralhealth.net](http://www.sacountyoralhealth.net)
6. 3:05 DTI Project Summary Robyn Alongi  
  
Robyn Alongi presented an overview of Sacramento County DTI pilot project successes.
7. 3:15 Special Needs Subcommittee Updates Chairs  
Subcommittee 1 Communications: Recording who received the study and resulting communications. Developing a plan for next steps. Several committees have suggested having a webinar to discuss the study and activities to date. Katie Andrew and Dr. Glassman have offered to assist in organizing webinar.  
Subcommittee 2 Parent and Provider Education: Dr. Glassman is in discussion with health plans and regional center to set up special clinic. Group is planning a workshop for family members, care providers, and special needs clients on home care, how to access care, and role of care coordinators at regional center. The plan is to host this same presentation quarterly. Group is also developing flyers on accessing services and parental support. Group is working with current behavior

management vendor to expand desensitization services for dental care, this will include training and support for dental professionals as well as individuals with special needs.

Subcommittee 3 Dental Surgery Center: CNU has agreed to include a dedicated dental surgery center in the hospital build out that they are planning in Elk Grove. Hospital project is still being considered by Elk Grove and other cities if Elk Grove does not approve. Subcommittee members have had fund raising discussions with health plans and various potential funders. Group is looking at other ways to support the hospital including trying to connect with local high schools with a health pathways program.

8. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM REQUEST:

Mary Jess Wilson

Wilson: Is concerned that DHCS did not take local opinion into consideration when proposing to eliminate dental managed care in the upcoming May budget revision. This is similar to the situation that occurred last year and she questions the data being used to compare performance in Sacramento County to that of other counties. She is also concerned about trying to have health plans implement dental care. In her experience as a pediatrician who serves children with special health care needs, the dental plans have been very helpful in navigating children to care.

Payne: This is new news as far as the May revise. If MCDAC wants to weigh in, we will need to meet prior to the next scheduled date in June.

Gallelo: This body did not support the transition from dental managed care to FFS last year when this was first proposed. A letter to this effect was sent to the Board of Supervisors. Do we need to go through this process again? What should be the next steps? Resubmit the letter or send a new letter stating the letter still stands?

Vaccura: I concur with Mary Jess that the loss of dental managed care is a huge and transitioning to FFS will be difficult for patients and providers. It sounds like there is a consensus of support for managed care at MCDAC, I support resending the letter.

Payne: The vote last time was about half and half. I support having a renewed discussion and vote.

McGrew: It is not a consensus among the committee. CDA is supportive of reverting to FFS to align with other counties in the state.

Resler: I agree with Dharia, there was not a consensus amongst the committee. I would also like to express that I have ethical concerns about how the original vote for that letter was conducted. I will write up my concerns and send them to members prior to further discussion on this item.

Wilson: I recommend that wording for the next vote be changed to: MCDAC opposes the elimination of dental managed care in Sacramento County.

Porteus: It has been a year since the MCDAC discussed this issue. It is important to ascertain whether the state is open to input from the group, regardless of what it is.

Payne: We will send the group a notice for a special meeting.

The Commission met March 13. It was on the agenda to vote on the bylaws, however this was put on hold to allow for further discussion. The next meeting is April 13.

10. 3:35 California Dental Association Update Dharia McGrew  
CDA in the middle of budget negotiations, this will finish June 15. CDA is seeking a mechanism Medi-Cal provider reimbursement for PPE. CDA is also supporting a backfill to the Office of Oral Health to replace declining Prop 56 revenue. CDA is working with CDHA and others to introduce statewide AB733 which allows RDHAPs to work in medical offices. CDA, along with Children Now, is concerned about the end of DTI funds prior to the implementation of CalAIM and is closely watching the DHCS for a solution to maintaining reimbursements to providers. Last week CDA and Children Now testified before the legislature on the CalAIM proposal. CDA is largely in support of CalAIM. The health plan of San Mateo is being used as a single county pilot model for medical-dental integration. CDA is also supportive of this effort provided providers are directly contracted. Full CalAIM integration of behavior and dental is not expected until 2027.
11. 3:40 Dental Plans Update Dental Plans  
Liberty: In 2020, Liberty participated in over 100 community engagements. Currently, Liberty is partnering with Improve Your Tomorrow to offer a scholarship to African American males to undergo dental assisting education. Follow on Facebook and Instagram at @Liberty.  
Health Net: Absent  
Access: Provider relations team is working remotely to engage with providers. Member outreach team is conducting virtual education and over 600 teledentistry visits have been conducted.
12. 3:55 Agenda Items for June 3, 2021 MCDAC Meeting All  
a. Announcements  
Andrew – Will share Children Now’s letter and testimony to legislature regarding CalAIM. Children Now is partnering with the California Children’s Hospital Association to sponsor SB682 (Rubio) to develop and implement a plan to reduce racial disparities in five diseases: dental caries, diabetes, depression, asthma, and vaping-related diseases. This is being heard in Senate Health Committee on April 7. Children Now is partnering with the California Medical Association to sponsor SB428 (Hertado) which expands ACES screenings to be paid for in commercial insurance.
13. 4:00 Adjourn All

**PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE GIVEN ON ANY OF THE AGENDA ITEMS AND BEFORE A VOTE.**

**Purpose:** the advisory committee provides oversight and guidance to improve Medi-Cal Dental utilization rates, the delivery of oral health and dental care services, including prevention and education services, in dental

managed care and fee-for-service Medi-Cal Dental delivery systems.

**Authority:** AB 1467 (Budget Committee), Effective July 1, 2012; Sacramento County BOS, Dec 11, 2012, Resolution No. 2012-0903 establishing a Sacramento County Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee & Resolution No. 2012-0904. For information about MCDAC, contact Jan Resler at [reslerj@saccounty.net](mailto:reslerj@saccounty.net) or 916-875-6259.

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| <b>Item:</b> February 4, 2021, Minutes |                                     | <b>Date:</b> 4/1/2021         |                          |
| <b>Move:</b> Gallelo                   |                                     | <b>2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Musser |                          |
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