



# PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Alhambra, 1000 S. Fremont Ave., Bldg. A8 Room 8050

Microsoft Teams

June 13, 2023

2PM – 4PM

Substance Abuse Prevention and Control  
County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health

*In-Person attendees: Please sign in and fill out a name tag.*

*Virtual attendees: Please type your name, pronouns, and organization in the chat for attendance purposes.*



# WELCOME

*Dr. Gary Tsai, Director, DPH-SAPC*

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# A G E N D A

**Welcome**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**Workgroup Updates**

**Payment Reform and CENS Discussion**

**Residential Utilization and Length of Stay**

**PAC Provider Outreach**

**SAPC Announcements**

**Meeting Wrap Up**

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**Public Comments**



# APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2023 Meeting

*Bernie Lau, Systems of Care, DPH-SAPC*



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# PAC NEW MEMBER SELECTION

*Kathy Watt, Co-Chair, Van Ness Recovery House*

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# Returning PAC Members

- Deena Duncan, VOALA & SCADP
- Brandon Fernandez, CRI-Help, Inc. & I-ADARP, Inc.
- Christina Gonzales, Principles, Inc. dba Impact
- Junie Gonzalez, Fred Brown Recovery Services, Inc
- Jonathan Higgins, Beacon House Association of San Pedro
- Kathy Watt, Van Ness Recovery House



# New PAC Members

- Celia Aragon, Behavioral Health Services, Inc.
- Julia Corea, Options for Recovery
- Alice Gleghorn, Phoenix Houses of California
- Pedram Moshfegh, Social Model Recovery Systems, Inc.
- Jose Salazar, Tarzana Treatment Centers, Inc.



# PAC AWARDS WORKGROUP UPDATE

*Claudia Murillo, House of Hope*

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# BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY WORKGROUP UPDATE

*Jim Symington, Compator & Aris Tubadeza AADAP*

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# Business Technology Workgroup Update

- June Meeting postponed
- Next meeting to be announced
- Email: [Blau@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:Blau@ph.lacounty.gov)



# KEY INDICATORS WORKGROUP UPDATE

*Jonathan Higgins, Beacon House*

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# PAYMENT REFORM AND CENS

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# RESIDENTIAL UTILIZATION & LENGTH OF STAY

*Brian Hurley, M.D.*

*Medical Director and Clinical Services Branch Chief, DPH-SAPC*

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# Residential Length of Stay

The ASAM Criteria and Medical  
Necessity for Residential LOC Length of Stay

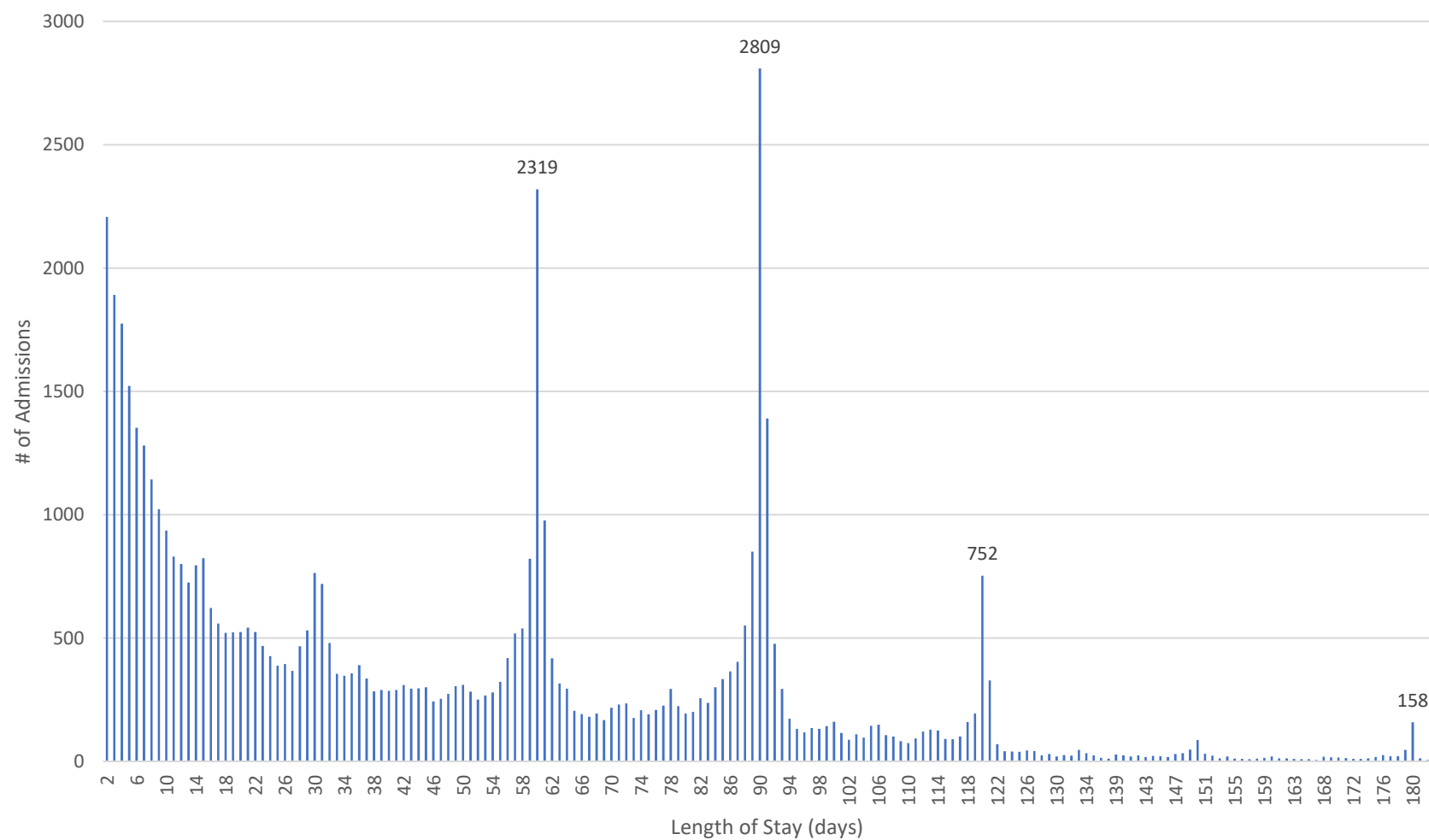


## Residential Treatment and Length of Stay

- Longer time in treatment → better treatment outcomes<sup>1</sup>
- It is not duration of *residential treatment* per se that is needed
- Rather: matching characteristics of the patients to the level of care that best meets their needs for as long as they need it
- Residential SUD treatment should be as long as medical necessary
  - Medical necessity is based on **ASAM Criteria**
- For adults in LA County, DPH-SAPC authorizes an initial 60 days of residential treatment that can be renewed every 30 days based upon the patient meeting medical necessity for ongoing residential treatment. There is no fixed cap on the duration of residential treatment.

1. Andersson HW, Wenaas M, Nordfjærn T. Relapse after inpatient substance use treatment: A prospective cohort study among users of illicit substances. *Addict Behav.* 2019 Mar;90:222-228. doi: 10.1016/j.addbeh.2018.11.008. Epub 2018 Nov 11. PMID: 30447514.

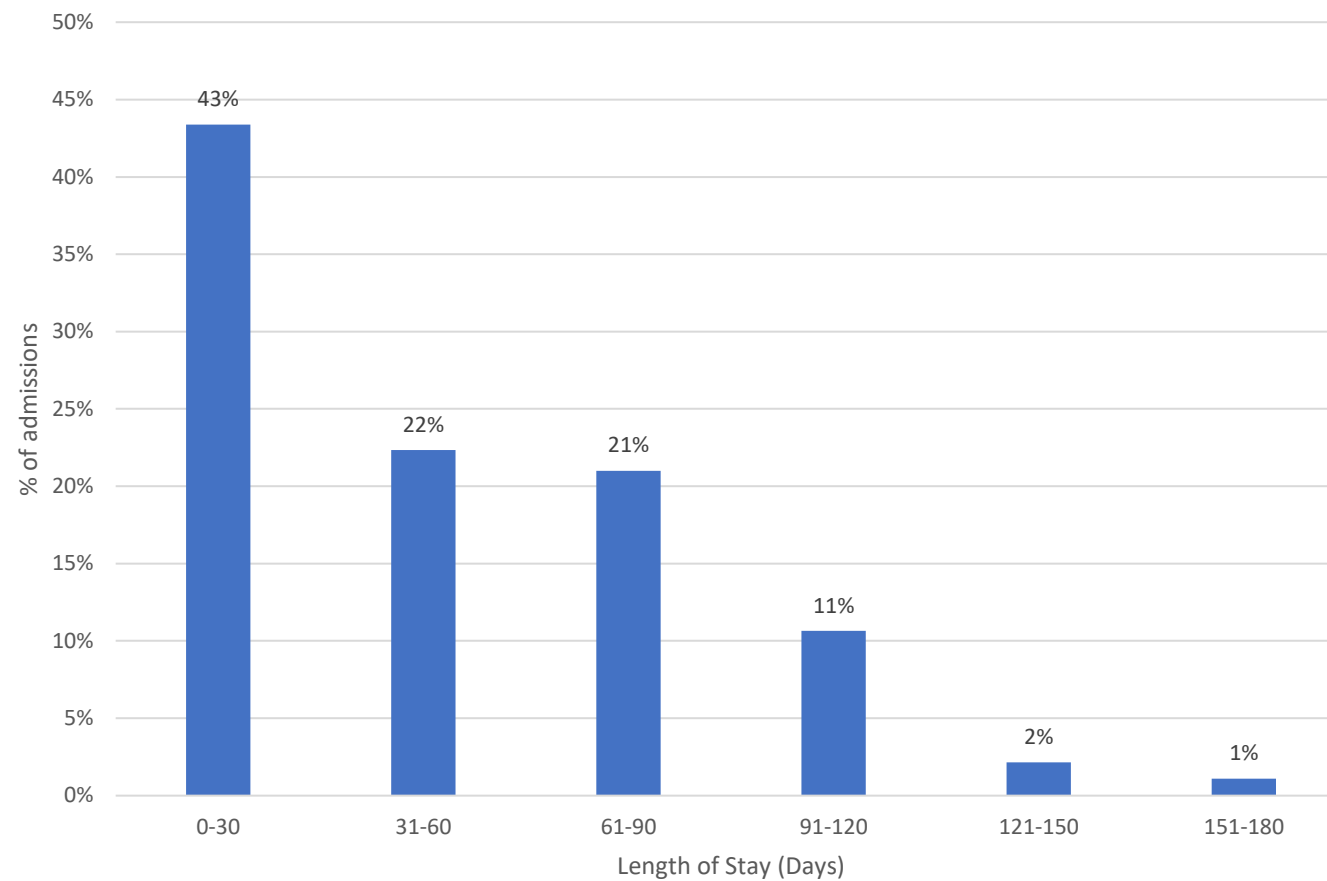
## Number of Admissions by Length of Stay, FY1819-FY2223 (N=56,988)



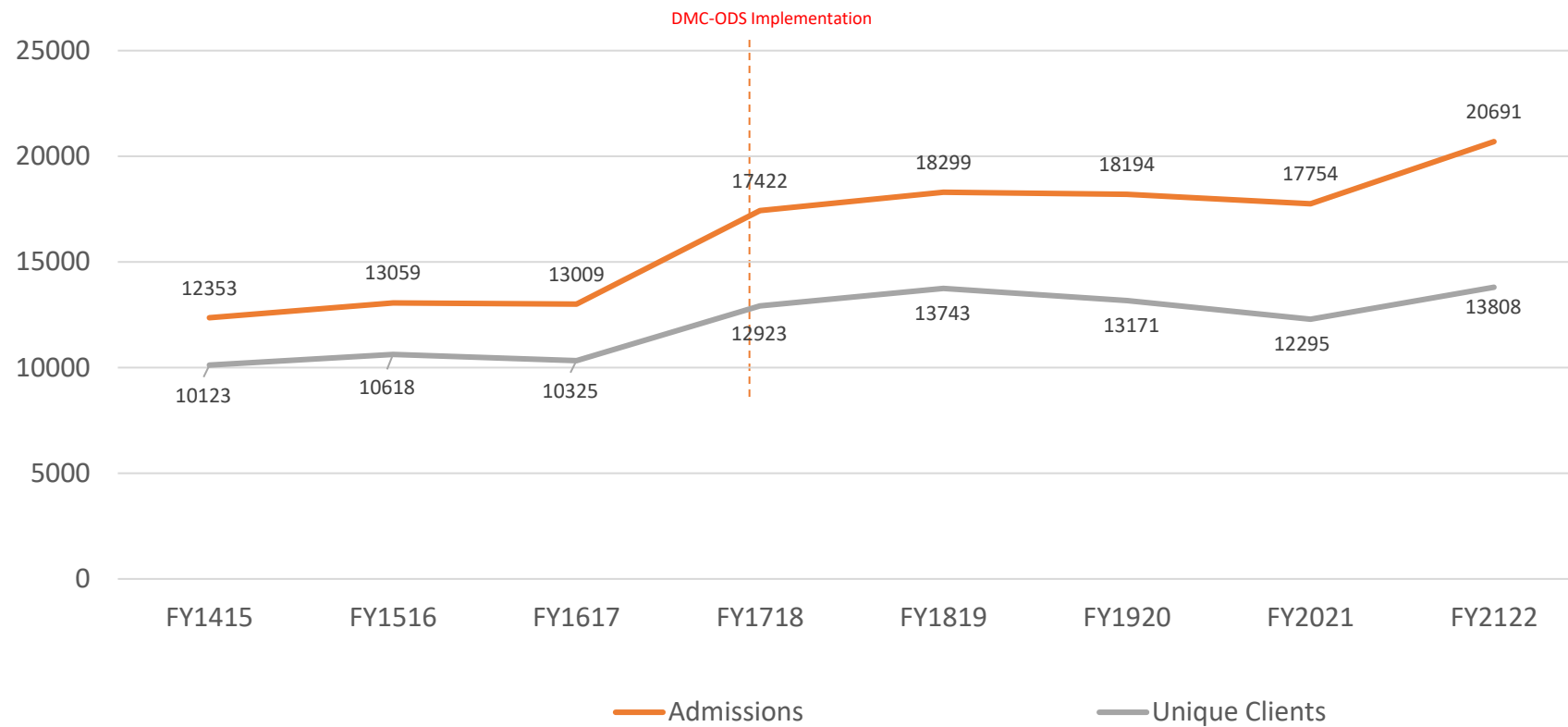




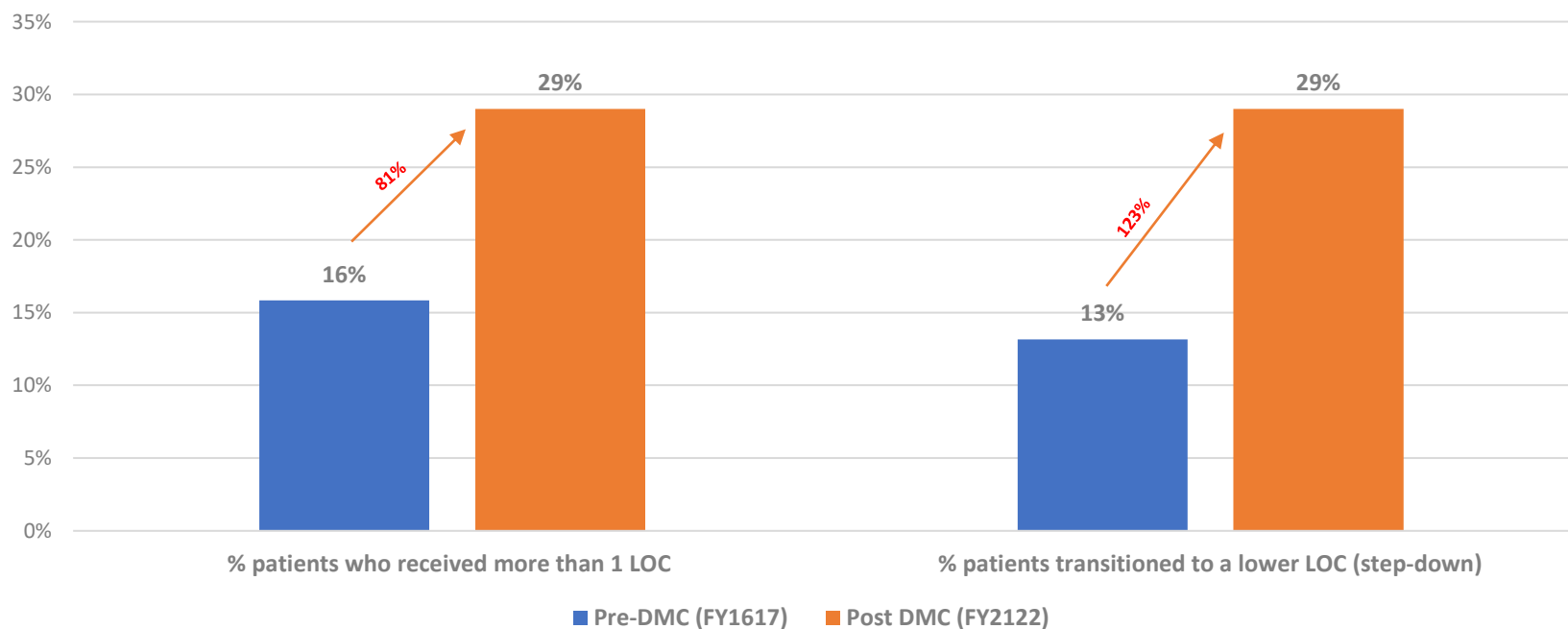
## Percent of Admissions by Length of Stay, FY1819-FY2223 (N=56,988)



## Number of Clients & Admissions Served in Residential Programs by Fiscal Year



## Transition of Care to Ongoing Nonresidential Treatment



**Compared to pre-DMC-ODS (FY1617):**

- **81% increase** in the percent of patients who received more than 1 Level of Care (LOC) in FY2122
- **123% increase** in the percent of patients who transitioned to a lower Level of Care (LOS)/Continuum of Care in FY2122



# PAC PROVIDER OUTREACH

*Bernie Lau, Systems of Care, DPH-SAPC*

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When does the PAC need to connect with the broader provider community?



Who is our target audience?

What are some of the barriers to connecting with them? How do we overcome those barriers?

What supports/facilitates our connections?



# Recommendations for better connecting and communicating with the broader provider network





# Capacity Building Workforce Development Survey

*Belia Sardinha, Interim Chief, Policy and Strategic Initiatives, DPH-SAPC*

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## Required to participate in the Capacity Building Category

### 1-A: Agency-Level Survey on Workforce:

- Foundational document for SAPC and Agency to gain understanding of current status of factors that impact workforce: staff composition, recruitment, and retention practices across direct service classifications (LPHA's, counselors, and peers).
- DPH-SAPC will be provide de-identified summary data for the Network
- Agency will be able to download a pdf version of their survey data (Deliverable document) and attach to Invoice for payment (1A-1) by August 31, 2023.

Tier 1- \$10,000, Tier 2- \$15,000, Tier 3-\$20,000

Agency Benefit: Survey data can be used to inform both the 1-B-Staff Survey (in development by SAPC) and 1-C Sustainability Plan.

SAPC Benefit: Provides baseline information on the SUD workforce in LAC to design more strategic and needed capacity building efforts in the future, if possible.



## PAC Involvement

- SAPC will be sending the Survey to PAC Members for comment by June 15<sup>th</sup>
  - PAC members may send comments individually or
  - Create ad-hoc meeting to discuss and send one document with comments
- Review for:
  - Clarity
  - Missing Elements

Response requested by: June 23, 2023

Send to Belia ([bsardinha@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:bsardinha@ph.lacounty.gov))



# Co-Chair Election

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# Co-Chair Election

- Nomination forms have been emailed
- Nominations are due July 14
- Nominees will make their pitch during the first meeting of the new cohort on August 8th
- Voting will take place during the first meeting of the new cohort on August 8th

# PAC CO-Chair Role and Responsibility

- The Provider Co-Chair serves as a liaison between the PAC membership and SAPC. Must be flexible, unbiased, respectful, collaborative, and able to advance the PAC mission.
- Attend all PAC meetings (except under extenuating circumstances) and 75% of ad-hoc meetings during each calendar year.
- Collaborates with SAPC to set the meeting agendas and facilitate PAC meetings
- Serve a minimum 24 months.
- Mentorship to other PAC members



# MEETING WRAP-UP

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# Final Wrap-Up Items

- Brainstorming Topics for Future Meetings
- Decisions/Next Steps
- Meeting Evaluation (+/deltas)





# PUBLIC COMMENTS

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# ADJOURN

Next PAC meeting:

August 8, 2023, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

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