## Meeting Agenda

January 16th 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

## Meeting Location

Sierra Health Foundation, Bannon Island Conf. Room, 1321 Garden Highway, Sacramento, CA 95833

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| **Name** | **Attendance** | **Name** | **Attendance** |
| **SCHA Voting Members** | | | |
| Ann Boynton | Present  Absent | Michelle Monroe | Present  Absent |
| Chet Hewitt | Present  Absent | Phil Jackson | Present  Absent |
| Edwin Kirby | Present  Absent | Phyllis Baltz | Present  Absent |
| Joann Alston | Present  Absent | Ravinder Khaira | Present  Absent |
| Jerry Bliatout | Present  Absent | Stacy Lorenzen | Present  Absent |
| Kim Williams | Present  Absent | Supervisor Kennedy | Present  Absent |
| Kirti Malhotra | Present  Absent | April Ludwig | Present  Absent |
| Kyle Stefano | Present  Absent | Tim Lutz | Present  Absent |
| Marvin Kamras | Present  Absent |  |  |
| **SCHA Non-voting Members** | | | |
| Banafsheh Siadat | Present  Absent |  | Present  Absent |
| Amber Kemp | Present  Absent | Katie Andrew | Present  Absent |
| Beau Henneman | Present  Absent | Venu Kondle | Present  Absent |
| **County Staff to SCHA** | | | |
| Jenine Spotnitz | Present  Absent | Yevgeniy Kurdyumov | Present  Absent |
| Gina Patterson | Present  Absent | Wendy Huynh | Present  Absent |

| **Agenda Item** | **Time** |
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| 1. **Welcome/Opening Remarks** – *Eddie Kirby, Vice-Chair*   Commissioner Vice-Chair, Eddie Kirby, welcomed everyone for the first commission meeting of the year. | 3:00 – 3:10 pm |
| **2. Agenda Review and Updates** – *Gina Patterson, Sacramento County Department of Health Services, and Commissioners*  Gina Patterson reviewed the agenda for the meeting. | 3:10 – 3:15 pm |
| **3. Presentation, Discussion, and Action: Medi-Cal Redeterminations Update** – *Gina Patterson, Sacramento County Department of Health Services, and* *Yevgeniy Kurdyumov*,*Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance*  Gina presented Medi-Cal Redeterminations data provided from the Department of Health Care Services for the month of October to understand the progress made since June when redeterminations began again.  Yevgeniy was available for questions specific to the County’s efforts on redeterminations.  Commissioners provided general feedback on the presentation of the data, including a request for bar graphs for redeterminations due, continuances, and those discontinued, and requested labels for each of the fields.    Commissioners noted that the Hispanic and Spanish-speaking communities experience the largest disparities, again in October, as noted in previous month’s data. | 3:15 – 3:30 pm |
| **4. Presentation, Discussion, and Action: Medi-Cal Redetermination Panel** **and Commission Letter to Board of Supervisors** - *Ann Boynton, SCHA Commissioner as Panel Moderator; Eduardo Ameneyro, Sacramento County Department of Human Assistance, Yingia Huang, Department of Healthcare Services, Nicole Stemet, Legal Services of Northern California; Griselda Zamora, Community Health Works.*  Discussion on the redeterminations underway in California included local approaches and actions to support redeterminations in Sacramento County, including data, observations, strategies, and challenges with redeterminations and the expansion of Medi-Cal to undocumented individuals.  Yingjia spoke about DHCS’s efforts to target the procedural discontinuances population. Currently there is not a breakdown of specific discontuance reasons that procedural includes. There is a new text message initiative that has started, and data on the outcomes of that effort is pending. The Ex Parte automation process is showing significant improvements, which are reflected in the December data cohort.  Eduardo spoke about recent County efforts to support the approximately 650,000 Sacramentans on Medi-Cal. The redeterminations work is a large effort for local bureau staff, and includes working in a new database, CalSAWS, as of October 2024. Staff are trained to verify contact information is up-to-date during every contact with a customer. DHA works collaboratively with community-based organizations (CBOs), including Black Child Legacy and La Familia, as well as Rio Consumnes Correctional Center.  Griselda shared about a few strategies at Community Health Works, including phone banking for non-native English speakers, post-card campaigns, e-mail campaigns and text campaigns. There are some challenges with supporting redeterminations since they do not have full access to client Medi-Cal data and the wait time for the County line to support this work is long. They have partnerships with other CBOs, hospitals and through their other outreach programs, like their homeless street outreach.  Nicole shared some of the work that Legal Services of Northern California does, and their expertise with supporting cases that get resolved via state hearings. This process takes about a month to schedule and resolve. While individuals are uninsured they’re referred to Cover California, however, they are referred back to Medi-Cal if they are within those income parameters.  Ann asked the panelists about specific underserved groups. Some populations the panelists spoke to were people who do not have internet access, such as the aging and homeless populations, and immigrant communities who may use WhatsApp more than texting. They also recommended leveraging existing relationships, even some of those connections that exist within the commission, such as the hospitals.  The panel closed with a discussion on areas of innovation that are showing good outcomes. This included discussion on the Ex Parte, technology enhancements and zero-income waiver. Yingjia also shared that the federal waiver for stable income is something that the state will advocate for the continuation of as a policy, as it is scheduled to expire soon.  . Some questions from the Commissioners included the ability to retro-date past redeterminations after discontinuance, which is not currently possible. Commissioners asked about the ability to expand the navigator program, which DHCS is working to develop best practices for counties. Another question about after-hours line availability, and DHA staff responded that it is a possibility that is being explored. Currently some community-based organizations, like Community Health Works, have availability outside of standard business hours, including Saturdays. | 3:30 – 4:20 pm |
| **5. Presentation and Discussion: Managed Care Plan Update on CalAIM Initiatives** – *Representatives from Molina, Kaiser Permanente, Anthem Blue Cross and Health Net.*  Managed Care Plan representatives provided updates on street medicine, enrollment for both enhanced care management and community supports, and other pertinent initiatives.  Commissioner Kyle Stefano asked, “Can Community Support funds be used to purchase household items, such as beds (which can be deemed as “medically necessary”)?” The Plans agreed to collaborate to standardize the policy around what are allowable expenses under the Housing Deposit community support. | 4:20 – 4:40 pm |
| **6. Update and Action: SCHA Consultant Request for Proposal, Proposed Procedural Change to Letter of Interest** – *Gina Patterson, Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Ad-Hoc Committee, and* *Eddie Kirby, Vice-Chair*  Gina provided an update on the RFP timeline process, and advantages of first releasing a letter of interest (LOI). This included an update on the planning and the input received from the Ad-Hoc Committee that was appointed at the last meeting in November.  There were no public comments.  Commission Vice-Chair, Eddie Kirby, called for a motion to change the consultant competitive bidding process from a RFP to a LOI and to give authority to the Ad-Hoc to provide guidance with the on-going work. All present voting members voted to approve the motion, and the motion passed. | 4:40 – 4:45 pm |
| **7. Public Comment** – *One comment per person, limited to two minutes.*  No public comment. | 4:45 – 4:55 pm |
| **8. Closing Comments and Adjournment** – *Eddie Kirby, Vice-Chair*  The next meeting is March 19th, 2024, from 3:00-5:00pm. The Vice-Chair Eddie Kirby adjourned the meeting at 5:00pm. | 4:55 – 5:00 pm |

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