



Meeting Notes

Prop 64 Advisory Group

1700 K Street, First Floor Conference Room

August 29, 2019

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Members Present:

Jennifer Kent, DHCS	Reyes Diaz	Bonnie Midura
Kelly Pfeifer, MD, DHCS	Joseph Eberstein	John de Miranda
Marlies Perez, DHCS	Jim Keddy	Taylor Schooley
Denise Galvez, DHCS	Agnes Lee	Lynn Silver
Seth Ammerman, MD	Veronica Lewis	Marjorie Swartz
Judy Babcock	Laura Mata Lopez	Paula Wilhelm
Ruben Cantu	Martin Martinez III	Jevon Wilkes
Timmen Cermak, MD	Amanda McAllister- Wallner	Briana Zweifler

Welcome/Opening Remarks

Jennifer Kent, Director, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Director Jennifer Kent brought the meeting to order and stated that she is looking forward to hearing ideas from the Prop 64 Advisory Group (P64AG) as well as working collaboratively to establish long and short term goals. She asked that members introduce themselves, and speak briefly on their organization affiliations and their goals for the group. A directory was distributed to the participating members. Director Kent encouraged members to contact DHCS staff members with any questions.

Conflict of Interest Provisions

Marlies Perez, Division Chief (DHCS)

Ms. Perez facilitated a discussion about the Conflict of Interest Provision Forms.

Member questions were addressed or noted as a follow-up item, and both Director Kent and Ms. Perez stated that the DHCS legal team would need to review some of the member questions. The Department followed up with the Office of Legal Services (OLS), the response provided from OLS:

The purpose of this communication is to further clarify the restriction on the receipt of funds from the Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account (YEPEITA) in your role as a member of the Proposition 64 Advisory Group. As a member selected to serve on the Proposition 64 Advisory Group, any entity or organization that provides you financial compensation is prohibited from applying for, or receiving, contract or grant funded, in whole or in part, by YEPEITA.

If you would like to withdraw as a member of the Proposition 64 Advisory Group, you may do so by submitting your written resignation to DHCSProp64@dhcs.ca.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30, 2019. In the event you withdraw, the restrictions identified in this communication, as well as those set forth in the Proposition 64 Advisory Group Acknowledgment, will not apply.

Overview and Timeline of DHCS Prop 64 Responsibilities

Marlies Perez, Division Chief (DHCS)

Marlies informed the P64AG of its main purpose, which is to advise on Prop 64 project implementation as it pertains specifically to DHCS' portion of the Proposition 64-funded youth prevention program. The expected revenue allocated to DHCS from Prop 64 is \$20 million. Ms. Perez also provided an overview of the entire allocation of the Prop 64 Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention and Treatment Account (YEPEITA).

Ms. Perez shared that DHCS is responsible for administering the YEPEITA funds and, for FY 2019-20 the allocation is approximately 119 million dollars. Ms. Perez went on to say that to implement the program, DHCS will enter into Interagency Agreements with the California Department of Education (80 mil.), for childcare vouchers, the California Department of Public Health (15 mil.) for data surveillance and public information and 5 million for the Resources Agency. The remaining amount will be distributed to local agencies to implement best practices in youth substance use disorder prevention and early intervention.

Ms. Perez shared that, at this time, it is unclear how much funding would be available from year to year.

Finally, the P64AG discussed how often and when they want to meet. It was determined that the group wanted at least two more meetings before the end of 2019. DHCS staff

were tasked with securing meeting spaces and member calendars. Moving forward, the meetings will move to quarterly. DHCS offered an open line of communication and encouraged members to direct questions and comments to the Prop 64 email address at DHCSProp64@dhcs.ca.gov.

Current Prevention Funding and California Landscape

Marlies Perez, Division Chief (DHCS) and Denise Galvez, Youth Services Section Chief (DHCS)

Marlies Perez and Denise Galvez presented on trends in substance use among adolescents and young adults. During this presentation, Ms. Galvez and Ms. Perez both spoke about the current programs and funding available for primary prevention services in California; sharing that the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Drug-free Communities grants, and other smaller grant projects make up the majority of available funding for California. Members were able to ask questions about the allocation of funds to county run Behavioral Health programs and how money is dispersed. The Power Point slides for this presentation will be made available on the Prop 64 Advisory Group webpage.

Project Discussion

Kelly Pfeifer, MD, Deputy Chief (DHCS) and Marlies Perez, Division Chief (DHCS)

Dr. Kelly Pfeifer led a discussion on Youth Prevention. P64AG members went around the room and spoke about issues they want addressed in the programs moving forward. The discussion largely addressed the type of prevention services that need to be put into place to address not only substance use issues, but also the root causes, which include historical trauma, environmental influences, homelessness, domestic violence, lack of parental guidance or reinforcement and the normalization of marijuana use. The P64AG shared stories about how providing marijuana to under age youth is extremely dangerous. The expressed concerns about more potent products including those that are unregulated. It was noted that law enforcement was given funding under Prop 64 to regulate dispensaries and that dispensary licensure does not fall under the purview of the YEPEITA-funded youth prevention programs. Several members agreed on the need to provide youth programs that are community based and build social efficacy using teen-to-teen based programs to deliver prevention messaging. Members stated the need for listening sessions and focus groups with youth and peer based programs.

Ms. Perez added that there would be more guidance on exactly what the P64AG will work towards regarding funding and prevention interventions. Currently, the state implements systems that work to educate and prevent youth from substance use and abuse, P64AG can pull from that experience and program framework. It was discussed

that round one funding would fund a program for three years. The P64AG will also have input on round two funding. One member added that all cohorts of the program should be funded for a minimum of three years, as it takes time for a program to see results and become effective.

Next Steps/Closing Remarks

At the next P64AG meeting, the P64AG will work on long-term and short-term goals. In addition, the group will advise DHCS on the framework for distributing funds. The P64AG will decide on funding broad programs or more focused programs. In the next meeting P64AG will determine strategic plans for administering funding to programs based on state guidelines and the populations/issues.