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## **CAADPE Applauds Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for Advancing Accountability on Jail Medication-Assisted Treatment Access, Urges Swift Action on Findings**

**Sacramento, CA** — The California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives (CAADPE) applauds the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and Supervisor Janice Hahn in particular, for advancing a motion that directly responds to urgent concerns about medication-assisted treatment (MAT) access, treatment delays, and substance use-related deaths in the Los Angeles County jail system.

Supervisor Hahn’s revised motion, introduced for the Board’s March 3 agenda, includes directives to evaluate the current MAT delivery process, assess how people in custody are identified for treatment, provide monthly MAT waitlist reporting to the Office of Inspector General, and develop recommendations in collaboration with the Department of Public Health’s Substance Abuse Prevention and Control division (SAPC) on reducing substance use-related deaths inside the jails.

“I am grateful to CAADPE and CADA for their advocacy and partnership on this urgent issue. The people in our custody are also in our care, and they need timely access to medication-assisted treatment and a system that responds with urgency, accountability, and care,” said Supervisor Hahn. “This latest effort is an important step toward identifying where the system is falling short and ensuring we act on those findings to save lives.”

These directives reflect and validate many of the concerns CAADPE and the California Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations (CADA) raised in their [December 2025 statement](#) calling on Los Angeles County Jails to end deadly cutbacks to SUD treatment. In that statement, CAADPE and CADA warned that people in custody were facing dangerous delays and called for immediate action to address waitlists, expand treatment access, and strengthen continuity of care.

“CAADPE appreciates Supervisor Hahn and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for taking these concerns seriously and moving to strengthen accountability,” said Robb Layne, Executive Director, CAADPE. “The motion takes important steps by requiring closer examination of how MAT is delivered, how people are identified for treatment, and how waitlists are tracked. Those are meaningful and necessary actions.”

At the same time, CAADPE emphasized that reporting and review alone will not be enough to address the crisis.

“We are encouraged that the Board of Supervisors are formally acknowledging the concerns that advocates and providers have raised. But acknowledgment must lead to action,” said Al Senella, President of CAADPE,

and President and CEO of Tarzana Treatment Centers. "LA County jails must act quickly on the findings from these reviews and translate them into concrete expansion of MAT capacity, faster access to care, and stronger continuity of treatment for people leaving custody."

CAADPE also supports the motion's direction for closer collaboration with the LA County Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) Bureau to identify best practices for reducing substance use-related deaths in the jail system. Stronger coordination with SAPC is an important step toward aligning jail-based substance use care with public health expertise, community-based treatment systems, and evidence-based approaches to overdose prevention and recovery support.

The motion also includes broader accountability measures, including ensuring naloxone is accessible regardless of housing assignment, requiring a funding and staffing report-back, setting a 120-day implementation timeline, and calling for the development of a scope of work for an outside consultant to evaluate recent deaths and provide recommendations.

CAADPE will continue monitoring the jails' response closely and urges leaders not to lose momentum.

"This is an important step forward, but it cannot be the end of the conversation," said Layne. "LA County Supervisors have an opportunity and, more importantly, a responsibility to turn these findings into real improvements that save lives."

#### **About CAADPE**

The California Association of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives (CAADPE) is the statewide association representing substance use disorder treatment providers in California. CAADPE advances policies, partnerships, and practices that strengthen the full continuum of care for individuals and communities impacted by substance use disorders.