

**Human Services Coordinating Council Agency Report  
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**Director's Report to HSCC – August 12, 2021**

**Novel Coronavirus:** Coronavirus case transmission in Sacramento County and in California saw an increase in July and is not leveling out. We are beginning to see rates decrease, while also seeing vaccination rates increase. There have been several new State Health Officer's Orders and guidance documents that have been released through CDPH over the past several weeks with regards to vaccinations, masks and testing to ensure continued vigilance and the ability to decrease the impacts of COVID-19. DHS continues to support efforts to vaccinate community members, provide contact tracing and isolation/quarantine supports, and help community members and businesses to recover.

**Wellness Crisis Response and Call Center (formerly Alternative to 911):** The Board of Supervisors voted to approve the budget for this Project and we are now in the planning phase. We have been engaging community stakeholders and other partners to ensure we are building a program that is effective for all. We are also tracking the AB988 Legislation to see how this will impact our overall Program rollout.

**CalAIM Planning:** We have been studying CalAIM (California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal) and what makes most sense in terms of the County's role in partnering with the Managed Care Plans on implementation of CalAIM. There will be several convening's over the next two months that will help determine how to best serve our community with this new resource. CalAIM implementation is anticipated to begin in January of 2022, with roll out of different components over time.

**Health Authority Commission:** The Managed Care Procurement process through the State Department of Health Care Services is currently under way. The Sacramento County Health Authority Commission is playing the role of assessing proposals by Managed Care Plans who wish to receive a letter of recommendation from the Board of Supervisors to support their applications to DHCS to become the chosen Managed Care Plans to serve Sacramento County beyond 2024. Right now it is anticipated that DHCS will choose two plans who will serve the county in the future. This decision is expected to be made by May of 2022.

**Mental Health Services Act Plan:** Our Three-Year MHSA Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.