



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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## STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES November 5, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/CONSULTANTS
Angélica Palmeros, <i>Co-Chair</i>	David Giugni	Aaron Fox	None	Jane Nachazel
Fariba Younai, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Terry Goddard	Jason Wise		Glenda Pinney
Mark Davis				Doris Reed
Louis Guitron				Craig Vincent-Jones
Brad Land				
Jenny O'Malley				
Everardo Orozco				
Carlos Vega-Matos				
Jennifer Sayles				

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Palmeros called the meeting to order at 10:45 am.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**  
**MOTION #1:** Approve the Agenda Order with Louis Guitron added to the Committee Members list (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**  
**MOTION #2:** Minutes from the 10/1/2009 Standards of Care (SOC) committee meeting were amended to add the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP) Grievance Line number (800.260.8787) and approved (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.

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### 5. COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:

- Dr. Davis reported provider problems with Oral Health laboratory fee reimbursement. Although most providers expected additional funds for fees to be billed through CaseWatch, OAPP wants a new line item to be paid with existing allocations.
- Dr. Sayles reported that a meeting has been scheduled for providers at OAPP on 11/9/2009 to clarify the procedure for oral health laboratory fee reimbursement. She acknowledged that there is a problem with fee variations and that the issue will also be discussed at the 11/9/2009 meeting.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones stated that OAPP reported an anticipated \$500,000 in Oral Health savings in the revised FY 2009, but that the Commission has consistently intended funds to be spent to meet the need, including reimbursement for laboratory fees.
- Dr. Younai asked about referrals when a provider lacks a needed service. Dr. Sayles responded that OAPP is developing a Ryan White-funded Oral Health referral list.
- Dr. Younai noted that UCLA has subsidized APLA client services by \$150,000+ in the last two years with Title F funds.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones reported that a policy brief with information for consumers about available specialty services that OAPP will provide reimbursement for is scheduled to be released soon and, that a Spanish version of the brief would be available in a few weeks.

### 6. PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP: There were no comments.

### 7. CO-CHAIRS' REPORT: Mr. Guitron was approved by Board of Supervisors at their 11/3/2009 meeting to become a member of the SOC Committee.

### 8. STANDARDS OF CARE:

#### A. Medical Outpatient Services:

- The Committee reviewed the medical outpatient standards of care comments received to date. Mr. Vincent-Jones informed the group that Treatment Education services as part of medical outpatient services had been renamed "Treatment Adherence Counseling" to make the distinction between those services and independent Treatment Education services provided to targeted populations.
- Language will be clarified to reflect that although medical nutrition therapy is not required as part of medical outpatient services, periodic referral screening is.
- Under **Follow-Up Treatment Visits**, page 21, 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet revised to "For patients who have no history of TB or positive PPD tests, a PPD test **or interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)**..."
- Page 21, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet revised to read, "Patients with CD4 counts below 50 should be referred for ophthalmic evaluation by a trained retinal specialist for a screening. Follow-up should be conducted as recommended by the specialist or clinical judgment."
- Under **Other Assessments**, page 24, treatment education language will be revised. Revisions will not require separate assessment tools for treatment adherence counseling.
- Under **Laboratory Assessment and Diagnostic Screening**, page 26 and 27, reference Public Health Standard guidelines on frequency of ongoing laboratory tests.
- Page 28-30, reference Public Health Standard guidelines regarding laboratory tests and their frequency for syphilis serology and urine GC/Chlamydia. Reflect that lipids testing should be performed fasting if possible. Mr. Vincent-Jones will consult with Dr. Eric Daar on specific language.
- Under **Antiretroviral (ARV) Therapy**, page 29, second paragraph, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet revised to read, "There may be additional indications to start treatment for those with >350 T cells. Refer to Public Health Standard guidelines for such indications."
- Mr. Vincent-Jones informed the Committee that a routine review schedule will be established once the first review of standards is complete. Concurrently, threshold criteria will be determined for standards review outside of the regular review schedule. He also reported that the Committee had suggested a year or two prior using the Medical Advisory Committee as the expert review panel for medical outpatient, and possibly, other medically-related standards.

#### B. Review of the **Case Management, Housing and Residential, Transitional Services** standards of care was postponed until the 12/3/2009 SOC committee meeting.

### 9. SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS: Mr. Vincent-Jones reported that the Federal Coordinating Council for Comparative Effectiveness Research had recommended addressing only clinical comparative effectiveness research with stimulus funding, but there are other efforts underway to address systems research as well.

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10. **STANDARDS REVIEW POLICIES:** This item was postponed.
11. **GRIEVANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES:** This item was postponed.
12. **MEDICAL CARE COORDINATION (MCC):** This item was postponed.
13. **ACTIVITY UPDATES:** This item was postponed.
14. **COMMITTEE WORKPLAN:** There was no additional discussion.
15. **AETC REPORT:** There was no report.
16. **NEXT STEPS:** There was no additional discussion.
17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The 12/3/2009 Effectiveness Subcommittee meeting is cancelled.
18. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.