



California Initiative to Advance
Precision Medicine

California Precision Medicine Advisory Council Meeting Summary, September 19, 2025

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Opening Remarks from the Chair

Clara Lajonchere, PhD, Chair

- Acknowledges challenging moment for biomedical research funding both nationally and locally with large reductions in federal investments towards science grants.
- Optimistic about CIAPM's impact on the health outcomes of Californians.

Opening Remarks from the Vice Chair

Keith Yamamoto PhD, Vice Chair

- CIAPM exists within larger sphere of federal changes to biomedical research.
- Budget resolution is moving forward to maintain NIH budget despite nearly half in cuts proposed by the White House.
- House and Senate are in process of resolving bills that have important implications for the NIH budget.
- Recent changes to NIH funding structure allows new grants to get funded for its full projected timeline upfront; however, with fewer grants funded
- Within California, new bill in next legislative session for California Institute for Scientific Research.
- Federal landscape of scientific enterprise further underscores the importance and urgency of CIAPM's work.

Updates from the Governor's Cabinet

Richard Figueroa, MBA, Deputy Cabinet Secretary

- At the State level, the Governor's Office is taking legal steps towards federal changes in research grants and health services.
- Regional state health alliance (West Coast Health Alliance) has been formed and will continue sound expertise in broad public health initiatives.
- Governor's Office is beginning to work on next year's budget, which will be Governor Newsom's last budget in which he takes a major role before term ends.

CIAPM Reorganization: CalHHS Office of Policy & Strategic Planning

Brian Kaplun, MS, Deputy Secretary of Policy and Strategic Planning

- CIAPM transitioned within CalHHS to the Office of Policy and Strategic Planning (OPSP).
- Brian commends Dr. K Jones for their work with CIAPM during the initial transition into CalHHS.
- OPSP currently houses the Behavioral Health Team and the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), whom CIAPM has been meeting with to find areas of alignment and shared goals.
- OPSP will work to break down silos and build on existing expertise of CalHHS Departments to advance and further integrate CIAPM research into policy.

Administrative Business

Previous Meeting Summary (June 23, 2025)

Dr. Diana Ramos: Motion to approve the meeting summary

Dr. Hala Madanat: Second the motion

No oppositions, the motion passes

Chair and Vice Chair Elections

Dr. Clara Lajonchere is elected as Chair for 2025-2026.

Dr. Keith Yamamoto is elected as Vice Chair for 2025-2026.

Major Program Updates

1) CIAPM Mission Statement

- CIAPM incorporated Council feedback on CIAPM's mission statement following the June 2025 meeting and finalized with CalHHS and is requesting the Council's vote to approve the revised mission statement.
- **Mission Statement:** "The California Initiative to Advance Precision Medicine (CIAPM) supports cutting-edge biomedical and health research that harnesses data to generate new insights, prioritizes whole-person care, and advances community-driven solutions to reduce health inequities. Our mission is to drive the development of innovative technologies and personalized strategies and to coordinate cross-sector partnerships for prevention, diagnosis, and treatment to improve the health and well-being of all Californians."

Elize Bradley: Motion to approve the revised mission state

Hala Madanat: Second the motion

No oppositions, the motion passes

2) Internship Updates:

- Student intern Suhani Amin stepped down from CIAPM in June 2025 to focus on her Ph.D. program.
- CIAPM also bids farewell to Laura Adame, who completed her MPH degree at UC Davis. Laura also conducted her practicum with CIAPM and shared an overview of her experience.

- Laura Adame's MPH practicum focused on:
 - Best practices for researchers conducting community-engaged research and identified main themes of building and maintaining partnerships
 - How to design better funding opportunities for community engaged research by providing clear timelines in grant calls and project goals, definitions, and examples of community engagement in research projects
 - How to improve community-facing materials to increase participation from all backgrounds by reviewing community-focused resources and developing a community-friendly communication brochure
 - Council members suggested next steps for community engagement brochure: focus groups for community feedback, short form video delivery, and translations into different languages.
- 3) Impact Assessment Metrics
- CIAPM staff is gathering metrics to assess the impact of funded projects across three broad categories: research output, precision medicine assets, population impacts.
 - Council members suggested dashboard format of delivery, deliver the metrics in a narrative flow (e.g., project led to trainees which led to publications), highlighting parts of the State that's engaged, thinking about effects on people and new knowledge beyond the number metrics (results of the findings), legislative impacts and policy.

Demonstration Project Updates

- 1) ACEs Research Program
 - Completed projects: Children's Hospital LA, UC Irvine, UC San Diego
 - Continuing projects with no cost extensions: Loma Linda, UCLA, UCSF, Stanford.
 - CIAPM will begin preparing an evaluation report for completed projects as projects wrap up into 2025-2026.
- 2) Depression Research Program
 - Current projects: Santa Clara University (SCU), UCSD, UCSF.
 - Two projects begun participant recruitment, with UCSD starting recruitment in November.
 - Site visits to begin in the Fall, with SCU in September 2025 and UCSD and UCSF in November.
 - CIAPM planning a depression research symposium on December 5, 2025.

Precision Medicine Roundtable

- Council Member, Gay Grossman shared that patients and caregivers are experiencing challenges in accessing affordable care for their conditions, especially as community health centers shutter.

- Council Member, Dr. Elize Bradley shared that in the Central Valley, marginalized populations are hesitant to participate in research given immigration raids.
- Council Chair Dr. Clara Lajonchere shared that students and research participants from marginalized populations are hesitant to access clinical care given the current environment.
- Council Member, Dr. Diana Ramos shared that many marginalized populations are pivoting to telehealth to avoid possible immigration raids.
- CIAPM Chief Science Officer, Dr. David Reiner shared that CIAPM-funded projects are facing challenges with participant recruitment and retention due to immigration threats communities are facing.

Communications Updates

- 1) Several social media updates from CIAPM have been posted through CalHHS
- 2) Newsletters and Reports
 - June and September 2025 newsletters issued since last Council Meeting.
 - Concluded investigator spotlights for newsletter series, next step is reaching out to projects for 'researcher spotlights' for those at the CBOs to interview.
 - Feedback from Council to link webpages of different precision medicine news, Council Member publications and awards.
- 3) Reports
 - 2024 Annual Report under administrative review by CalHHS.
 - Cancer Evaluation Report under administrative review by CalHHS.
 - Fall/Winter 2025 – CIAPM will begin identifying experts for the ACEs Evaluation Report.
 - CIAPM staff will begin authoring project summaries for the depression research webpage.
- 4) Asset Inventory – collection of precision medicine resources across the state
 - On webpage, the asset inventory has a map of California, highlighting where the resources are. Users can filter by organization type (e.g., community-based organization, company, etc.), activity (e.g., research, direct support), and health topic (e.g., ACEs, behavioral health).
 - CIAPM staff is improving the asset inventory, such as adding more granular filters, ensuring external webpages are properly hyperlinked, etc. CIAPM staff is continuing to seek Council feedback on further improving the asset inventory.

Public Comment

No public comments.

Closed Session: Representative Research

No action was taken by the Council.

Closing Comments

CIAPM welcomes feedback from the Council to fully meet CIAPM's goals.
Meeting adjourned and Council will reconvene in Q4 2025.