

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND  
OTHER DRUGS  
(CAOD)**

**Meeting Summary – May 11, 2021**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Cruz Baca, Tony Bell, Rebecca Birotte, Amanda Cowan, Deena Duncan, Joseph Essavi, Mark Mendoza, Tonya McKenzie, Juan Navarro, Sharona R. Nazarian, Bennett Root, Jr., Mark Ryan, Monica Sanchez, Johng Ho Song, Jerry G. Velasco, Wendie Warwick, Howard Winkler and G. Lola Worthington

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Commissioners Jeremiah Hart and Lou La Monte

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** Jack Hadjinian

**GUEST REGISTER:** Michelle Gibson, Antonne Moore and Lima Jevremovic

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs May 2022 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs April 2022 Minutes – Draft; CAOD Handout - 2022 Strategic Priorities – Draft; CAOD Handout - DMH AURA Presentation

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1. Call to Order	First Chair Monica Sanchez, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 1:04 p.m.
2. Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair Monica Sanchez asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guest.  Chair Sanchez entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. Jerry G. Velasco seconded by Com. Cruz Baca. Motion was unanimously carried.
3. Motion to Excuse Absences	Quorum present.  Commissioners Jeremiah Hart, Lou La Monte, and Sharona R. Nazarian have asked to be excused.
4. Approval of Minutes	Chair Monica Sanchez asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the April 13, 2022, meeting.  Chair Sanchez entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Com. Mark Ryan seconded by Com. Cruz Baca. Motion was carried with 1

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	abstention by Com. Amanda Cowan
5. Presentation	<p>Lima Jevremovic, Chief Executive Officer of Aura discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Misdiagnosis and addictions within her family</li> <li>• Problems with treatment facilities</li> <li>• Fragmentation of data in resources</li> <li>• Current success metrics</li> <li>• Aura's goals</li> <li>• Precision treatment and progress tracking</li> <li>• Data driven healing approach</li> <li>• Virtual reality in treatment</li> </ul>
6. Report from Substance Abuse Prevention and Control	<p>Michelle Gibson, MPH, Deputy Division Director for Treatment Services of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) spoke on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention Week</li> <li>• Opioid funding update pending</li> </ul> <p>Antonne Moore, M.Ed. Chief, Strategic and Network Development Branch for Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) spoke on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative process for county commissions</li> </ul>
7. Discuss overlapping priorities between the Commission on Alcohol Other Drugs and the Department of Mental Health's commission.	<p>Commissioner Bennett Root, Jr. discussed behavioral health and the importance of coordination with Department of Mental Health and Department of Public Health.</p>
8. Commission Committees Report	<p>Education and Prevention and Policy and Planning Meetings were canceled this month due to an emergency.</p> <p>Commissioner Wendie Warwick gave update concerning the AI-Impics committee meeting. The AI-Impics committee is currently planning an in-person event that is tentatively scheduled for either September 10 or 17th.</p>
9. Chairs Report	<p>Chair Sanchez spoke to the commissioners concerning the 2022 Strategic Priorities.</p>

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	<p>Chair Sanchez gave an update to the Commission concerning upcoming speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June – Yanira Lima, SAPC services targeting people experiencing homelessness (PEH)</li> <li>• July – Ruth Morales from the DEA on Fentanyl</li> <li>• September – Dr. Brian Hurley, Delta THC</li> <li>• November - Dr. Tsai, SAPC’s Goals</li> <li>• December – Health Deputy Roundtable</li> </ul> <p>She also informed the Commissioners of possible upcoming annual trainings.</p>
<p>10. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest</p>	<p>Commissioner Joseph Essavi spoke about Ukrainian refugees.</p> <p>Commissioner Bennett Root, Jr. discussed hybrid commission meetings.</p> <p>Chair Monica Sanchez informed the commission that it was Prevention Awareness Week.</p> <p>Commissioner Deena Duncan discussed the DHCS license fee increase.</p>
<p>11. Public Comments</p>	<p>No public comments.</p>
<p>12. Adjourn to the next meeting of the Commission</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.</p>

**Next meeting date:**  
June 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.