



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH  
SERVICE AREA 2 QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL (QIC) MEETING**

July 21, 2022  
10-11:30 am

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AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS OR SCHEDULED TASKS	RESPONSIBLE UNIT/STAFF
Welcome- Introductions & Agency Updates – Review of Agenda	<p><b>Quality Improvement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Level of Care</li> <li>• CPS Survey Response Statistics</li> </ul> <p><b>Quality Assurance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• QA on the Air</li> <li>• CalAIM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Criteria to Access SMHS</li> <li>• No Wrong Door – Final QA Bulletin</li> <li>• Diagnosis Codes – Final QA Bulletin</li> <li>• Documentation Redesign – Training Video</li> <li>• Peer Support Services</li> <li>• Screening/Transition Tools</li> <li>• Payment Reform</li> </ul> </li> <li>• QA Bulletin on Obtaining Consent</li> <li>• Clinical Forms Bulletin 22-01</li> <li>• Training &amp; Operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LE Chart Reviews</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Policy &amp; Technical Development: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System Review</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Health Information Management</li> <li>• Before and After CalAIM</li> </ul>	All
<b>Quality Improvement</b>	<b>Quality Improvement</b>	<b>Quality Improvement</b>
UPDATES	<p><b>EQRO Announcement</b> EQRO 10/17-10/21 Focus on SA 3 &amp; 4 Timeliness- Outcomes- Quality of Care</p>	<p>Provided by QI Staff (Provided by Kalene Gilbert, LyNetta Shonibare, Jen Regan, Daiya Cunnane) – reported by Kimber</p>

### **Level of Care Quick Survey**

The Outcomes Team requests that providers complete their survey found at this link:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SHJZBzjqG0WKvqY47dusgUsqCHsRx\\_5CsrL9UXOS7SZUQUk0WJRPRFkyMjk5R0FRRDdNWUMxVDJZVS4u&qrcode=true](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SHJZBzjqG0WKvqY47dusgUsqCHsRx_5CsrL9UXOS7SZUQUk0WJRPRFkyMjk5R0FRRDdNWUMxVDJZVS4u&qrcode=true)

### **CPS Provider Survey Response Report**

#### Provider participation:

598 Selected Provider Numbers

- Removed 34 sites with no Mode 15 services in CY 2022
  - Remaining N = 564
- 406 sites participated (72%)
  - 17 additional sites that were not on the selected list participated
- 158 sites did not participate (28%)

LACDMH Electronic Survey was the most popular collection method

#### Provider Participation by Service Area

- Most non-participating provider numbers had another participating provider number within the same LE.
- Many of the non-participating providers were group homes.
- Some older provider numbers continue to appear as active in the IBHIS table used to pull selected providers.

#### LACDMH Electronic Survey Responses

- Over 20,000 survey invitations were sent out
- Response rates are currently inflated as many providers created duplicate records for the same client.
  - Will do more data cleaning with the development team to get a more accurate count
- Based on current data, Older Adults had the highest response rate and Youth had the lowest.

#### LACDMH Electronic Survey Non- Responses

- Trend appears to be similar to the previous year in that most surveys were unread.
- Includes surveys across delivery methods, including email and text

#### UCLA Electronic Survey Response Rates

- Response Rates
  - Adult: 80.6%
  - Older Adult: 100%
  - Family: 45.7%
  - Youth: 41.9%
- Tally sheet likely an undercount of links sent out
- Most surveys completed Thursday and Friday of survey week

#### Spring 2022 Survey Totals

- Electronic surveys were most common methods and, as with the previous survey periods, tended to have lower overall responses.
- Total number of surveys represents an increase of 44.4% from Spring 2021 (N = 5,382) and a decrease of 9.8% from Spring 2020 (N = 8,615).

#### Summary and Next Steps

##### **Summary**

- Thank you so much for the tremendous effort you all put in to roll out the survey this year!
- We tripled the number of participating providers from 130 in Spring 2021 to 406 in Spring 2022
- We increased the number of completed surveys by 44% from 2021 to 2022 although many online surveys were not completed

##### **Next Steps**

#### Continue to clean the data to

- ▶ get more accurate numbers
- ▶ Update provider numbers in IBHIS
- ▶ Review feedback survey data from providers
- ▶ Plan for strategies for next year, primarily targeting client response after receiving a survey

#### **CPS Data Collection Report**

#### Provider Evaluation of Spring 2022 Data Collection

A survey to collect participating provider feedback and experience during the Consumer Perception Survey (CPS) period, May 16-May 20, 2022.

**103** Providers Responded to the Survey

**155** Sites Represented

	<p><u>Format of Survey Administered</u>          UCLA electronic survey (N=20)          Paper survey (N=38)          LACDMH electronic survey (N=63)  <b>Did the training meet expectations? No (N=3) Yes (N=95)</b></p>	
<b>Quality Assurance</b>	<b>Quality Assurance</b>	<b>Quality Assurance</b>
UPDATES	<p><b>QA on the Air</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The next QA on the Air will be held on <b>July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-10:00</b></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The topic will be <b>“Overview of CalAIM Changes Effective January 1 and July 1, 2022”</b></li> </ul> <p><a href="https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGI5MzkyYjltZDY3NC00ZjcyLTg2NzMtNzVIYTU4OWNhMDZi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2207597248-ea38-451b-8abe-a638eddbac81%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227d1fcf4b-94aa-4901-9ded-19f0bf6a0697%22%7d">https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NGI5MzkyYjltZDY3NC00ZjcyLTg2NzMtNzVIYTU4OWNhMDZi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2207597248-ea38-451b-8abe-a638eddbac81%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%227d1fcf4b-94aa-4901-9ded-19f0bf6a0697%22%7d</a></p> <p><b>CalAIM</b>  <u>New Criteria to Access SMHS &amp; Medical Necessity - Effective January 1, 2022</u>  <b>Criteria to access SMHS and Medical Necessity are now separate</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Criteria to Access SMHS:</b> Applies to a <u>person</u> (is this person eligible to receive SMHS?)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A mental health diagnosis is no longer a prerequisite for receiving SMHS</li> <li>✓ No more “Included” Diagnosis List – can be a mental health disorder or suspected mental health disorder not yet diagnosed per DSM and ICD</li> <li>✓ Those w/ a condition placing them at high risk due to trauma can access SMHS</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Medical Necessity:</b> Applies to <u>services</u> (is the service provided clinically appropriate?)</li> </ul> <p><u>Diagnosis Codes Information Notice - Effective July 1, 2022</u>          The following options during the assessment phase may be used when a diagnosis has yet to be established:</p>	<p>Provided by QA Staff          (Provided by Brad Bryant, Jen Hallman, Nikki Collier) – reported by Kimber</p>

1. Non-Diagnosing Staff may use Z55-Z65
2. Diagnosing Practitioners may use any appropriate, valid ICD code including Z codes

**Status/Update:**

- Issued QA Bulletin 22-05
- Incorporated into Documentation training video

**New First Point of Contact Requirements**

**Directly Operated Pilots**

Directly Operated Divisions are developing pilots to work through implementation

- PMRT/Law Enforcement – crisis intervention
- HOME – case managers/non-assessment contacts
- Specialized Foster Care – CFTs
- Directly Operated Clinics - case managers/non-assessment contacts

Documentation Redesign - **Effective July 1, 2022**

**Assessments**

- Greater integration of the CANS
- Requirements will focus on “domains” that are required and not specific data elements
- No frequency requirements – update as clinically needed

**Treatment Plans**

- Only required for TCM, ICC, and Peer Support Services
- No specific data element requirements
- Medication Consent is still required

**Problem List**

- Should be updated regularly/ongoing basis

**Progress Notes**

- Should support the service provided
- Include narrative describing the service, including how it addressed the identified need
- Include next steps (planned action steps, updates to the problem list)

**Status/Update:**

Training video finalized and issued:

[http://lacountymediahost.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip\\_id=10092](http://lacountymediahost.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?clip_id=10092)

Please ensure all staff have watched the training video in the next month or two

**Next Steps:**

**Beneficiary Handbook**

- ✓ Waiting for DHCS to provide us with the template

**NOABD –Service Delivery form**

- ✓ Finalized – working to finalize updates to NOABD application

**Organizational Providers Manual & DMH Policies**

- ✓ Working on finalizing based on all QA Bulletins issues thus far

**Chart Review Tools – New QA Process**

- ✓ Have updated tools to meet the new documentation requirements
- ✓ Will be looking at what items we want QA to focus on in the future (may go beyond documentation)

**Peer Support Services – Effective Jul 1, 2022**

Peer Support Services will be a new covered SMHS Medi-Cal benefit effective July 1, 2022. These services must be provided by a Certified Peer Support Specialist Services aim to prevent relapse, empower beneficiaries through strength-based coaching, support linkages to community resources, and to educate beneficiaries and their families about their conditions and the process of recovery. The services will include:

- Educational Skills Building Groups (H0025)
- Engagement (H0038) Therapeutic Activity (H0038)

**Status/Update:** No Updates at This Time

- ✓ LACDMH working on identifying current peer advocates/parent partners who qualify for scholarships, including grandparenting scholarships to obtain certification
- ✓ CalMHSA has not yet finalized the exam for peer support specialists
- ✓ LACDMH will be setting up a new discipline for Certified Peer Support Specialists in NAPPA and IBHIS as well as setting up the new procedure codes
- ✓ A QA Bulletin will be issued, and the Org Manual updated

**Screening and Transition Tools - Coming January 1, 2023**

DHCS will be requiring the use of standardized screening and transition tools across the State

**Goals of the tools:**

**Screening tool:** to facilitate accurate determinations of when care would be better delivered in the MCP or MHP service system. *Can refer over PRIOR to conducting an assessment (currently requires an assessment before referring)*

**Transition of care tool:** to support a beneficiary's transition to the other delivery system when their condition changes.

**Status/Update:**

- ✓ LACDMH is piloting the child tools with several Managed Care Plans – pilot from June 20 to Sept 16
- ✓ Looking at the usability of the Adult Screening Tool
- ✓ Working with Managed Care Plans on referral processes

**Payment Reform / CPT Codes - Coming July 1, 2023**

- No longer bill by the minute: some codes will be in 15 min increments
- Pre-Licensure practitioners must have their licensed supervisor's NPI on claims
- Will utilize "add-on" procedure codes
- Only bill for "direct patient care", documentation/travel time/review of records/etc. will be considered "admin"
- Increased use of modifiers
- Complex rules around which codes can be billed on the same day

**Status/Update:**

- DHCS released the Final Billing Manual
- DMH has an internal workgroup that is reviewing the Manual in order to provide greater information to providers – looking to conduct a webinar in August (updated timeline)

**Other Items Related to the Implementation of CalAIM**

**Clinical Forms Bulletin 22-01**

**New Forms**

- Continuity of Care Request Form (*QA Bulletin 22-03*)
- Problem List (*QA Bulletin 22-04*)
- Medication Note (*replaces old medication forms*)

**Updated Forms**

- Progress Note



- Consent for Services
- Medication Consent (*formerly Medication Consent & MSS Treatment Plan*)
- NOABD Service Delivery
- FSP Outcome Forms

**Obsolete Forms**

- Consent for Tele-Psychiatric Services (*Consent for Services replaces*)
- Consent for Text Messaging/Video Chat (*Consent for Services replaces*)
- Consent of Minor (*Consent for Services replaces*)
- Advanced Health Care Directive (*Consent for Services replaces*)
- Medi-Cal Required Informing Materials Beneficiary Acknowledgment of Receipt (*Consent for Services replaces*)
- Outcome Measures FCCS & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year and Later
- ICC Eligibility Form
- Initial Medication Support Service (*Medication Note replaces*)
- Complex Medication Support Service (*Medication Note replaces*)
- Brief Follow-Up Medication Support Service (*Medication Note replaces*)
- Non-Prescription Medication Note (*Medication Note replaces*)
- Medication Log

**Soon to Come**

Online Trainings - In Development

- Retention and Release of Clinical Records in a Mental Health Setting
- Informed Consent in a Mental Health Setting

Summary of Documentation Redesign LE Workgroup Sessions

- Will highlight providers' feedback and questions addressed by the QA Unit

**System Review:**

- All documents for the System Review must be submitted by the QA Unit to DHCS by **Monday, August 29, 2022**.
- The QA Unit is in the process of gathering materials for submission and will be contacting key administrative units for assistance over the next few weeks.
- Some service providers may be contacted in the coming weeks to provide supporting evidence.

**On-Site Review:**

- There will be a virtual on-site review from **Tuesday, September 27, 2022**, to **Friday, September 30, 2022** in which key personnel from LACDMH will be interviewed.

**State System Review – Chart Review**

- Charts reviewed will be pre-CalAIM
- Documents to submit via secure email will include:
  - Assessment(s)
  - Client Treatment Plan
  - Medication Consent
  - Progress Note
  - For DTI/DR, program description
- Will utilize FY 2021/2022 Reasons for Recoupment (which has been reviewed on recent QA/QI webinars)

**Instructions for Directly-Operated Programs Using IBHIS**

For directly-operated programs using IBHIS as their clinical record, the QA Unit will be printing charts for the Chart Review. The QA Unit will contact programs directly for any other needed items related to the chart review

**Instructions for Contractors with an Electronic Health Record**

For contracted programs using an electronic health record, a PDF version of the clinical record must be produced. The auditors will not be reviewing any records directly within the Electronic Health Record. All pertinent documents must be sent via secure email to the QA Unit. Providers should make sure they have a signed electronic signature agreement on-file with LACDMH to ensure their electronic signatures are considered valid in the Chart Review.

**What You Need To Do**

For Legal Entity providers, ensure your updated QA Contact Representative is on file with the QA Unit. Please email to [QualityAssurance@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:QualityAssurance@dmh.lacounty.gov) to update your QA Contact Representative.

**Health Information Management: Accessing Medical Records**

Authorization to Release PHI \*for DO providers only

- ✓ MH602 or any outside source form containing all required elements (policy 500.01)

- ✓ Verbal authorization to release PHI CANNOT be accepted
- ✓ Client can request MH602 and submit at any site, regardless of whether they are a client at that site
- ✓ Sending out paper copies?
  - ✓ double envelopes
  - ✓ write CONFIDENTIAL on the inner envelope

**Updated Policy 500.08: Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information Requiring an Authorization from Legal or Personal Representatives  
Deceased Client**

If records of a deceased individual are sought, a covered entity holding records may disclose the records to a family member or other person [defined as another relative, or a close personal friend of the individual, or any other person identified by the individual] who was involved in the individual's care or payment for health care prior to the individual's death.

**Information to Disclose:** Protected health information (PHI) of the individual that is relevant to such person's involvement, unless doing so is inconsistent with any prior expressed preference of the individual that is known to the covered entity.

All provider discussion of workflows before and after CalAIM

**Electronically Signed & Respectfully Submitted by:**

Kimber Salvaggio

SA 2 Adult QIC Chair

**NEXT MEETING:** Sept 15,2022 10 am