



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES

## Meeting Notes

### Proposition 64 Advisory Group August 11, 2022 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. WebEx Virtual Meeting

| Members Present     |                           |
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| Denise Galvez       | Ruben Cantu               |
| Martin Martinez III | John de Miranda           |
| Jim Keddy           | Brinn Langdale            |
| Veronica Lewis      | Nicole Coxe               |
| Paula Wilhelm       | Amanda McAllister-Wallner |
| Seth Ammerman       |                           |

#### Opening Remarks and Introductions

*Denise Galvez, Operations Branch Chief, Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)*

Galvez opened the meeting by thanking the Proposition 64 Advisory Group (P64AG) members for attending the meeting. Galvez provided a brief overview of the P64AG agenda and objectives for the meeting. Galvez informed the attendees of the upcoming [Substance Use Disorder Integrated Care Conference](#), featuring plenary speakers California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary, Dr. Mark Ghaly, DHCS Director Michelle Baass, DHCS Community Services Division Chief Marlies Perez, and a panel presentation on equity that includes the prevention perspective from Matt Cervantes, Director of Health Centers with Sierra Health Foundation: Center for Health Program Management Health (The Center). The Conference is scheduled for August 23 to 25, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency in Long Beach, California.

Galvez then turned the meeting over to Natasha McGee-Jones to report on contract updates.

#### Proposition 64 Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention, and Treatment Account (YEPEITA) Budget Updates

*Natasha McGee-Jones, Emerging Trends Unit Chief, DHCS*

McGee-Jones introduced herself and provided an update on the enacted Governor's Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23. The amount of \$401,766,000 for FY 2022-23 is allocated to state departments through interagency agreements for Round 4 YEPEITA funding.

The contracts include California Department of Social Services (CDSS), DHCS, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA). The final total YEPEITA allocation for Fiscal Year 2021-22 was \$425,095,000.

## **Contract Updates and Round 4 Budget**

*Natasha McGee-Jones, DHCS*

McGee-Jones reported on the following contract amounts for the FY 22/23 respectively. She added that contracts will be amended if additional funding is identified.

CDSS – \$292,325,000. Funds will be used to subsidize early learning and care programs and to support the Emergency Child Care Bridge Program for Foster Children by expanding additional funding for childcare slots through general childcare contractors.

DHCS – \$77,953,000. One percent of the funds allocated to DHCS are used for administrative fees and the remaining allocated to The Center at Sierra Health to sub-grant to communities through the Elevate Youth California (EYC) program.

CDPH – \$12,000,000. Funds will be used for surveillance, research, and evaluation, including the purchase of survey questions for the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance, California Healthy Kids Survey, and California Adult Tobacco Survey. The funds will also be used to create cannabis risk education and prevention materials.

CNRA – \$19,488,000. Funds will be used to support programs providing youth access to natural or cultural resources with a focus on low-income and disadvantaged communities including, but not limited to, community education and recreational amenities to support youth substance use prevention and early intervention.

## **Elevate Youth California Cohort Updates**

*Palvinder Kaur, Program Officer (The Center)*

*Matt Cervantes, Director of Health Programs, The Center*

*Breanna Mattis & Noemi Avalos, The Center*

Kaur welcomed the attendees and shared a brief summary of Round 3. Kaur is drafting a logic model, which will be discussed in detail after the Round 3 updates. Kaur deferred to Cervantes for a detailed look at Round 3 activities.

Kaur shared updates to the Round 3 Standard, Innovation, and Capacity Building tracks. The Round 3 Standard track awards are for three years concluding in November 2024. This track included sixty-three funded partners with total grant making of \$52.7 million in November 2021. The Round 3 Innovation Track awards are for two years, nine months and included 12 funded partners with total grant funding of \$12 million.

The last cohort was the Capacity Building Track with a term of two years, six months and included 36 funded partners with total grant funding of \$13.4 million. The goal of this track is to build out geographic coverage. Cervantes gave a summary of Round 1-3, which totals 185 community partners within 50 California counties for a total of \$130,604,000 granted. Cervantes then relayed the Round 4 grant making total of \$62.87 million with an emphasis on counties within California with limited geographic coverage.

Kaur indicated their appreciation for circulation of the RFA P64AG members to aid in that outreach. The meeting was turned over to Breanna Mattis and Noemi Avalos for an interactive presentation on the logic model.

Mattis and Avalos introduced the logic model. Avalos explained that a logic model is a tool or framework to visually demonstrate program outputs with intended outcomes. Avalos then introduced the attendees to an interactive Jamboard displaying the EYC logic model. The Jamboard is a web-based technology that allows for real-time, visual collaborative interaction between the meeting attendees. After viewing and explaining the EYC logic model, Avalos and Mattis solicited interactive input from the P64AG on the following questions: What resonated with you when learning about the logic model? Was there anything unexpected when reviewing the logic model? Are any items from the presentation confusing, misleading, or missing?

Members felt that the following may be perceived as confusing, misleading or missing: policy-maker engagement and education, intermediate outcomes, and long-term impacts. Largely, the P64AG thought that building connections with other youth and community leaders, strong leadership, and a sense of community and belonging resonated with them. Additional slides in their presentation addressed assumptions, activities, and outputs. Mattis thanked the group for their engagements and indicated that the Jamboard would remain open until August 17, 2022, for additional comments.

Kaur concluded her presentation with next steps which included conducting an external evaluation, finalizing a report template for Round 1 funded partners, conducting listening sessions hosted by The Center, and continuing support for funded partners through office hours, networking sessions, technical assistance, webinars and more.

## **Behavioral Health Prevention Plan**

*Denise Galvez, DHCS*

*Erika Green, Project Director, Center for Applied Research Solutions (CARS)*

Galvez began with an overview of the Behavioral Health Prevention Plan (BHPP). The initiative was launched in April 2022 to create the State's first BHPP. The goal is to provide a synergized statewide set of core outcomes aimed at increasing mental wellness and preventing the onset of substance use disorders. As part of the planning process, the State Epidemiology Workgroup will be utilized to provide recommendations on available qualitative and quantitative data for the needs assessment portion of the BHPP.

Galvez provided an example of how these data would be utilized and spoke specifically about DHCS' collaboration with the California Department of Education to revise the current Alcohol and Other Drug Module of the California Healthy Kids Survey into a combined Behavioral Health Module to better align with statewide planning efforts. Galvez also spoke about how the BHPP would reduce administrative burden on counties, and invest in statewide evaluation. Galvez turned the presentation over to Green to speak about accomplishments thus far and the timeline of completion.

Green advised that the two-year initiative was implemented in April 2022, with a focus on dedicating enough time to move through the process. Through the BHPP process, DHCS will be looking at data such as causes and contributing factors to determine the issues with substance use disorders as well as how to build capacity to address those issues. Sustainability and cultural competence are of utmost importance to include in the plan. Areas for assessment within the plan include are centered on the social drivers of health, consumption, contributing factors, and consequences.

Green then spoke about the six listening sessions that were hosted with outreach to prevention professionals, prevention partners, tribal partners, youth, adult community members, and individuals representing diverse communities. Some of the key findings of those sessions included LGBTQ youth are at a higher risk of using drugs, particularly alcohol and marijuana, unresolved personal and pan-generational trauma emerged as common themes among all listening session groups, as well as the need for integration and recognition of the value of indigenous practices held sacred will be a critical part of culturally responsive services for tribal communities.

Next steps include reviewing the needs assessment, prioritizing risk and protective factors, identify statewide goals and objectives, and creating a capacity building strategy to address key development opportunities for BHPP implementation. Once the plan is complete, it will be posted for public comment. The BHPP is set to be launched in June 2023. A fact sheet and more information can be found [here](#).

### **EYC Subgrantee Presentation**

*Karen Lenyoun, Program Manager, EYC Project at National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), San Diego*

After a short break, the P64AG reconvened with a presentation from Lenyoun who introduced NAMI as an alliance started by parents with adult children diagnosed with schizophrenia and other mental health conditions. NAMI addresses co-occurring conditions in the targeted populations through community collaborations that include mental health awareness peer presentations, suicide prevention peer instruction, education on medication assisted treatment options, and other harm reduction awareness education including opioid overdose treatment Narcan.

An example was given of youth ambassadors at Claremont High School who were able to bring Narcan training and distribution to their school through youth-led presentations and policy change. To date, 1,070 doses of Narcan have been distributed resulting in at least 15 lives saved.

NAMI also addressed student connectedness to school and community through youth leadership development via delivery of a five-part training on Situational Self-Leadership by credible messengers and peer mentors. NAMI also offers support for family/loved ones/natural supports of youth participating in previously stated activities through NAMI signature programs like Family 2 Family.

### **Member Update**

*Jim Keddy, Executive Director, Youth Forward*

Keddy provided updates regarding the proposal for eliminating the cannabis cultivation tax and the impacts it could potentially have on California communities. Keddy spoke on Assembly Bill (AB) 195 and its purpose to protect revenue streams that fund the YEPETA. For reference, the cannabis industry has been raising concerns about being overtaxed. They urged the governor and legislature to reduce the cultivation and excise tax, which could result in less funding for youth prevention programs and child care. In January, a coalition of childcare and youth provider groups gathered and began work to educate the Legislature and Governor's Office on how the campaign to reduce taxes affects funding streams for youth programs in California. According to Keddy, AB 195 was introduced to ensure that if revenue drops below a certain level, the state will use state general funding to back fill the revenue short fall. If, after three years, the projection does not show an increase as expected, it will trigger increase in excise tax. Keddy stated that he will pay close attention to the program over the next three years.

Lastly, Keddy relayed an update on Senate Bill 1097 from Dr. Lynn Silver, Senior Advisor, Public Health Institute, who was not in attendance. Dr. Silver worked with emergency room doctors and others to strengthen warning labels on cannabis products to reflect recent research. The bill would require cannabis labels to share health risks to customers, including label warnings regarding the risks that cannabis use may contribute to mental health problems. As of August 11, the bill passed. Keddy asserted that, at minimum, the bill would create conversation and education regarding Tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC levels, and effects on mental health. The cannabis industry opposes to the bill.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments received.

## **Closing and Next Steps**

*Denise Galvez, DHCS*

Galvez stated the final P64AG meeting for the year will be held on November 10, 2022, and will remain virtual. Galvez is open to discussion on returning to in-person meetings or hybrid meetings in the future. Galvez thanked the P64AG members for their feedback and adjourned the meeting.