



## 02/04/26 CPAG Meeting - Notes

### Attendees

#### CPAG Members

- Aaron Ortiz (La Familia)
- Ana Rasquiza (RCD)
- Andie Martinez Patterson (CHCN)
- Aneeka Chaudhry (AC Health, Co-Chair)
- Dr. Kathleen Clanon (AC Health)
- Dr. Karyn Tribble (AC Health)
- Jonathan Russell (AC Health)
- Lisa Ryan (CalPEP)
- Jamie Almanza (BACS)
- Narges Dillon (Crisis Support Services)
- Nate Miley (BOS District 4, Co-Chair)
- Dr. Noha Aboelata (Roots)
- Rebecca Rozen (Hospital Council)

#### Other Participants

- Aliza Kazmi (BOS District 5)
- Daniel Johnson (via Zoom)
- Elizabeth Taing (AC Health)
- Erin Armstrong (BOS District 4)
- Evette Brandon (AC Health)
- Jeannette Rodriguez (AC Health)
- Kerry Landry (Facilitator)
- Kimberley Tsang (AC Health)
- Lisa Erickson (AC Health)
- Moiser Hang (SAHA)
- Noah Gallo (AC Health via Zoom)
- Ryan Hughes (BOS District 3)
- Stacy Hill (AC Health)
- Toni Panetta (Alameda Health Consortium via Zoom)
- Vanessa Baker (AC Health)

### Summary Notes

#### Opening Remarks

- Supervisor Miley kicked off the meeting with the following remarks:
  - Noted the complexity and volume of current issues.
  - Additional meetings will be scheduled prior to the next convening to address key topics in greater detail.
  - Acknowledgement of significant system-wide challenges

#### Follow ups from last meeting

- Comments from last meeting:



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- Coordination
  - Pair organizations who have clients who need support to renew Medi-Cal & CalFresh
  - Awareness of which organizations are contracted to implement outreach, enrollment, etc.
- Data
  - Understand clients' renewal dates in advance
  - Expand HMIS access via Community Health Record
  - Evaluate AI and other technologies to support reenrollment
- Resource Hub
  - Listing of available enrollment counselors & contact information
  - Shared resources, such as know your rights information
- Communications
  - Shared messaging materials (social media posts, flyers, etc.)
  - Leverage social media, influencers, and listservs
- HealthPAC
  - Understand how to leverage HealthPAC, who is eligible, and how to encourage Medi-Cal enrollment
- Ongoing SSA and AC Health activities
  - SSA Health Navigators Project
    - Partnering with CBOs to conduct outreach activities and assist with Medi-Cal and CalFresh applications and/or renewals
    - Alameda Health Consortium
    - East Bay Agency for Children
    - Eden I&R
    - Family Bridges
    - Maru (Formerly Korean Community Center of the East Bay)
    - La Familia
    - Roots Community Health Center
  - AC Health enrollment assistance & media
    - Increased Medi-Cal application assistance via CHWs, health educators, and home visitors
    - Text message outreach & radio segments
    - Bus shelter ads & social media ads/posts
  - [Medi-Cal Resources for Community Partners](#)
    - Information (English & Spanish) about Medi-Cal/CalFresh changes, immigration, public charge, CMS data sharing, and other topics

### Meeting Objectives

- Update on recent system changes and County's current strategies
- Surface provider perspectives and experiences on current policy and funding landscape

### Panel 1: County Updates

- Jonathan Russell, Housing & Homelessness Services
  - 22–25% of H&H funding is federal:
    - ~1/3 flows to cities
    - ~2/3 comes through Continuum of Care (CoC) grants
      - 86% of CoC funding supports permanent housing; this funding is at risk.



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- Lawsuits have temporarily allowed funding to continue and be expedited.
- Strategic concern about using non-sustainable funding for long-term commitments, such as rental assistance.
- Feds are focusing on encampments and shelter interventions.
- Prevention grants exist but are under-leveraged statewide; County exploring expansion to stretch local dollars.
- Dr. Karyn Tribble, Behavioral Health Department
  - State only has \$6m for prevention statewide under Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA)
  - CalAIM revenue and Medi-Cal enrollment changes are compounding fiscal strain on providers and County
  - Increased need for cross-sector coordination and operational flexibility.
  - Anticipated shift from brick-and-mortar services to more mobile service models.
  - Peer certification expansion could support crisis counseling and workforce engagement.
- Evette Brandon, Public Health Department
  - Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) completed (conducted every three years; 500+ community members engaged this year).
  - Coordinating with Alameda Alliance for Health (AAH) and Kaiser Permanente to complete the CHNA
  - Challenge: aligning 6-month-old community input with rapidly evolving federal/state policies.
- Dr. Kathleen Clanon, Health Program for Alameda County (HealthPAC) and the Safety Net
  - HealthPAC enrollment peaked at 89,000 in 2014, and currently there are approximately 2,500 participants.
    - Expansion of ACA and Medi-Cal has reduced HealthPAC enrollment.
    - HealthPAC will not be able to fill the coverage gap for all the populations losing Medi-Cal.
  - County and providers cannot fully replace lost Medi-Cal dollars.
  - County goals:
    - Maintain healthcare access for those losing Medi-Cal.
    - Maximize Medi-Cal enrollment.
    - Minimize administrative burden.
  - Cross-agency coordination underway (AC Health, SSA, CHCN).
  - State advocacy ongoing, though limited budget response to date.
  - AC Health's Incident Command Structure (ICS) established for cross-agency coordination.
    - Regular interdepartmental meetings focused on mandates and legislative response.
    - Emphasis on leveraging:
      - Realignment funds
      - Grants
      - County General Fund
  - State awaiting federal guidance on HR1 implementation; prioritizing automation and eligibility solutions.



## Panel 2: Provider Updates

- Jamie Almanza, Bay Area Community Services (BACS)
  - Serving 22,000 individuals annually (50% H&H, 50% Behavioral Health).
  - Discharging 4,000 adults with severe mental illness by June 30 due to Prop 1/BHSA changes.
  - Closing community-based wraparound services.
  - 250 staff layoffs anticipated (70% with lived experience).
  - Significant interim housing reductions as municipalities reduce funding.
  - Anticipated rise in homelessness and justice system involvement.
- Dr. Noha Aboelata, Roots Community Health
  - 90% of Roots' patients on Medi-Cal and majority African American.
  - Prop 1/BHSA cuts affecting specialty mental health services.
  - Wraparound infrastructure, such as CHWs/social workers, is at risk.
  - CalAIM billing model at risk if patients lose coverage.
  - Parents fearful of accessing services.
- Aaron Ortiz, La Familia
  - La Familia provides services across the whole county
  - Inpatient/outpatient services across County.
  - Immigrants and mixed-status families increasingly self-selecting out of services.
- Toni Panetta, Alameda Health Consortium
  - Medi-Cal enrollment declining month-to-month (5,000+ drop from December to January).
  - CalAIM/Enhanced Care Management (ECM) successes threatened if coverage lapses.
  - Loss of integrated care coordinators under Prop 1/BHSA.
  - Rising administrative costs to track and retain eligible patients.
  - Workforce morale significantly impacted.
- Narges Dillon, Crisis & Suicide Prevention
  - We serve 60,000 individuals served annually
  - 90-day follow-up calls increased by 40% since the passage of HR1
  - SAMHSA funding ending; state backfill maintains baseline but does not cover increased demand.
  - Growing anxiety related to affordability of care (e.g. dialysis, medications).
  - Misalignment between funding changes and suicide prevention framework.

## Public Comment

- No public comment

## Closing

- Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
  - Appreciation for solution-focused dialogue today and we are hearing the emphasis on cross-system coordination
  - Our priority is to preserve infrastructure for long-term recovery (after policies are reversed, hopefully)
- Supervisor Miley
  - The current crisis is urgent and has already impacted our residents

### Next Steps

- Meeting materials will be sent out and posted on <https://health.alamedacountyca.gov/community-provider-advisory-group/>.
- 2026 In-Person CPAG Meetings
  - Wednesday, April 15, 2026
    - 10am-1pm
    - Location: Oakland TEC
  - Wednesday, June 3, 2026
    - 10-12:30pm
    - Location: San Leandro
  - Wednesday, October 21, 2026
    - 10am-12:30pm
    - Location: Oakland TEC