



**Provider Advisory Committee
 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 Substance Abuse Prevention and Control**

The Alhambra Campus

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Tuesday, February 13, 2024

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Gary Tsai, M.D., Co-Chair
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Welcome

*Dr. Gary Tsai, MD, Bureau Director
 Substance Abuse Prevention and Control,
 Los Angeles County, Department of Public Health (DPH)*

Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023

Armen Ter-Barsegyan, DPH

Workgroup Updates

- **Business Technology**
Jim Symington, Compatior & Aris Tubadeza, AADAP
- **Key Indicators**
Jonathan Higgins, Beacon House & Christina González, Impact
- **Building Communities of Belonging**
Maricela Gray, House of Hope & Junie Gonzalez, Cri-Help
- **Certified Medi-Cal Peer Support Specialists**
Zena Yusuf, DPH
- **PAC Awards**
Liana Sanchez, LACADA

Discussion Items

- **Key Professional Opportunities**
Will Taetzsch, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
- **AWOL Policy in Provider Manual 8.0**
Will Taetzsch, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services
- **R95 Groups for Front-line Staff, Clinicians, and Management**
Kathy Watt, Van Ness
- **R95 - Low Barrier Residential Policies and Low Barrier Toxicology/Drug Test Policies**
Dr. Gary Tsai, MD, Bureau Director
- **Agency’s Implementation of Addiction Medication Policies**
Dr. Brian Hurley, MD, Medical Director
- **Volunteers**
Yanira Lima, DPH

Meeting Wrap Up

Armen Ter-Barsegyan, DPH

Public Comments

Dr. Gary Tsai, MD, Bureau Director