

**California Mental Health Directors Association (CMHDA)
Medical Services System of Care Committee
Conference Call**

M E E T I N G R E P O R T

Date & Time: March 7, 2011 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Attendees: Heather Anders, *CMHDA*; Robert Cabaj, *San Francisco*; Alan Edwards, *Orange*; Khani Gustafson, *CIMH*; Tiffany Ho, *Santa Clara*; Marshall Lewis, *San Diego*; Paul Mascovich, *San Joaquin*; Rod Shaner, *Los Angeles*; Arturo Villamor, *Yolo*

Topics of General Discussion:

- CIMH Report
 - Khani Gustafson reported that the next Medical Directors Leadership meeting will be in Milpitas and there will be a networking dinner at the hotel.
 - The spring session of the Medical Directors Leadership training will be April 14-15 and they will focus on person-centered family-focused care.
 - The summer session will be in June, possibly at the end of the month, and they may include managed care medical directors.
 - One of the subjects for the training could be the future of the mental health carve out (past 2014).
 - Ms. Gustafson noted that the May Mental Health Policy Forum will focus on the integration of primary care, mental health and substance abuse.

- CMHDA Report
 - Legislative/Budget Update
 - Alan Edwards noted that he reported on healthcare reform in Southern California.
 - It was noted that in Los Angeles County there will not be any substance abuse benefit under LIHP.
 - AB 3632 – It was noted that this was discussed at the Governing Board meeting.
 - It was noted that San Diego has created some separate contracts with the school districts.
 - In Orange County they have several contracts.
 - In Santa Clara County they are doing business as usual.
 - In San Bernardino, beginning in January they stopped accepting new people. They are still discussing what they will do.
 - AB 164
 - The committee decided that we should support this with certain safeguards as a way to integrate care.
 - Bob Cabaj noted via e-mail that his concerns are that the extra identification of a mental health or substance abuse issue might ultimately be prejudicial--i.e., not take the clients symptoms or medical concerns seriously--verses improved care coordination. Dr. Cabaj noted that he does not see a need for this bill.
 - Alan Edwards noted that this bill does not talk of coordination of care but instead anyone can access the card. There could be the risk of too many people getting information about a person.
 - AB 583
 - It was noted that this bill talks about healthcare practitioners.
 - In San Joaquin County their Quality Assurance person addressed this bill with them.
 - In Los Angeles the adoption of atypicals is only on the Medi-Cal formulary. In Los Angeles they are under a lot of pressure to go to step formulary for outpatient treatment.

- In San Joaquin County they are limiting the indigent clients to those receiving generic medications only.
- Housekeeping and Develop April 4, 2011 Conference Call Agenda

List of Recommendations/Decisions/Motions:

- Minutes from the February 7, 2011 conference call were reviewed and approved.

The next Committee Conference Call for the CMHDA Medical Services System of Care Committee will take place:

**April 4, 2011
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**

The Conference Call Line Will Be Distributed Via E-mail