



# The CP Connection

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## Upcoming Changes to My Health LA and its Leadership

We are gearing up for some exciting changes in My Health LA (MHLA). I will be moving to a different role at the Department of Health Services (DHS). I will be the Population Health Director of Strategic Initiatives. It was a tough decision, as I have been with MHLA since the beginning. I saw firsthand the hard work and passion that make this program so exceptional.

I am transitioning leadership of MHLA to Anna Gorman. She is our new Director of Community Partnerships and Programs. Anna comes from a background of health journalism and policy. She is well-connected here. We will work side-by-side during the transition. The program will be in good hands with her.

We are also preparing new community partners to join MHLA. They will take part in an orientation in June and officially join the program in July. The new partners are White Memorial Community Health Center, San Fernando Community Health Center, Center for Family Health and Education, AAA Comprehensive Healthcare, and Behavioral Health Services, Inc. Welcome to MHLA!

We are beginning our work with the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Public Health to expand mental health care and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatments, too. Watch out for upcoming Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) trainings on July 18 and 30. We will keep you updated on all the changes and look forward to a busy summer!

~ Amy Luftig Viste, MHLA Program Director

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*People want to tell their stories because they want to help others.*

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—Anna Gorman

## Leadership Transition: Introducing Anna Gorman



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*Amy will be missed at MHLA!*

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—Anna Gorman

Anna Gorman is the new Director of Community Partnerships and Programs at the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services (DHS). She will take over My Health LA (MHLA) from Amy Luftig Viste this summer. Anna will form and strengthen partnerships between DHS and community partners, nonprofits, and county agencies. The goal is to work on policies and programs that serve our patients.



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of My Health LA

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Anna joins MHLA from the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). KFF is a national nonprofit health policy organization, not a part of Kaiser Permanente. Anna comes with a diversity of health care policy expertise. She had been a health journalist for many years at the Los Angeles Times and Kaiser Health News for many years. Anna taught at the University of Southern California, too. She has been a regular speaker around California on health issues. She also received a master's in public health through an executive program at the University of California, Los Angeles.

## Complete Care Community Health Leaving My Health LA (MHLA)

One of our clinics, Complete Care Community Health, will no longer be a part of My Health LA (MHLA) starting in July. MHLA sent out letters in May to the participants about the change. Members could choose a new medical home by calling MHLA Member Services

at 1-844-744-6452 by May 31st. If they do not select a clinic, they will be transferred to a clinic near their home. If you receive any of those patients and have any questions, please reach out.



## Proposal to Expand Medi-Cal

California Governor Gavin Newsom has been proposing to expand Medi-Cal eligibility. The proposal would make young adults able to get Medi-Cal services regardless of immigration status. He released his revised budget proposal in May. He included funds for the planned expansion in the budget. Low-income young adults age 19 through 25 would be eligible for Medi-Cal under the plan.

My Health LA (MHLA) will work closely with the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC) and the community partners. We will prepare for the proposed change coming next year. MHLA wants to make sure that young adults will smoothly transition from MHLA to Medi-Cal.



## My Health LA Training Opportunities

Eligibility Leads Conference Calls		Eligibility Trainings
◇ JUN 20	◇ OCT 24	◇ MAY 23
◇ JUL 25	◇ NOV 21	◇ SEP 19
◇ AUG 22	◇ DEC 19	
One-e-App (OEA) Trainings		
◇ MAY 24	◇ SEP 20	
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