



**Healthy California for All  
Commission Meeting  
July 8, 2020  
Meeting Synopsis**

*Note: a video recording of this meeting can be found [here](#).*

Commissioners in attendance: Andy Schneider, Anthony Wright, Antonia Hernandez, Bill Hsiao, Bob Ross, Carmen Comsti, Don Moulds, Janice Rocco, Jennie Chin Hansen, Jim Wood, Mark Ghaly, Peter Lee, Richard Pan, Richard Scheffler, Rupa Marya, Sandra Hernandez, Sara Flocks, Will Lightbourne (commissioner biographies can be found here: [Healthy California for All Commissioner biographies](#))

**1. Welcome and Introduction**

- Welcome
  - California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) Secretary, Dr. Mark Ghaly—Chair of the commission—provides opening remarks, welcoming the public and thanking commissioners and the consulting team.
- Virtual meeting protocols
  - Karin Bloomer, a member of the consulting team, reviews the virtual meeting protocols, and gives a general overview for the day.
- Roll call
  - Dr. Alice Chen, CHHS Deputy Secretary for Policy and Planning, conducts roll call for the commissioners.
- Commission purpose
  - Dr. Mark Ghaly welcomes Will Lightbourne to the commission and speaks to the changes to the environmental report based on issues raised by commissioners and COVID-19. He reviews changes to the commission work plan: moving to more frequent meetings (monthly instead of quarterly), focusing on major change more than incremental steps, attention to soliciting broad input from the public and most vulnerable communities. Dr. Ghaly provides an overview of how each meeting will focus on a specific system design element and how breakout rooms will be used.

- Introductory remarks and agenda overview
  - Dr. Mark Ghaly frames the moment amidst the increasing COVID-19 cases and calls out the health inequities being revealed as this unfolds. Access matters and chronic disease care matters. When we don't have a solid system to support all Californians regardless of income, race or ethnicity, then we create predictable challenges that will continue to repeat. He notes these issues need to become squarely married with the financing schemes that the commission will be thinking through. He encourages the commission to think how our reactions and ability to respond relate to how underlying health systems are built.

## 2. Designing Unified Financing and Coverage

- Presentations
  - Dr. Ghaly introduces guest speaker Dr. Sonia Angell, Director of the California Department of Public Health, who gives a presentation entitled *Health Equity and Unified Financing*. (found here: [Health Equity and Unified Financing](#)).
  - Eric Douglas, a member of the consulting team, introduces team member, Dr. Rick Kronick, who gives a presentation entitled *Key Design Decisions to Create a System of Unified Financing and Coverage* (found here: [Key Design Decisions to Create a System of Unified Financing and Coverage](#)). Dr. Kronick discusses key design elements/options and the sequence of meeting topics.
- Breakout discussions and report out
  - Eric Douglas explains how breakout rooms work and splits the commissioners and the public into three groups to discuss: What design elements should be included within unified financing to reduce disparities and increase equity? How could we tell if high-quality care was being equitably delivered? What outcomes and indicators should we watch, for whom?

*Note: Breakout room recordings can be found here:*

- [Breakout Room 1 recording](#)
  - [Breakout Room 2 recording](#)
  - [Breakout Room 3 recording](#)
- Public comment
  - Karin Bloomer invites verbal public comment.
  - *Note: For a complete transcript of all public comment provided during the meeting, please go to [Transcript of Public Comment from July 8 2020 meeting](#).*

## 3. Community Engagement

- Overview of proposed advisory process
  - Dr. Chen introduces consultant team member, Bobbie Wunsch, who gives a presentation entitled *Community Engagement Process* (found here: [Community Engagement Process presentation](#)).

- Bobbie Wunsch shares the proposed process for community engagement for commission feedback. Details include:
  - Conducting a series of two input sessions in seven locations via Zoom for two hours (14 sessions) with 12 to 25 local participants in each. The first session would occur in late summer; the second session in each series would occur in late fall/early winter.
  - All sessions would be open to the public, have public comment, and commissioners would be invited to attend.
  - A community-based co-host in each region would receive a grant from The California Endowment to support recruiting participants according to criteria, co-facilitating, and providing technical support and interpretation services.
  - Recruiting would focus on persons of color, low-income and underserved individuals, marginalized populations including youth, Medicare, Medi-Cal or Covered California, people who have lost health coverage due to COVID-19 unemployment or have no insurance due to immigration status.
- In addition to the community input, another series of three sessions would be held with up to 25 invited organizational representatives:
  - Participants would include statewide health advocacy organizations, labor groups, and single payer advocates.
  - This series would follow a similar timeline as the community sessions.
- Results of all of the series would be provided in a written summary to the Commission and verbally at Commission meetings by two or three community leaders who participated in the process.
- Commission questions and discussion
  - Eric Douglas invites commissioners to provide feedback related to the proposed community and stakeholder input process.
  - Commissioners provide comment, including:
    - The importance of providing salient background information to session participants.
    - Reframing the sample questions.
    - Questions about the co-hosts and how they would be selected.
    - Questions about The California Endowment supporting the effort.
    - The value of gathering input from a broader representation of Californians, possibly by using existing survey data.
    - Including other perspectives, such as: those with employer-based coverage, people with chronic conditions, people who are re-entering communities from the criminal justice system.
    - Reaching participants who may not be connected with local organizations.
    - Transparency in the process of selecting organizations and participants.
- Public comment
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#### **4. Adjournment**

- Dr. Chen adjourns the meeting by thanking commissioners for their thoughtful engagement and honest feedback, and the public for participating in chat. She commends the consulting team for the successful breakout rooms facilitation and notes that this approach will continue to be used going forward. She recaps that there will be a revised version of the report sent out to commissioners for a final round of feedback.