



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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## STANDARDS AND BEST PRACTICES (SBP) COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 2, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Joseph Cadden, MD, <i>Co-Chair</i>	None	Jason Brown	Cheryl Barrit, MPIA
Grissel Granados, MSW, <i>Co-Chair</i>		Dahlia Ferlito	Jane Nachazel
Wendy Garland, MPH		Bernard Moy	Doris Reed
Angélica Palmeros, MSW		Katja Nelson	
Thomas Puckett, Jr.			
Terry Smith, MPA			<b>DHSP STAFF</b>
Octavio Vallejo, MD, MPH			None

### CONTENTS OF COMMITTEE PACKET

- Agenda:** Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee Meeting Agenda, 3/2/2017
- Minutes:** Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee Meeting Minutes, 1/5/2017
- Minutes:** Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee Meeting Minutes, 2/2/2017
- Standards of Care:** Los Angeles County Commission on HIV, Standards of Care for Youth Transitional Case Management, *Draft, Updated February 2017*
- PowerPoint:** Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee Report, 3/2/2017

- CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Granados called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION #1:** Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (**Passed by Consensus**).
- APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**Motion 2:** Approve the 1/5/2017 and 2/2/2017 Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee meeting minutes, as presented (**Passed by Consensus**).
- PUBLIC COMMENT, (Non-Agendized or Follow-Up):** There were no comments.
- COMMITTEE COMMENT, (Non-Agendized or Follow-Up):**
  - Dr. Vallejo suggested the Universal Standards of Care (SOC) include language supporting viral suppression as a goal for all DHSP-funded providers including Community Based Organizations (CBOs). Often providers do not collect viral suppression rates unless required for funded services. Dr. Cadden noted affirmation of the Continuum would include viral suppression.
  - There was general agreement that viral suppression outcome metrics for non-medical services would be difficult, but raising the profile of enquiring about and encouraging activity to achieve and maintain viral suppression was valuable.
- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**
  - Ms. Barrit reported Karen Smith, MD, MPH, Director and State Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health (CDPH) released a letter 3/1/2017 announcing termination of the AJ Boggs contract effective 3/6/2017. AJ Boggs managed the application portal for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Office of AIDS-Health Insurance Premium Program (OA-HIPP) and Medicare Part D. CDPH is currently working on revitalizing the portal.

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- There will be no change to the other two related contractors: Magellan Rx, pharmacy and medication benefits; and Pool Administrators, Inc. (PAI), insurance and medical out of pocket costs, and Medicare Part D premiums.
- A report on the change will be provided at the March Commission meeting with pertinent CDPH documents in the packet.

### 7. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:

- Ms. Granados reported the President's Advisory Council of HIV/AIDS (PACHA) is drafting a letter with an HIV/AIDS overview for the administration along with recommendations, e.g., support for Ryan White funding, the National HIV/AIDS Strategy (NHAS) and the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The letter will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting on 3/13-14/2017.
- PACHA has also been addressing stigma for the past year and will continue development of a stigma reduction plan. Once finalized, the plan will be forwarded as a recommendation to the administration later in the year.
- An Executive Order has advised all presidential advisory councils to function normally until September 2017 unless advised otherwise in the meantime. It is expected the administration will review all presidential councils during that time and decide which it wishes to maintain. PACHA is not a mandated council. It serves at the pleasure of the President.
- There is currently no Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) and no indication it will be revitalized. ONAP previously attended PACHA meetings. The Assistant Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), is expected to attend.
- Related to the new administration, many undocumented clients are frightened and some are denying their medical condition. Legal residents, such as children of the undocumented, may also be impacted. It is important to offer a safe, supportive space and connection to legal help, if needed. "Staff Only" signs on exam rooms deter Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) personnel from entering. The Public Policy Committee will address the situation at its next meeting.

### 8. STANDARDS UPDATE:

- Ms. Barrit reported no additional comments were received on the Substance Use/Residential, Substance Use/Treatment or Universal SOC's except for this day's viral suppression comments on the latter.
- Reach LA provided comments on the Youth Transitional Case Management (YTCM) SOC, highlighted on the packet copy.
- Terina Keresoma, DHSP, also sent comments on the YTCM SOC too late last night to include in the packet. Many of the comments simply re-arrange wording and align the SOC with DHSP expectations for current providers.
- Other areas do present distinct differences. The Commission's iteration strengthened the narrative on recognizing STIs and those at-risk of HIV. Ms. Keresoma kept the STI component, but emphasized PLWH, possibly as this is a Ryan White-funded service. Ms. Granados suggested reviewing whether a Patient Navigation SOC was included in prevention prior to cutting at-risk references. If so, while not as comprehensive as case management, it would address some at-risk concerns.
- The Commission also strongly recommended aligning efforts with other community services for Transitional Age Youth (TAY), especially with Department of Mental Health (DMH) TAY services. Ms. Keresoma also added a section on brief interventions which DHSP requires of providers.
- Overall, reviewers were pleased with a separate Universal SOC and separate Post-Incarcerated and Youth TCM SOC's.
- ➡ Ms. Barrit will incorporate some language on viral suppression into the Universal SOC based on this day's discussion.
- ➡ Ms. Barrit will contact Ms. Keresoma regarding her reasoning for deleting YTCM references on aligning TAY services.
- ➡ Ms. Barrit will identify whether a Patient Navigation SOC is included among prevention SOC's.
- ➡ Ms. Barrit will incorporate changes in time to open public comment at the 3/9/2017 Commission meeting.

### 9. PREVENTION STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT:

- Ms. Barrit reviewed a PowerPoint presentation for the 3/9/2017 Commission meeting. It reviews: development of SOC's overall by the former Standards of Care Committee and now SBP; current SOC's being opened for public comment; and the process developed for addressing the Prevention SOC's in 2017.
- Community participation is encouraged throughout. SBP evaluates comments and refers those that do not pertain directly to SOC's to other appropriate bodies, e.g., the Planning, Priorities and Allocation (PP&A) or Public Policy Committees.
- Prevention SOC Expert Review Panels (ERPs) were moved from March to April to develop specific SOC's for panelists to respond to and specific discussion questions. Community presentations are also planned during the public comment period to facilitate feedback. SOC's are distributed broadly during public comment including to all contracted DHSP providers.
- Ms. Reed reported letters with the scheduled ERP dates were sent to potential panelists. They were asked to RSVP. To date, approximately seven have responded. Letters were sent to everyone on the lists to help ensure 15 panelists per ERP.
- ➡ PowerPoint Changes: page 3, possibly change Transitional Independent Living Plan (TILP) to Service Plan for consistency with common usage and flexibility; page 5, Process Overview, Key Dates, from April 28 and 29 to April 27 and 28.

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- ➡ Send suggestions for specific addressees at providers for distribution of SOCs for public comment to Ms. Barrit

### 10. JOINT PP&A AND SBP COMMITTEE MEETING - 3/21/2017:

#### A. Develop Housing Service Eligibility Regulations and Standards:

- Ms. Granados noted general agreement for at least one such joint meeting per year. This one will focus on housing and will also include input from the newly formed Housing Task Force. It will be on the 7th Floor in a larger room.
- Ms. Barrit saw SBP as the lead body in its role developing SOCs that reflect discussion while identifying, e.g., income thresholds, a timeframe for services and acuity. Lois Starr, consultant will open with an overview of housing services.
- The date is also the regular PP&A meeting date so PP&A will also briefly address its basic business.
- ➡ Agreed that Ms. Starr will help facilitate the meeting.

11. **NEXT STEPS:** There were no additional items.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.