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**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**Fresno County Dept. of Behavioral Health, Substance Use Disorders (SUD)  
Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Waiver Planning Process Stakeholder Meetings**

**WHAT:** In California, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) received approval from the federal government for the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC ODS) waiver proposal that will greatly expand substance use disorder (SUD) services reimbursable under the Drug Medi-Cal program for counties that decide to participate. The waiver will support coordination and integration across systems, strengthen county oversight of network capacity, and improve consumer access to services.

Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health will be hosting public meetings throughout Fresno County to inform and engage the community in the DMC ODS Waiver Implementation Planning process. The DMC Waiver will enable more local control and accountability to improve care and efficient use of resources; implement evidence based practices in substance use disorders (SUD) treatment and coordinate with other systems of care. Your participation will inform the design of Fresno County's future SUD Continuum of Care.

These meetings are similar to a town hall meeting format where Behavioral Health stakeholders, members of the public, clients/family members and community agencies are encouraged to attend to provide suggestions and ideas regarding the implementation of the Drug Medi-Cal redesign.

Please attend a meeting that best fits your schedule.

**WHEN:** Please see page 2 for dates, times and locations

**WHY:** All cultural groups are affected by substance use disorders. The DMC-ODS Waiver will be implemented in Fresno County and has the potential to greatly increase benefits provided to the public. The Department of Behavioral Health has opted-in for these benefits and is asking for input from the community in order to best serve the public. Fresno County is tasked with implementing this Organized Delivery System and increasing services and access to those who need assistance.

# Fresno County Department of Behavioral Health

## Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) Organized Delivery System (ODS) Waiver Implementation Planning Stakeholder Meetings

The purpose of the Stakeholder meetings is to inform and engage the community in the DMC ODS Waiver Implementation Planning process. The DMC Waiver will enable more local control and accountability to improve care and efficient use of resources, implement evidence based practices in substance use disorders (SUD) treatment and coordinate with other systems of care. Your participation will inform the design of Fresno County's future SUD Continuum of Care.

The Stakeholder meetings will occur in many settings throughout the County to allow for diverse participation from all areas of the community. It will be a fluid, multi-part process that, initially, will be primarily educational in nature. Additional future meetings will include both an educational and a design focus that will build on information gathered at earlier events.

### We invite you to attend a planning meeting that best fits your schedule

● SUD Provider Meeting	09/07/16	9:30am to 12pm	550 E Shaw, Fresno CA 93710
● Mendota Community Center	09/14/16	5pm to 7pm	195 Smoot Ave, Mendota, CA 93640
● Selma Regional Center	09/16/16	10am to 12pm	3800 McCall Avenue, Selma, CA 93662
● Clovis Veterans Memorial	10/14/16	1:30pm to 3:30pm	808 4th St, Clovis, CA 93612
● Kerman Community Center	10/18/16	2pm to 4pm	15101 W Kearney Blvd, Kerman, CA 93630
● Reedley Community Center	10/19/16	2pm to 4pm	100 N. East Ave. Reedley, CA 93654
● Blue Sky Wellness Center	10/20/16	9am to 11am	1617 E Saginaw Way 108, Fresno, CA 93704
● Fresno Holistic Center	10/20/16	1pm to 3pm	4879 E. Kings Canyon Rd Fresno, CA 93727
● West Side Church of God	10/24/16	2pm to 4pm	1424 W California Ave. Fresno, CA 93706
● Coalinga City Hall / Council Chambers	10/25/16	10am to 12pm	155 W Durian Ave, Coalinga, CA 93210
● First 5 Fresno	10/25/16	2pm to 4pm	2405 Tulare St. Fresno, CA 93721
● Tollhouse Sierra Senior Center	11/07/16	2pm to 4pm	33276 Lodge Rd, Tollhouse, CA 93667
● West Fresno Regional Center	TBA	TBA	

All the information and comment forms will be available during these sessions  
Fresno County staff will be available to answer your questions

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