

# Avatar CalAIM Workgroup Meeting Minutes

7/21/2022

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Meeting Purpose:** The Avatar CalAIM Workgroup is a subcommittee of the Avatar Process Improvement Meeting, to address CalAIM related changes to Avatar forms, reports, and workflows. The workgroup reports back to the larger Avatar Process Improvement Meeting.

**Mission:** Make recommendations and decisions about CalAIM updates to Avatar, with representation from County Behavioral Health and Contract Partner's front-line staff, providers, and management.

**Webpage:** Click here for meeting agendas and minutes. [Avatar CalAIM Webpage](#)

**CalAIM References:** [CalMHSA CalAIM Main Webpage](#)

CalAIM LPHA manual: <https://www.calmhsa.org/wp-content/uploads/CalMHSA-MHP-LPHA-Documentation-Guide-06232022.pdf>

CalAIM trainings: <https://www.calmhsa.org/wp-content/uploads/CalMHSA-LMS-Instructions-5.24.22.pdf>

## Get Involved!

- To add agenda items, contact is [nancy.mast@santacruzcounty.us](mailto:nancy.mast@santacruzcounty.us)
- During the meeting, please use the raise hand function or the chat box if you have questions, comments, concerns.
- Review the [CalMHSA CalAIM LPHA manual](#)
- Review with updated problem list form (update from Netsmart) in [UAT](#).
- Sign up for CalMHSA CalAIM trainings: <https://www.calmhsa.org/wp-content/uploads/CalMHSA-LMS-Instructions-5.24.22.pdf>

## AGENDA ITEMS>>>

### Announcements

1. **MH staff only today (SUDS invited if desired) as we will be discussing the psychosocial.**
2. **Next meeting – July 28th, 2022, 9am-10am**
3. **Schedule – Changed to every week instead of every other Thursday.**
4. Agendas and meeting minutes are posted on the [Avatar Webpage](#), [CalAIM Subpage](#)
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### Agenda Items

1. **Introductions:** name and program
2. **How to get involved**
3. **The main agenda item for today is Psychosocial/Assessment**

### Psychosocial Assessment Discussion

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1. **Psychosocial** - Plan for today is to discuss, and evaluate and plan for modifying our current Psychosocial SC form to fulfill new requirements.
2. **Reviewed Nancy's Psychosocial-CalAIM analysis chart. Discussed the first two domains; Domain 1 presenting problem and Domain 2 Trauma with follow up items**

**CALAIM ASSESSMENT DOMAINS IN THE AVATAR PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENT SC**  
See the completed document, [CALAIM ASSESSMENT DOMAINS IN THE AVATAR PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSESSMENT](#), on the [Avatar Webpage](#), [CalAIM Subpage](#).

- a. Make sure this CalAIM language is in the lightbulbs on psychosocial assessment form.
  - b. Domain 2 Trauma section- need to double check CANSA to make sure all ACES elements are included.
  - c. Suggestion to compare CANSA to check boxes on psychosocial assessment.
  - d. For children SMHS Access criteria-Experiences with homelessness, juvenile justice involvement, child welfare system involvement-these are in the assessment currently there was a suggestion to make these check boxes and/or embed this criterion into the trauma section on the psychosocial form.
  - e. Recommendation for the CANS to be embedded into the psychosocial form.
3. **Discussed Meeting Weekly is needed to cover the CalAIM requirements was decided -** Psychosocial will continue to be discussed next week, focusing on the CalAIM requirements and whether or not the current Avatar psychosocial meets these requirements. In the following weeks will focus on other CalAIM changes (i.e. problem list, treatment plan)
  4. **CalAIM Requirements** for assessment are in the [CalMHSA CalAIM LPHA manual](#) starting on page 12.

## Other Discussion

1. **Trauma Screening Tool**
  - a. A universal Trauma Screening Tool will be required by all counties. The state is still working on it. It will possibly be the ACES, or some version of it, but we do not yet have the final form. ETA unknown.
  - b. ACES is already included in our CANS and possibly the ANSA. We need documentation on this in case we need to provide to state auditors.
  - c. ACES information: <https://training.acesaware.org/>
  - d. CDC also has a website re ACES. It shares their data collection surrounding the ACES

## Parking Lot

1. **Will hold these topics until both DMC and MH staff attend.**
  - a. Training - Who is responsible? How to organize?
  - b. Overall Intent and focus of workgroup - Does this need any refinements or additions?
    - i. Workgroup purpose is to discuss CalAIM changes to Avatar and report back periodically to the larger meeting.

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- ii. Comprised of both supervisory and line staff.
- c. CalAIM Overview and recap
  - i. CalAIM has ushered major regulatory changes to the California Medi-Cal system.
  - ii. CalAIM is designed to streamline documentation and auditing practices by focusing on Fraud Waste & Abuse (FWA) to alleviate the excessive administrative burden and focus more on clinical best practice.
  - iii. CalAIM employs a person-centered approach to improve access and coordination among the delivery systems.
  - iv. Minor documentation infractions resulting in recoupments will no longer be deemed priority through the lens of FWA.
  - v. With CalAIM, providers can bill for legitimate collaboration of staff members in the same agency who hold different roles for the same client. This has been an area of lost revenue and staff frustration.

### Attendees

Dave Chicoine (County QI), Jen Gosk (Front Street), Laura Hyams (County CMH), Nancy Mast (County QI), Veronica Gonzalez (County AMH), Grace Saldivar-Napoles (County AMH), Ellie Suski (County QI), Andres Aguirre (Front Street), Stan Einhorn (County CMH), Lauren Fein (County CMH), Amy Bravo (Front Street), Sube Robertson (County QI), Madea Owen (County QI), Dagny Blaskovich (Volunteer Center), Eileen Movshovitz (County AMH), Emilio Rubalcava (Front Street), Gian Wong (County IT), Robert Annon (County AMH), Amanda Crowder (County SUDS), Cybele Lolley (County QI), Jessica Stone (Janus), Steven King (County SUDS)