



# CBAS Stakeholder Meeting

**Meeting Date** February 4, 2014 2:00 – 5:00pm  
Sacramento  
CDA

**Attendees:**  
**Workgroup**

<b>Workgroup Representatives</b>	<b>Organization</b>
James Kawakami	LA Care
Pamela Mokler	Care 1st
Ruth Gay	Alzheimer's Association
Viviana Criado	California Elder Mental Health and Aging Coalition (CEMHAC)
Lydia Missaelides	California Association for Adult Day Services (CAADS)
Celine Regalia	Adult Day Services of Napa Valley
Diana Cooper-Puckett	Peg Taylor center for Adult Day Health Care
Mallory Vega	Acacia Adult Day Services
Nina Nolcox	Graceful Senescence Adult Day Health Care
Shirley Parker	Consumer
Rosalie Marchand	Consumer Advocate
Robert MacLaughlin	Assembly Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care
Michelle Baass	Senate Budget Committee
John Shen	DHCS
Jeannie Smalley	DHCS
Ed Long	CDA
Denise Peach	CDA

Non-Workgroup Stakeholders in Attendance: 9  
Registered for the webinar: 114  
Attended the webinar via GoTo Meeting: 88





## Stakeholders

### Agenda

Welcome and Introductions

- Meeting Objectives

Review of Stakeholder Input to Date

Overview

- Waiver Amendment Process and Timelines
- Hierarchy of Authority

DHCS/CDA Summary of Workgroup's STCs/SOPs  
Recommendations

Continuation of Workgroup Review of CBAS Waiver STCs/SOPs

Public Comments

Next Steps/Review of Action Items

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting: March 6, 2014, 2:00pm to 5:00pm

### Summary

Bobbie Wunsch, Pacific Health Consulting, convened the meeting with a welcome and brief overview of the objectives for Workgroup meetings #3 and #4:

- Meeting #3 - complete the Workgroup draft recommendations for the CBAS 1115 Waiver Special Terms and Conditions (STCs) and CBAS Standards of Participation (SOPs).
- Meeting #4 – finalize Workgroup recommendations for the STCs and SOPs, discuss CBAS future initiatives beyond the amendment of the 1115 Waiver in August 2014 and strategize about how to address them.

#### **Review of Stakeholder Input to Date**

Denise Peach, CDA CBAS Branch Chief, reviewed stakeholder input received since the last Meeting and displayed the log on the screen for Workgroup members and webinar attendees to see. Stakeholders have submitted 86 questions and comments to date, with 15 comments submitted during the January 9, 2014 meeting and 11 submitted since. CDA has logged and categorized the input, with the main areas of comment/question being (1) the CBAS



eligibility and authorization process; (2) the Stakeholder process; and (3) the CBAS program model. An updated log of comments will be posted on the CDA Website ([www.aging.ca.gov](http://www.aging.ca.gov)) after the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Denise clarified that comments in the log are not incorporated into the STC/SOP matrices with the Workgroups recommendations and that the comments are substantive. She encouraged the Workgroup to review the new log and give the input careful consideration.

### **Overview - Waiver Amendment Process and Timelines**

Jeannie Smalley, DHCS CBAS Section Manager, provided an overview of the 1115 Waiver Amendment process and timeline. Jeannie clarified that the SOPs will be submitted to CMS as part of the Waiver package. The Workgroup requested a written summary of the process to be distributed and posted after the meeting.

### **Overview – Hierarchy of Authority**

John Shen, DHCS Long-Term Care Division Deputy Director, discussed the hierarchy of laws, regulation, and policy that govern the CBAS program. The Workgroup asked for a written description of John's summary to be provided and posted after the meeting.

### **DHCS/CDA Summary of Workgroup Recommendations for STCs/SOPs**

DHCS/CDA staff provided a summary of significant recommendations raised by the Workgroup and stakeholders to date. Recommendations discussed included:

- Add statutory references to SOPs
- Allow planned growth of new CBAS Centers
- Delete Non-Profit provider provision
- Add quality metrics – provider quality of care standards
- Create new STC section on Plan/provider relationships:
  - Selective contracting per provider quality and Plan's credentialing standards
  - Payment arrangement for new CBAS program model (e.g. by level-of-care, by population type, by scope of CBAS services)
  - Liaison and care plan collaboration
- Allow more Plan discretion regarding conducting F2F eligibility determination
- Retain unbundled services
- Continue access monitoring and streamline reporting requirements to CMS.



- Establish workgroup to research and develop revised IPC (in consideration of the personalized care plan for Plan members.)
- Further conversations that need to take place:
  - Rates and how they relate to access
  - What, if any, legislative changes may be necessary to support waiver changes and future CBAS initiatives

Denise shared and discussed a draft of the new "Dashboard" of CBAS program statistics that CDA will post on its website and update regularly. The Dashboard will provide stakeholders and the public with extensive information regarding CBAS centers statewide and characteristics of individuals served by the program.

### **Continuation of Workgroup STC/SOP Review**

The meeting then turned to a continuation of the Workgroup's review of the CBAS STCs and SOPs.

The workgroup reviewed and made recommendations on STC items 85 through 158 (the last STC) and the entire SOP document.

### **Public Comments**

Non-Workgroup stakeholders provided comments and/or questions during the meeting either via Webinar or in person at the meeting.

Present at the meeting:

- Jill Yungling of Eskaton Adult Day Health Care Center Carmichael, provided comments related to provider and plan communication, the extensive current CBAS Individual Plan of Care (IPC), and quarterly reporting and outcome reporting as a means of CBAS provider and plan communication. Also, Jill complimented the Workgroup on its advocacy and civility.
- Nina Weiler-Harvell of American Association of Retired Persons, complimented the Workgroup for its emphasis on access, choice and quality, agreement to remove the Non-Profit requirement, flexibility in adding CBAS providers, focus on increasing rates given increased acuity of the population served, and publication of the "Dashboard." She also would like to see the Waiver require caregiver assessment and beyond the Waiver to establish a quality work group.

Jeannie Smalley, DHCS CBAS Section Chief, shared stakeholder comments received via the Webinar which included:



- Questions regarding unbundling of services and what services are considered unbundled. Is transportation in rural areas considered unbundled?
- Recommendation to revise the Participant Characteristics Report
- Need for reimbursement rate be increased to reflect the increase in the minimum wage
- How stakeholders can access the STC/SOP matrices to provide input
- Need to align CBAS quality and outcome metrics with what hospitals, SNF, and MCOs are measuring (e.g., hospital readmission rates, diagnosis, etc.)

During public comment, the Workgroup discussed caregiver assessments. Ed Long brought up the new CMS rule for HCBS – CMS-2249-F/2296-F and suggested that Workgroup members pay attention to the guidance that is scheduled to come out.

#### **Action Items / Next Steps**

Prior to the March 6th meeting:

- ✓ DHCS/CDA will develop a Waiver timeline and summary of the hierarchy of authority for CBAS and post to the website
- ✓ CDA will revise the CBAS Dashboard based on Workgroup feedback and post to the website
- ✓ DHCS/CDA to add statute references into SOP document
- ✓ Celine Regalia and Diane Cooper-Puckett will develop language related to staffing requirements and average daily attendance and send to Denise and Jeannie for inclusion in revised SOPs
- ✓ CDA will post February 4<sup>th</sup> Webinar recording, updated Stakeholder Input Log, and Meeting Summary
- ✓ CDA will send and post agenda and slides for March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting
- ✓ DHCS/CDA will develop and post a summary of “future” and “parking lot” issues for Workgroup discussion March 6<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ DHCS/CDA will share draft Waiver revisions with the Workgroup prior to submission to CMS

