



# Sacramento County Health Authority Commission

January 9th, 2024

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Sacramento  
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Honorable Board Members:

I am honored to provide the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors with the third annual update on the activities of the Sacramento County Health Authority (SCHA). On December 8, 2020, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors introduced an ordinance to add Title 2 of the Sacramento County Code establishing the SCHA to expand the County's oversight over the quality, cost, and access to Medi-Cal services provided by Managed Care Plans (MCPs) operating in the County. On December 15, 2020, the Board approved the ordinance.

In 2023, the SCHA focused on the development of a detailed implementation plan for its three-year strategic plan. The Commission worked closely with the support of Bobbie Wunsch and Pacific Health Consultants on the development of its strategic implementation plan.

Appendix A provides more detail of our actions, and the Strategic Plan is included as Appendix B.

As we look forward, the SCHA will focus attention on key issues such as:

- Implementing the second year of our strategic plan and priorities;
- Overseeing the care and services provided to our Medi-Cal beneficiaries and seeking operational improvements in care delivery;
- Overseeing the implementation of California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM), the State of California's ambitious and far-reaching reimagining of care for Medi-Cal beneficiaries statewide; and
- Collaborating closely with MCPs on oversight and monitoring activities, collecting beneficiary input, and helping to ensure smooth and successful beneficiary transitions and implementation of health delivery system initiatives such as CalAIM.



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Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve over 500,000 Sacramento County residents through the important work of this Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chet Hewitt", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chet Hewitt  
Sacramento County Health Authority Commission Chair

cc: Timothy Lutz, Director, Sacramento County Department of Health Services



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## Appendix A

During this year, much of the attention of the Commission was focused on planning for the first and second year of the Strategic Plan implementation. To this end, key milestones met by the Commission include:

### Quarter 1: January – March

In January, the Consumer Protection Committee (CPC) discussed the Year 1 Implementation of the Strategic Plan with the assistance of Bobbie Wunsch, Pacific Health Consulting Services. The SCHA Commission reviewed the Implementation Planning for Year 1 of the Strategic Plan and appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee for Strategic Priority 5.

The CPC met with Transform Health in March to plan for collaboration with the Sacramento Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) collaborative planning and implementation initiative.

### Quarter 2: April – June

The CPC met in June and received a presentation on and discussed the new DHCS Medi-Cal Member Advisory Committee. The Committee received a presentation from the County's Public Health division on MCP/County health promotion efforts to date and potential collaboration with the Committee.

In May, the CPC discussed communications and marketing goals and strategies with County Public Information Officers. The CPC reviewed the statements of interest for beneficiary advocate seats and the CPC nominated individuals for the open seats. The CPC discussed the potential role of the subcommittee in health promotion efforts and in the County's community health improvement plan. The Commission discussed the approval of the 2023-2024 SCHA budget and the appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee for strategic priorities 1-4. A panel discussion on Medi-Cal redeterminations and expansion was presented to the Commission.

The CPC discussed the Consumer Protection Committee Strategic Plan Implementation and beneficiary engagement planning in June.

### Quarter 3: July-September

In July, Commissioners discussed 2024 Medi-Cal MCP Transitions and Aetna's exit from the market, effective 1/1/2024, which will leave four remaining MCPs in Sacramento County. Commission members, and interested members of the public, were provided a copy of the Strategic Implementation Plan, to review and provide feedback. The Commission approved the Implementation Plan for Strategies 1-4. Two new appointments were made to the Commission: one advocate for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and one Medi-Cal MCP representative.

In September, Commissioners received a presentation from all five MCPs on upcoming 2024 Medi-Cal MCP Transitions. The County Department of Health Services and Department of Human Assistance staff presented Medi-Cal redetermination data.



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The Implementation Plan Strategy 5 Ad-Hoc Committee met to discuss data requests to MCPs.

### **Quarter 4: October - December**

The CPC discussed a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for a SCHA Strategic Implementation Plan consultant.

In November, the Implementation Plan Strategy 5 Ad-Hoc Committee met to develop the implementation plan for strategic priority 5. Commission members and the public met to review Medi-Cal redetermination data for August and September and provide feedback for the draft RFP for a contracted consultant for the Commission.

The Strategy 5 Ad-Hoc Committee met in December and finalized the plan. DHS staff that support the SCHA finalized the RFP for the SCHA Commission consultant, which will be opened for public proposals in early 2024.

### **Plans for 2024**

Looking ahead, in 2024, the Commission will start to implement the Strategic Plan second-year priorities, including building out its process for MCP oversight and monitoring, working with the County to collect beneficiary input, helping ensure successful implementation of CalAIM, and supporting health care delivery system transformation.