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Dear SAPC Network Providers and Other Interested Parties:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) invites you to participate in the regional stakeholder process to provide feedback on our draft Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver application. The regional meetings will be the best opportunity to provide in-person feedback, and will build upon information distribution Kick-Off Meeting.

<p>Kick-Off Meeting: August 13, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Results Meeting: October 8, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. 1000 South Fremont Avenue, Building A7 (Auditorium), Lower Level Alhambra, California 91803</p>	
<p>Regional Meetings for Stakeholder Feedback</p>	
<p>August 19, 2015, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. MLK Community Engagement Center 11833 South Wilmington Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90059</p> <p>August 20, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Department of Health Services, Auditorium 5555 Ferguson Drive Commerce, CA 90022</p> <p>August 24, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. High Desert Medical Center, Conference Room 11 B/C 335 East Avenue I Lancaster, CA 93535</p> <p>August 27, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Behavioral Health Services 15519 South Crenshaw Boulevard Gardena, CA 90249</p> <p>August 31, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Phoenix Houses of Los Angeles, Day Room 11600 Eldridge Avenue Lake View Terrace, CA 91346</p>	<p>September 1, 2015, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Arcadia Park, Community Room 405 South Santa Anita Avenue Arcadia, CA 91006</p> <p>September 3, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Burton W. Chace Park, Community Room 13650 Mindanao Way Marina del Rey, CA 90292</p> <p>September 8, 2015, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Eagle Rock Library 5027 Caspar Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90041</p> <p>September 9, 2015, 2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. MLK Community Engagement Center 11833 South Wilmington Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90059</p>

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You are invited to attend whichever session is most convenient. Reservations are encouraged and can be done online at: <https://sapccis.ph.lacounty.gov/Registration/Registration.aspx?ID=17>. Written feedback should be submitted electronically via SAPC's website by selecting the *DMC-ODS Application Online Feedback Questionnaire* link to be posted on the website listed below soon. The format will also be distributed soon so you can prepare your comments prior to submission. If you are unable to attend any of the meetings or do not have internet access, please contact Julia Sandoval at (626) 299-3540 for further assistance on how to participate in this process.

Attached for your reference are SAPC's Vision Paper for transforming the system of care and the DMC-ODS application. We recommend that you bring a notated copy of the DMC-ODS application with you to the stakeholder meeting to assist in the discussion process. For additional information and resources, please visit the *Health Care Reform, DMC-ODS System Transformation* page on SAPC's website:

<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/HeathCare/HealthCareReform.htm>

The State's DMC-ODS waiver plan is potentially the most extensive transformation of the substance use disorder (SUD) system in California and Los Angeles County since the establishment of the Federal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant in the 1980's. It proposes to expand SUD treatment services reimbursable under the Drug Medi-Cal program using determination of medical necessity, the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) placement criteria, and quality assurance and utilization management processes to improve outcomes for Medi-Cal beneficiaries while also reducing overall health care costs. Los Angeles County intends to apply to participate in the DMC-ODS plan. As a key component of the application process, SAPC needs to receive input on its proposed implementation plan from its stakeholders. Therefore, your experience as a service provider, client, community member and/or other stakeholder is essential for SAPC to prepare a viable application to the State.

We look forward to your participation and welcome your feedback on how to improve SUD services in Los Angeles County. We also encourage you to distribute this announcement to others who can inform this process, including current or former clients of SUD services.

Sincerely,



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