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August 4, 2015

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 stakeholder process to provide feedback on our draft Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Waiver application to be submitted to the California Department of Health Care Services.

The State's DMC-ODS waiver plan proposes to expand substance use disorder (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. This is potentially the most extensive transformation of the 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. 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.

The DMC-ODS Kick-Off meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2015 and will include an overview of how the Affordable Care Act and DMC-ODS Waiver are expected to change the SUD service delivery system, as well as key components of the DMC-ODS application.

DMC-ODS Kick-Off Meeting

Thursday, August 13, 2015
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
The Alhambra Auditorium
1000 South Fremont Avenue
Building A7, Lower Level
Alhambra, California 91803
Parking \$3

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This kick-off meeting will be followed by meetings in each of the eight Service Planning Areas (SPA) designed to receive stakeholder questions and feedback on the content of DMC-ODS application. Subsequently, a results meeting will take place to share major themes from the SPA meetings and any changes to the application as a result of the stakeholder process. A schedule of these meetings will be distributed at a later date. SAPC expects to finish the stakeholder process by early October 2015.

Attached for your reference is the facility map. SAPC's Vision Paper for transforming the system of care and the DMC-ODS application will be distributed in advance of this meeting. For additional information see the *Health Care Reform, DMC-ODS System Transformation* page on SAPC's website: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/sapc/HealthCare/HealthCareReform.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wesley L. Ford" followed by a stylized flourish.

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Attachment