



Provider Advisory Committee Meeting

The Alhambra, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Bldg. A9 East
Microsoft Teams
May 10, 2022
2PM – 4PM

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Welcome Dr. Gary Tsai, Director, DPH-SAPC

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Approval of Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2022 Meeting
Kyle Kennedy, Systems of Care, DPH-SAPC



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SAPC Announcements

Dr. Gary Tsai, Director, DPH-SAPC

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Announcements

- Establishing consensus on guiding principles and strategies to “Reach the 95%”
- Peers Support Specialist Certification Program
- New Rates
- CARE Court (attached)
- Homeless Mortality Report (attached)

Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Certification Program

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Qualifications for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists

- At least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED
- Self-identify as an individual with lived experience
- Be willing to share their experience as a person with lived experience
- Agree to adhere to the DHCS Code of Ethics for Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists in California
- Complete an 80-hour training for initial certification or 20 hours of continuing education for certification through grandparenting
- Pass a State approved Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialist Exam

Peer Certification Program – Upcoming Timeline

May 2022

- CalMHSA opens the application for certification through the grandparenting process
- Scholarships are available

August 2022

- CalMHSA will pilot test the initial certification exam

October
2022

- CalMHSA will open the initial certification exam to the public

Scholarships for certification through the grandparenting process

- A total of 5,000 scholarships will be distributed, 2,500 for peers under the grandparenting process and 2,500 for peers seeking initial certification.
- In order to be considered for a scholarship, individuals must be recommended by SAPC or DMH
 - If you are interested in recommending yourself or someone else for a scholarship, please notify SAPC by sending an email to SAPC_ASOC@ph.lacounty.gov with the following information:
 1. Recommended peer candidate's full name;
 2. Provider agency name (place of employment for recommended peer candidate);
 3. Recommended peer candidate's current position;
 4. Recommended peer candidate's email and/or phone number; and
 5. Name of recommended peer candidate's direct supervisor

Scholarship Rollout

May 2, 2022 – July 31, 2022 or until scholarships have been depleted

- Applicants seeking certification under the grandparenting process must be employed as a Peer as of January 1, 2022, and shall meet the work experience, training requirements, and all other requirements under the grandparenting process.
- Scholarship under the grandparenting process covers application and exam costs.

July 1, 2022 – September 30, 2022

- Applicants seeking initial certification, not under the grandparenting process shall meet training and all other requirements.
- Scholarship covers application, training, and exam costs.

Please visit the CalMHSA webpage to apply to begin the grandparenting process and/or apply for a scholarship.

For additional information on the scholarship application process, please see the [FAQs](#) compiled by CalMHSA.

Announcements (cont.)

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- CARE Court (attached)
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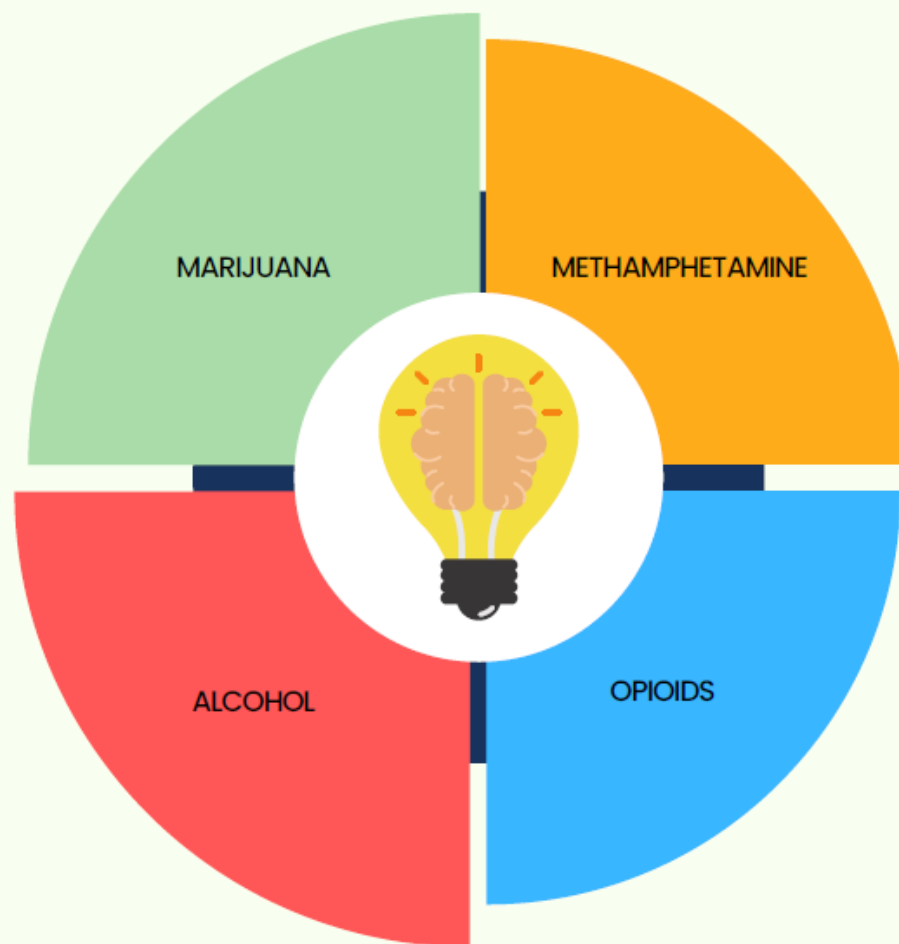
Prevention Update

Stephanie Chen, Chief, Community and Youth Engagement

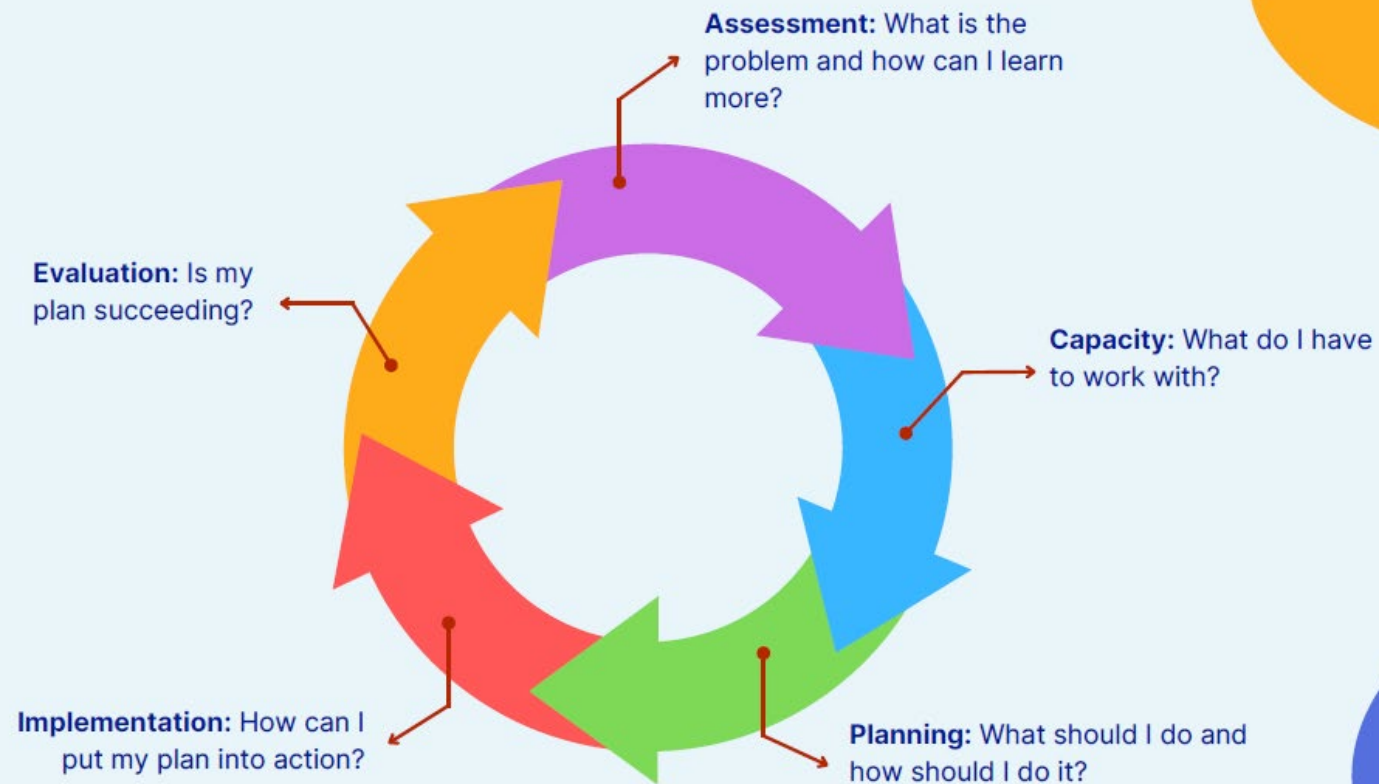


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4 Substances for **PRIMARY PREVENTION STRATEGY**



SAMHSA'S STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK







Coalition-Building

Goal: Convening groups and individuals for broader goals and greater impact.
Programs: Community Collaboration Program, Safe Med Los Angeles, Rethinking Access to Marijuana, LA County Methamphetamine Taskforce

Community-Based Programs

Goal: Promoting community outreach and educational information and resources.
Programs: Prevention Education Program, Community Collaboration Program, Media Campaigns, CORE Centers

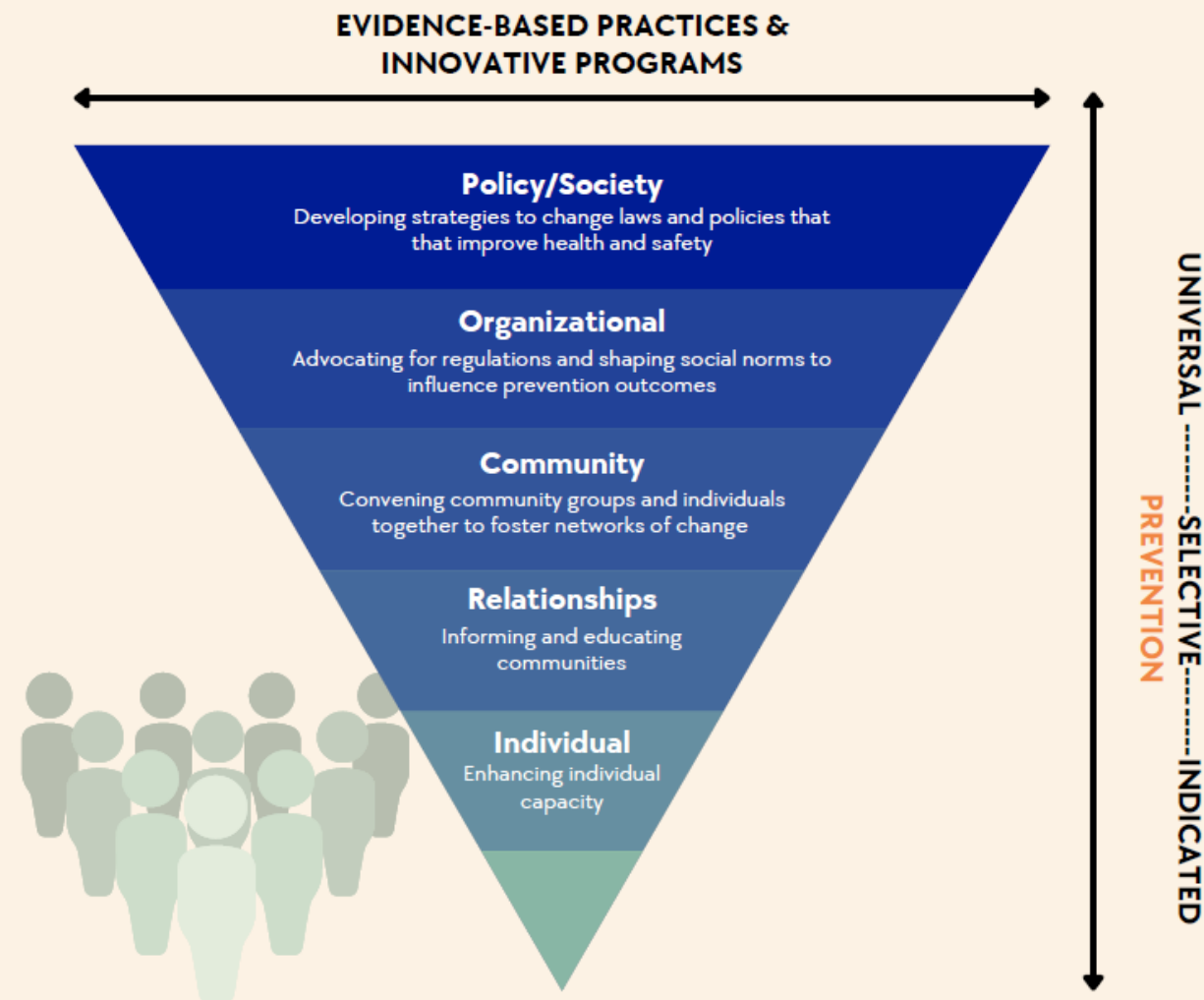
Positive Youth Development Programs

Goal: Enhancing youth capacity to promote the health and safety of communities.
Programs: LA County Our SPOT Program, DPH Positive Youth Development Initiative, Charles Drew Univesity Program, My Brother's Keeper Program

School-Based Programs

Goal: Partnering with schools to provide educational programs and youth leadership initiatives.
Programs: Student Well-Being Centers, Prevention Education Program, Friday Night Live

THE SPECTRUM OF PREVENTION



PREVENTION AND THE ROAD TO WELL-BEING

EARLY INTERVENTION & HARM REDUCTION

Provide timely and engaging services for individuals who are using substances and most at-risk for developing a substance use disorder.

PRIMARY PREVENTION

Implement effective prevention initiatives to systematically reduce community substance use problems.



TREATMENT & RECOVERY

Access no-cost, high quality substance use treatment services.



4 IDEAS TO **BETTER SERVE THE 95%**

1

Improve understanding and access to harm reduction options

2

Pilot innovative prevention efforts within policy advocacy

3

Coordinate engagement efforts to connect high-risk and underserved youth

4

Standardize referrals from primary to secondary prevention



Los Angeles County
NPW
national prevention week

#NPW2022 @LACountyPP
MAY 8-14
2022
www.LACPP.org

National Prevention Week (NPW) is a national public education platform bringing together communities and organizations to raise awareness about the importance of substance use prevention and positive mental health.

MONDAY, May 9

Strengthening Community #Resilient: Substance Misuse and Overdose Prevention

Join us to listen to stories of hope and resiliency from substance misuse. We'll be joined by panelists such as such as a pastor, an individual in recovery, and a public health professional to share their stories of justice, faith, and equity.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/2022prevention>



TUESDAY, May 10 at 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

HEAR US! – Youth Speak Out on the Increasing Mental Challenges of Adolescence #WholeHealth

The newest public health concerns for youth are the growing rates of mental health problems, which came into sharp focus during the pandemic. Parents, teachers, school staff and anyone who works with youth are invited to join this crucial conversation where students share their concerns and tell adults what they need to fix emotional damage and prevent further harm.

Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/NPWhearUs>

WEDNESDAY, May 11 at 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Preventing Suicide: Everyone Plays a Role #OkayToFeel

Join us for a special panel discussion featuring mental health experts and real experiences from youth as we explore how we can help prevent suicide and collectively heal.

Register at bit.ly/DO_NPW.



THURSDAY, May 12 at 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

The Talent Pipeline: Enhancing the Prevention Workforce #OnPurpose

Take a personal and inspirational look at those who work daily to prevent substance use disorder in their communities and provide support to those who may be most vulnerable in our National Prevention Week podcast, 'Creating Purpose-Driven Lives'.

Podcast available via "Prevention 365" on Spotify, Apple, BLEAV, and YouTube

FRIDAY, May 13 from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Prevention is Everywhere: Highlighting Efforts Across Settings and Communities #Supported

Join us in the festivities and in-person community connection at Belvedere Park. Learn about LA County substance use disorder prevention efforts through fun activities and games!

Belvedere Park is located: 4014 E. Cesar Chavez Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90022.





PAC Workgroup Updates Funding Utilization Shelly Wood & Christina Gonzalez

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PAC Workgroup Updates Business Technology Samson Kung, DPH - Information Technology

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PAC New Member Selection Kyle Kennedy, Systems of Care

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PAC New Member Selection

Group	Name of Applicant	Term End Date
B	Baldomero Gonzalez	6/30/2023
B	Brandon G. Fernandez	6/30/2023
B	Christina Lynn Gonzales	6/30/2023
B	Claudia Murillo	6/30/2023
A	Cory Brosch	6/30/2022
B	Deena T. Duncan	6/30/2023
B	Denise Shook	6/30/2023
A	Edgar U. Sebastian	6/30/2022
B	Edith Urner	6/30/2023
A	Elan Javanfard	6/30/2022
A	Felipe Kaiser	6/30/2022
A	JoAnn M. Hemstreet	6/30/2022
B	Jonathan Higgins	6/30/2023
B	Kathy Watt	6/30/2023
A	Ken Bachrach	6/30/2022
A	Lisa K. Campana	6/30/2022
B	Nora O'Connor	6/30/2023
A	Rocio Quezada	6/30/2022
A	Shelly D. Wood	6/30/2022
A	Tenesha Taylor	6/30/2022
B	Wendie Warwick	6/30/2023
A	William V. Tarkanian	6/30/2022

*Highlights indicate members with term ending FY2022

PAC New Member Selection (cont.)

- 50% of PAC members (Group A) will term out 6/30/22
- SAPC will be releasing the PAC Application and associated Memo by May 20, 2022
- Applications will be due by June 10, 2022
- SAPC staff will confirm receipt of all applications via email
- The PAC Selection Committee will be led by the PAC Co-Char and be made up of 4 PAC members and 5 SAPC Staff
- The PAC Selection Committee Members will be chosen by the Co-Chair from members whose term will not be ending



PAC New Member Selection (cont.)

- PAC CO-Chair will be reaching out in the next couple weeks to identify Selection Committee Members
- SAPC staff will review all applications received to ensure candidates meet established criteria (refer to PAC bylaws) and advance each completed application to the PAC Selection Committee for review
- Each completed application will be considered and discussed by the PAC Selection Committee
- Selection Committee Members will then cast a vote to decide on incoming members
- All applicants will be informed of the Selection Committee's final decision by week of July 4, 2022.



PAC Member Item

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Recovery Bridge Housing Questions

- It can be very difficult to get someone housed within 180 days. If the client is discharged from RBH, can they return for more time if needed? Is there a limit of 180 days total per client or is it based on medical necessity criteria?
- Any success with placing couples in RBH?
- Due to RBH being abstinence based is the best course of action to require the patient accept a higher level of care if they continue relapse and use while in RBH?
- Success in navigating RBH and finding beds for patients
- What staffing levels do the most RBH's employ?
- Words of wisdom concerning client meals?



Provider Manual Rollout Emily Caesar & Kyle Kennedy Systems of Care

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Proposed Rollout Meeting Plan

- Meetings to provide more detailed information about PM 6.0 updates; opportunity for Q&A/TA.
- Five meetings organized by region
 - SPAs 1&2; SPA 3; SPA 4; SPAs 5&6; SPAs 7&8
 - Flexible attendance for those that cannot make their region's meeting.
 - Meetings will be recorded.
- Targeting line staff and other staff that will be responsible for implementing PM 6.0 changes.

PAC Discussion Prompts

- What feedback do you have on the proposed plan for PM 6.0 rollout?
- What recommendations do you have for SAPC regarding how to get the right staff to join these meetings (meeting notification reaching frontline staff)?
- Do you have ideas regarding how we might apply this regional model moving forward beyond the PM 6.0 rollout meetings?



Future PAC Meeting Dates Adam Loomis, Systems of Care

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Future PAC Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, July 12, 2022, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 8, 2022, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.



Brainstorming Topics for Future Meetings Emily Caesar, Systems of Care

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Meeting Wrap-up:

Review Decisions/Next Steps

Meeting Evaluation



Public Comments

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Adjourn
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