

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

## Children's Health Consultant Advisory Committee

### Meeting Minutes – August 16, 2022

1055 W. Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017



**L.A. Care**  
HEALTH PLAN

#### Members

Tara Ficek, MPH, *Chair\**  
Linda Aragon, MPH\*  
Edward Bloch, MD\*  
Maria Chandler, MD, MBA  
James Cruz, MD\*  
Rebecca Dudovitz, MD, MS  
Rosina Franco, MD

Susan Fleischman, MD\*  
Toni Frederick, PhD\*  
Gwendolyn Ross Jordan  
Lynda Knox, PhD  
James Kyle, MD, M.Div.  
Nayat Mutafyan\*  
Hilda Perez

Maryjane Puffer, BSN, MPA  
Richard Seidman, MD, MPH  
Ilan Shapiro, MD, FAAP\*  
Diane Tanaka, MD\*

#### Management

James Kyle, MD, *Chief of Equity and Quality Medical Director, Quality Improvement*  
Katrina Miller Parrish, MD, FAAP, *Chief Quality and Information Executive, Health Services*  
Michael Brodsky, MD, *Medical Director, Behavioral Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health*

*\*Absent \*\*Present, but not quorum*

California Governor Newsom issued Executive Orders No. N-25-20 and N-29-20, which among other provisions amend the Ralph M. Brown Act. Members of the public can hear and observe this meeting via teleconference and videoconference, and can share their comments via voicemail, email or text.

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<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Tara Ficek, MPH, <i>Chairperson</i> , called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. without a quorum.	
<b>APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA</b>	The committee reached a quorum at 9:02 a.m.  The Agenda for today's meeting was approved as submitted	Approved unanimously. 9 AYES (Chandler, Dudovitz, Ficek, Frederick, Knox, Perez, Puffer, Ramos, Seidman)
<b>APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES</b>	The May 17, 2022 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.	Approved unanimously.
<b>CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT</b>	Chairperson Ficek stated that she has a few things to share. Noted that time of the year is back to school for many. She is thrilled that children will be back in the classroom and she is thinking about the relationship between a child's readiness to learn and their mental	

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	<p>health. She would include oral health, there is an interconnection physical, mental health and their wellbeing and their ability to learn and succeed. She noted that the county is struggling in areas such as well child visits, well child and adolescents visits, childhood immunizations, and dental varnish. She noted that the pandemic played a major role, but hopes the committee thinks about where or how it is performing, not just where it could do better, but where it is doing really well tied to children's preventative supports knowing everyone plays an important role in children's wellbeing. And how it relates to a child's learning abilities.</p>	
<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	No public comment was submitted.	
<b>CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT</b>	<p><i>(Member Ramos and Member Dudovitz joined the meeting.)</i></p> <p>Member Seidman presented the August 2022 Chief Medical Officer report. <i>(A copy of the written report can be obtained from Board Services.)</i></p> <p>Dr. Seidman said that based on the Chairperson's report it would be a good time to start thinking about the committee's charter and goals of the committee.</p> <p>COVID Update</p> <p>While the number of cases of COVID-19 is decreasing globally, nationally and locally, transmission rates, morbidity and mortality remain high. Los Angeles County recently moved down to the medium community level. Moved back down because the number of hospital admissions with COVID-19 as primary or secondary diagnosis came back down to 10 per 100,000. Two of three metrics measure the impact on the hospital system and the third metric is the overall rate of new COVID-19 infection per 100,000 population. That is what determines the community rate. It remains high in L.A. County. That is why masking is highly recommended in indoor public places. It is also recommended that children wear masks in school. The total number in children is relatively low, but should still be taken seriously with the modified approach.</p> <p>Monkeypox</p> <p>The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has declared the current outbreak of Monkeypox cases a Public Health Emergency. There have been over 28,000 cases in 88 countries reported to date, including 81 countries that have not historically reported known cases. In the United States, there are now more than 7,500 cases reported in all but two states, and nearly 900 cases in Los Angeles County. Over 70% of cases in Los Angeles</p>	


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	<p>County are in White and Latinx individuals, with 11% in Black/African Americans, and 5% among Asians. Human to human spread of monkeypox infection occurs primarily through close, intimate contact with someone who has monkeypox. In Los Angeles County, 99% of reported cases have been in men, and 85% within the LGBTQ+ community, 2% among straight or heterosexuals, and 14% of unknown sexual orientation. The California Department of Public Health has assessed the current risk of getting monkeypox among the general population as very low. People can reduce their risk of infection by avoiding close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox, avoid contact with objects and materials that a person with monkeypox has used, and attention to good hand hygiene practices. At this time, access to testing and vaccination for monkeypox is limited. The goal set by the LAC DPH is to administer a first dose of vaccine to as many people at increased risk for monkeypox exposure as quickly as possible. As the vaccine supply increases, Public Health will make second doses available. The current priority in Los Angeles County is to offer vaccine to gay or bisexual men and transgender adults with increased risk of infection.</p> <p>Dr. Seidman advised the committee that L.A. Care has written a resolution to address gun violence. Have written to legislators for safer gun laws. L.A. Care also issued a statement supporting reproductive rights and abortion rights. California will continue to provide abortion services for women including those that are out of state.</p> <p>Dr. Seidman announced that he gave notice to John Baackes, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>, that he will be retiring at the end of the calendar year. He noted that he has been in practice for 30 years since he finished training. Mr. Baackes is currently searching for his replacement.</p> <p>Chairperson Ficek thanked him for his report and wishes him the best. She hopes for other opportunities to honor him.</p> <p>Member Perez stated that normally the chair of each committee attends the Board meeting to provide a report. She asked Chairperson Ficek if she is able to attend the Board meeting and give the CHCAC report. Chairperson Ficek responded that she will reach out to Dr. Seidman to coordinate.</p> <p>Messages received through chat box:  from Maryjane Puffer to everyone: 8:48 AM  Dr. Seidman!!! You have been an incredible leader on all fronts and you will be missed!  Enjoy your retirement:)  from Richard Seidman to everyone: 8:54 AM</p>	

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	<p>Thanks very much Maryjane. Still a lot of work to do before the end of year.  from Diana Ramos to everyone: 8:59 AM  Thank you Dr. Seidman for your leadership! Enjoy the next chapter =)  from Toni Frederick to everyone: 9:00 AM  I also want to thank Dr. Seidman for his leadership and dedication to the health of our children and youth. Enjoy your retirement. We will miss you!  from Lynda Knox to everyone: 9:01 AM  Dr. Seidman, Amazing and most importantly, compassionate work at LA Care. You will be missed!  from Richard Seidman to everyone: 9:04 AM  Thanks very much for your kind comments. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve in this role and work with all of you to improve the care and services available to people living in our most vulnerable communities.  from Maryjane Puffer to everyone: 9:15 AM  Thank you Dr. Miller. Two things of note on oral health. We screened kindergarten children in 9 schools last school semester in April/May. We saw an increase in level three abscess and broken teeth from 5 to 10% . the dental community is calling this concern : Covidities because so many children lacked access to care. LA County DPH Oral Health will be very focused on kinder screening this coming year.  from Rebecca Dudovitz to everyone: 9:24 AM  I am curious the degree to which LA Care works with WIC to try and reach parents of infants and young children  from Laura Gunn to everyone: 9:40 AM  sidenote: there is a provider webinar happening next week with WIC  from Richard Seidman to everyone: 9:41 AM  Victor, please share the information about the webinar noted above with all of the members of the committee once you get the information from the QI team. Thank you.  from Lynda Knox to everyone: 9:44 AM  Katrina - I'm involved with both TLA and Help me Grow if you'd like me to discuss at some point w training of the practice improvement facilitators.</p>	
DHCS 2021 Preventive Services Report	<p>Katrina Miller Parrish, MD, FAAP, <i>Chief Quality and Information Executive, Health Services</i>, gave a presentation about the DHCS 2021 Preventive Services Report (PSR) (<i>A copy of the presentation can be obtained from Board Services.</i>)</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSR follows a 2019 report by the California (CA) State Auditor. The goal of this report is to help Managed Care Plans (MCP) improve how they care for the state's most vulnerable children. The PSR assesses the provision of preventive services across the MCPs, measures, and regions, which enable the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to identify and deal with shortfalls.</li> <li>The second PSR is based on data from 2020 and includes results from 19 indicators.</li> <li>Plan performance ratings were developed with administrative and hybrid data. They were stratified by demographic characteristics. This included racial/ethnic groups, primary language groups, gender, age, and region (if applicable).</li> <li>PSR drew eight key finding and added conclusions and considerations for each finding.</li> </ul>	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:  
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