

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

Meeting Summary – October 12, 2022

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Bell, Rebecca Birotte, Bruce Boardman, Amanda Cowan, Deena Duncan, Joseph Essavi, Jack Hadjinian, Jeremiah Hart, Lou La Monte, Tonya McKenzie, Mark Mendoza, Jr., Dean Nakanishi, Juan Navarro, Sharona R. Nazarian, Bennett Root, Jr., Mark Ryan, John Ho Song, Jerry G. Velasco, Wendie Warwick, Howard Winkler and G. Lola Worthington

EXCUSED ABSENCES: All commissioners present

GUEST REGISTER: Michelle Gibson; Patrick Gauthier

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs October 2022 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs September 2022 Minutes – Draft

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	First Chair Deena Duncan, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Chair Deena Duncan asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guest. Quorum present.
2. Public Comments	No public comments.
3. Motion to Excuse Absences	No Commissioners asked to be excused.
4. Approval of Minutes	Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Mark Ryan seconded by Commissioner Tony Bell. Motion was carried with two (2) abstentions from Commissioners Jack Hadjinian and Lou La Monte.
5. Presentation	Patrick Gauthier, Director of Healthcare Solutions discussed the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departments that are build and expand homelessness care that can

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	<p>be provided in the least restrictive settings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Invest in behavioral health and community care options ○ Seek geographical equity ○ Meet the needs of the vulnerable populations with the greatest barriers to access ○ Leverage county and medical and historic state investments. • Ways Advocates for Human Potential help <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pre-application consultation ○ Learning collaborative and coaching calls ○ Education around proposed project requirements • Ways homelessness care impacts Los Angeles County • Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) challenges • Community Care license facilities staffing issues • Recovery Bridge Housing functions
6. DUI Presentation and Action	Item tabled until further notice.
7. 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"> • Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) updates • The passing of Assembly Bill 2473 concerning substance use disorder counselors • Updates to Cal-aims payment reform • Sobering center progress and implementations
8. Commission Committees Report	<p>Education and Prevention Committee Chair Mark Ryan discussed how the commission can create a framework to educate schools and the public.</p> <p>Chair Deena Duncan informed the Commission on legislation discussed in Policy and Planning meeting.</p>
9. Chairs Report	<p>Chair Duncan gave an update to the Commission concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November - Dr. Tsai, SAPC's Goals • December – Health Deputy Roundtable <p>The Chair also admonished the commissioners to submit their questions for the Health Deputies to the commission liaison by October 21, 2022.</p>

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	<p>Chair Duncan informed the commissioners that it is time to begin working on the 2022 Annual Report.</p> <p>Commissioners gave an overview of the Virtual Networking Forum that they attended.</p>
10. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	No Commissioner Comments
11. Adjourn to the next meeting of the Commission	Meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Next meeting date:
November 9, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. location TBA