



**Placer County System of Care  
Network & Organizational Provider Relations Meeting**

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**COUNTY OF PLACER  
MH PROVIDER RELATIONS MEETING MINUTES  
Friday, October 9, 2020  
Start Time: 8:30 AM/ End Time: 9:10 AM**

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**Attendees**

Meeting Facilitator: Julia Soto

**Placer County** – Amy Ellis, Danielle Gold, Debbie Dilanni, Esther Kung, Jennifer Ludford, Leslie Medina, Lorene Noack, Marie Osborne, Melissa Leighton, Twylla Abrahamson

**Sierra County** - Katherine Hill, Monique Koch

**Gateway** - Daniel Clements, Denise Manandik

**Granite Wellness** - Cyndy Bigbee

**INPs** - Anita Cooper-Marquez, Deborah Stevenson, Paul Cecchetti

**Koinonia** - Jessica Miller

**Lighthouse** - Deborah Duell-Stephenson

**Turning Point** - Amy Gutierrez, Annie Hoover, Jennifer Wellenstein

**Uplift** - Amy Flores, Dr. Carolyn Bahoh-Javete, Vivian Aizpuru

**Announcements**

1. Welcome to our new INP, Deborah Stevenson.
2. Placer County has a new HHS Director, Chief Psychiatrist and Health Officer, Dr. Rob Oldham.
3. Lorene Noack will be retiring from Placer County in November 2020.
4. The U.S. HHS through HRSA, announced a new **\$20 billion Phase 3 General Distribution** allocation for providers;
  - a. That already received CARES Act Provider Relief Fund payments
  - b. Who were previously ineligible providers, such as those who began practicing in 2020
  - c. In an expanded group of behavioral health providers including, for example, addiction counseling centers, mental health counselors, and psychiatrists.
  - d. Providers will have from **October 5 - November 6, 2020** to apply for this new Phase 3 General Distribution funding.
5. Trainings
  - a. **Law and Ethics**
    - i. Date: November 17th & 19th 2020 at 9:00 am – 12:15 pm via Zoom
  - b. **Motivational Interviewing – Advanced**
    - i. Date: December 9th & 10th 2020 at 8:30 am – 1:00 pm via Zoom  
Date: December 8th & 9th 2021 at 8:30 am – 1:00 pm via Zoom

- c. Golden Thread and Service Code training is required annually and for new INPs
- d. Registration through Placer Learns. Email [SOCadmin@placer.ca.gov](mailto:SOCadmin@placer.ca.gov) for assistance or to request an external user account. Go to <https://placerlearns.csod.com/>
6. Alternate meeting venue for the Quarterly MH Provider Meetings
  - a. Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Zoom Meeting
  - b. April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Zoom Meeting
  - c. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – TBD
7. Next Provider Newsletters: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Case studies and article contributions welcomed! Send to [placerm@placer.ca.gov](mailto:placerm@placer.ca.gov) by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

### **Fiscal Presentation**

1. The CMS Claim form needs to be filled out correctly and sent to Fiscal within 30 days after the close of each calendar month. This will allow for timely payment. Any questions on how to fill out this form can be directed to [HHSPayables@placer.ca.gov](mailto:HHSPayables@placer.ca.gov)

### **CSOC Presentation**

1. CSOC authorizations for services will be changing: The authorization lengths will remain the same, however the service authorizations for CSOC will show a reduced amount of authorized minutes/ units per each service. The provider can request for additional minutes/units by contacting the Mental Health case manager.

### **Discussion Items**

1. **IN 20-055**, September 24, 2020 – Provides guidance to Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers, Psychiatric Health Facilities, Residential and Outpatient Alcohol and Other Drug Programs, Narcotic Treatment Programs and Driving-Under-the-Influence Programs regarding disaster management.
2. **IN 20-009**, Updated July 24, 2020 - Provides guidance on concrete steps counties and providers should take to minimize the spread of COVID-19, ensure ongoing access to care, and provides guidance on flexibilities given to the Section 1135 waiver granted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), effective March 15, 2020, and Governor's Executive Orders N-43-20 and N-55-20.
3. **Suicide prevention practices for care providers**, July 10, 2020 - The National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH) developed the Ask Suicide-Screening Questions (ASQ), four questions in 20 seconds to identify people at risk of suicide. In a NIMH study, a "yes" response to one or more questions identified 97% of youth aged 10 to 21 at risk of suicide
4. DHCS Behavioral Health Provider Enrollment
  - a. Apply with DHCS via the paperless PAVE online enrollment system at <https://pave.dhcs.ca.gov/sso/login.do>
  - b. DHCS has hosted several webinars to support providers in understanding and enrolling. Email [Sdunn@placer.ca.gov](mailto:Sdunn@placer.ca.gov) if you would like a copy.
  - c. Under the CURES Act, all individual licensed professionals who are specialty mental health providers must apply and/or be enrolled in Medi-Cal system via the Fee For Service ORP application in the online PAVE system.
  - d. **The deadline to enroll is December 31, 2020.**

5. National Practitioner Data Bank
  - a. Under Federal Regulations, the Placer County Mental Health Plan (MHP) is required to ensure that our providers are not excluded from participating in the Medicare or Medicaid programs.
  - b. To check this exclusions database a social security number is required.
  - c. Individual Network Providers, are checked using Placer County vendor Valenz Health.
  - d. The MHP will be reaching out to our INPs to collect social security numbers to supply it to our vendor for ongoing exclusion checks.
6. When completing the Biopsychosocial, remember to follow Medi-Cal standards regardless of the pay source.
7. Provider Directory: Any changes required to the provider directory should be submitted to [placerm@placer.ca.gov](mailto:placerm@placer.ca.gov).
8. The Fall 2020 Consumer Perception Survey has been canceled.
9. Placer County also has replacements for the following positions in ASOC:
  - a. New QM manager, Julia Soto ([jsoto@placer.ca.gov](mailto:jsoto@placer.ca.gov)).
  - b. New network provider contact, Stacie Dunn. Phone: 530-886-2929 or [sdunn@placer.ca.gov](mailto:sdunn@placer.ca.gov)
    - i. Quarterly Reports will be sent to [placerm@placer.ca.gov](mailto:placerm@placer.ca.gov) for future reference.

**Upcoming Provider Relations (Friday)  
Meetings in 2020/2021**

- Jan 8, 2021
- April 9, 2021
- July 9, 2021

**Upcoming Quarterly Provider Newsletters  
(end of mo.) for 2020:**

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