



Steering Committee Meeting



Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2025

1:00 pm – 3:00pm

Hybrid Microsoft Teams & 451 E. Vanderbilt Way, San Bernardino, CA – Kingston Conference Room

Steering Committee (SC) Members Present: Megan Barajas, Richard De Nava, Dr. Jay Fiene, Diana Fox (Co-chair), Peggi Hazlett, George Lamb, Dr. Rishi Parikh, Nathan Peterson, Dr. Sharon Wang (Co-Chair), and Jodie Wingo.

Staff/Guests Present: Dori Baeza, Nicolette Carlos, Stacey Davis, Veronica Gutierrez, Natalia Hidalgo, Tab Okonkwo, Janet Ortiz, Bibha Rani, Scott Rigsby, Samantha Stone, Erika Willhite, and Mumtahina Zefrin.

AGENDA TOPICS	DISCUSSION	Action Responsible Person
Call to Order & Introductions	The meeting was called to order by Dr. Sharon Wang at 1:10 pm. Diana Fox led the welcome and introductions. A quorum of Steering Committee (SC) members was not present.	
1.1 Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes	The motion to approve the agenda and minutes was proposed by Diana Fox and was first motioned by Dr. Jay Fiene and seconded by Jodie Wingo.	
2.1 Steering Committee Update	<p>Dr. Sharon Wang provided updates on two key public health issues. First, she reported success from a recent visit to the state capitol, where she and various statewide public health officers met lawmakers to advocate for public health funding. The governor's budget, which supports essential public health staffing and projects, remains intact for this cycle.</p> <p>Second, she highlighted the concerning measles outbreak, with over 1,000 U.S. cases and three deaths, including two healthy children. San Bernardino County's last case was an international traveler in January last year. Vaccination rates in the county are below the 95% needed for herd immunity, with some schools under 50%. Dr. Wang plans to issue a health advisory urging parents to vaccinate children before school, clarifying vaccine exemption rules, and guiding medical staff on handling measles cases.</p>	
3.1 Implementation Committee	<p>Natalie and Dr. Parikh provided an overview of the recent Implementation Committee (IC) meetings from April and May and announced that the IC is taking a strategic pause in their regular full meetings to focus action planning and implementation with key organizational partners that have expressed interest and potential capacity to lead goals within the Community Transformation Plan.</p> <p>April 1, 2025 Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steven Hardacre from Reach Out and Shehzad Bhojani from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools discussed health career pathways work within high schools. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beth Lavalee from Tilly’s Life Center (TLC) presented the “I AM ME” program in action, a youth-focused 501(c)(3) nonprofit. The guiding principles behind TLC are based on the science of neuroplasticity, aiming to change thoughts, attitudes, behaviors, and emotions. <p>May 19, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Core Partner Action Planning Meeting focused on short-term and long-term goals, with discussions about defining wellness centers and exploring data sharing possibilities. IC is preparing to potentially focus on three strategies that show the most promise and have strong stakeholder commitment, recognizing the challenges posed by current funding uncertainties. 	
4.1 Review of the Governance Structure	<p>Dori Baeza introduced a plan to assess the governance structure of the Vital Signs steering committee. This is part of transitioning from MAPP 1.0 to MAPP 2.0 and preparing for the 2028 CDPH requirement for aligning with the managed care plans (MCP).</p> <p>Key points of the MAPP Governance Assessment include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveying current steering committee members to gather feedback on their committee experiences Evaluating the current governance structure Preparing for potential integration of the MCPs Using survey results to inform the updating of the steering committee bylaws and charter <p>The team emphasized this is not a complete overhaul, but a refresh. They aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand current committee dynamics Ensure inclusive and effective leadership Prepare for future collaboration with managed care providers <p>The group committed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping the process efficient (3-4 months) Potentially holding more in-person meetings Ensuring the charter remains fundamentally unchanged Ratifying the existing (but never formally ratified) charter <p>The overall goal is to position the committee effectively for future community health improvement efforts and meet state requirements by 2028.</p>	
Announcements/Action Items	Diana Fox encouraged the group to attend the National Inland Counties Conference (NICC) Reach Out is hosting and announced the re-emergence of the Inland Health Professions Consortium (IHPC) and encouraged the group to attend the breakout session at NICC.	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 3:01 pm. 	

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July 21, 2025