

**Department of Health Services (DHS)  
Director's Report to PHAB – September 2022**

**DHS Leadership Recruitment**

- DHS Director – Interviews targeted for September 2022
- Primary Health Division Deputy Director – interviews in process

**Budget Hearings**

- Final budget hearings are scheduled for September 7, 2022

**Managed Care Plan Procurement (*beginning 2024*)**

- Anthem and Molina are being awarded the Managed Care Contract for Sacramento County
- Kaiser has a direct contract with the CA Department of Health Care Services that serves Sacramento County
- More information for the MCP procurement can be found at:  
<https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Pages/MCP-RFP.aspx>

**Novel Coronavirus:**

- Sacramento County has had a total of 339,292 reported cases of COVID-19 and 3,395 deaths due to COVID-19 since February 2020.
- The current case rate is 19.3 per 100,000. The rate has been decreasing recently.
- Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) continues to strongly recommend vaccination and masks in public places.

**MPX:**

- The World Health Organization has signaled their intent to rename the virus. In the meantime, we are referring to it as MPX (sometimes pronounced M-Pox).
- 122 cases of MPX have been identified among Sacramento County residents since May 2022 (as of 8/29/22)
- Recent changes to vaccine dosage guidance can yield 4-5 time more doses per vial, which has allowed SCPH and its partners to keep up with demand. Sacramento County has received 5,908 vials of vaccine to date. 1,658 individuals have been vaccinated by SCPH (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> doses) and 4,305 doses have been redistributed to area medical providers.
- The risk to the general public remains low at this time.
- More information regarding MPX can be found at: [MPX.saccounty.gov](https://www.saccounty.gov)

**CalAIM Planning:**

- For current and prospective Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports providers, DHCS has released the PATH CITED funding opportunity to enable the transition, expansion and development of ECM and Community Supports capacity and infrastructure. More information is available here: <https://www.ca-path.com/cited>

**Social Health Information Exchange:**

- DHS is continuing to its planning work for the SHIE, which is data infrastructure that aims to that link medical, behavioral health, social service and housing data from multiple sources countywide and strengthen care coordination between health and social service providers in Sacramento County.

**Health Authority Commission:**

- The Health Authority is currently in the process of strategic planning. This includes developing its mission, vision, values, and strategic priorities.
- Everyone is welcome to provide public comment.
- The meeting schedule and minutes are available here:  
<https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PRI/Pages/Medi-Cal%20Managed%20Care%20Resources/GI-Sacramento-County-Health-Authority.aspx>

**Behavioral Health Continuum:**

- Working on a 2<sup>nd</sup> BHCIP app for a youth facility (Due Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>)

**Behavioral Health Workforce Crisis**

- Across the State, there is a Behavioral Health Workforce crisis like none ever seen before
- Sacramento County is no exception and this has impacted contracted providers, as well as County positions
- Here are some of the efforts to address this in Sac County:
  - Contracted providers received a 10% increase in rates to assist with recruitment and retention
  - As a part of the union negotiations, the County is now offering a more competitive compensation package
  - Sac County accepted applications for service staff including contractors and County positions for Loan Repayment up to \$25,000 with a service commitment.
  - Sac County will be holding a hiring event September 15 and 16. Flyer is forthcoming.