

Medi-Cal Dental Advisory Committee Meeting



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

First Five Sacramento

2750 Gateway Oaks Drive– Conference Room 330
Sacramento CA

Zoom Meeting ID: 160 274 3336

Facilitator: Julie Gallelo, Vice Chair

Scribe: Deborah Blanchard

Members Present:

- James Musser
- Jonathan Porteus
- Cynthia Stuart
- Sunanda Bandyopadhyay
- Katie Andrew
- Robin Blanks-Guster
- Julie Gallelo
- Cathy Levering
- Vanessa Stacholy
- Monica Montano
- Mary Jess Wilson
- Roshani Mehta

Members Absent:

- Olivia Kasirye
- Michelle Monroe
- Darrell Kenworthy
- Bilee Hernandez
- Dorothy Seleski

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Public Present in person or teleconference: Adrianna Alcala-Beshara, Brian Jones, Liz Bishop, Brittany Vacura, Bre Stark, Chris Llamas, Valerie Phillips, Cynthia Johnston, J Duong, Garrett Heenan, Justin Bottger, David Kane, Gricelda Zamora, Richard Moorhouse, Effie Ruggles, N Young, Adriane, Michael Freeman, D Ferber, Carlos Sepulveda, Debbie Blanchard, Danielle Cannarozzi, Denise Canacari, Destiny Rockwood, Debra Payne, Emily Bautista-Manley, E Cruz, Felicia Fondren, F Saldana, K Morrill, Liz Bishop, Melody Law, May Saeturn, Nahrien Young, Navish Reddy, Paul Glassman, Rachel Shafer, Robyn Alongi, Cherag Sarkari, Shannon McConnell, Susan McLearn, Tatevik Movsesyan, Tiffany Turner, Tim Martinez, Robin Muck, Margaret Delmore, Bary, Candy Stirdivant, Lorena Sanchez, David Hughes, Maria Rodriguez, Arash Aghakhan, Unyong Kim, Angela Harris, Rene Mollow Stephanie Wills.

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| 4:00 | Welcome and Introductions | Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm by Jonathan Porteus. |
| 4:08 | Discussion of DHCS parity evaluation and subsequent guidance | <p>Presentation by Rene Mollow and Adriana Alcala-Beshara.</p> <p>Discussion of parity evaluation and subsequent guidance and re-procurement process. Did not waive or suspend DMC plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided notice to 614,000 currently enrolled DMC members of their option to either stay with their current plan or disenroll and join FFS effective on December 1, 2023. It is unclear how many beneficiaries are opting out. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When it is time for a client’s re-enrollment, they may stay in their current DMC plan, they will NOT be moved to FFS. ○ The committee has concerns that the performance metrics being used are not measuring quality, but instead are focused on utilization criteria that may not be measurable in all immigrant groups. ○ The committee has concerns regarding the continued provision of care coordination currently being done by dental managed care plans. ○ The committee has concerns regarding the continuation of translation services currently being provided by dental managed care plans. • Effective December 1, 2023 all newly eligible Medi-Cal members will be defaulted into FFS. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If members have issues with access to care they can request a move to DMC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Member will contact the Medi-Cal FFS line administered by Delta Dental. Team will work with |

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| | | <p>member to secure an appointment.</p> <p>b. If member wants to opt out, they will be added to a list that is monitored by DHCS at least weekly.</p> <p>c. Depending upon the concern, DHCS will reach out to HCO and provide member’s ID number and member may be provided a choice packet.</p> <p>d. Additional safeguards are in place should a request be denied.</p> <p>e. If there is an urgent problem, it will be addressed immediately. There is infrastructure currently in place to handle urgencies and will follow the same guidelines as BDE.</p> <p>f. Committee is concerned DHCS may have an expired provider list.</p> <p>g. If a member falls off the rolls, but is reinstated within 90 days, they will stay with whatever plan they had. If 90 days is exceeded, they will have to reapply and will be enrolled as a new member and put into FFS.</p> |
| 5:08 | Submit a letter of concern to DHCS (Action) | <p>Action Item: Submit a letter to DHCS expressing serious concerns about the impact on beneficiaries as a result of parity guidance and to articulate MCDAC’s strong support and confidence in the existing DMC plans in Sacramento County and reject DHCS’s process.</p> <p>Cathy Levering moved; Robin Blanks-Guster seconded. 11 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.</p> |
| 5:20 | Establish a Network Adequacy Committee (Action) | <p>Action Item: Establish a Network Adequacy Committee.</p> <p>Katie Andrews moved; Mary Jess Wilson seconded. 12 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.</p> |
| 5:26 | Elevate parity guidance and concerns to the Sacramento County Health Authority (Action) | <p>Action Item: Elevate parity guidance and concerns to Sacramento County Health Authority and Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>Katie Andrews moved; Cathy Levering seconded. 11 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.</p> |
| 5:36 | Adjournment | Meeting adjourned at 5:36 pm by Jonathan Porteus |