

Cynthia Hudgins is a supervisor with the Department of Health Care Services in the Substance Use Disorder Program, Policy, and Fiscal Division. She has been with the State for three and one half years and has recently taken the position of Chief of the newly created Quality Monitoring Section. Cynthia has been working in the SUD field for over 30 years. She started her career working directly with clients and families conducting assessments and coordinating admissions, then moving on to conducting formal interventions. After several years of direct services, Cynthia moved into SUD administration and then later completed her education with an MBA in Health Care Management.

As the Executive Director of a non-profit SUD agency she secured the first Drug Medi-Cal Perinatal Residential Program license and certification in the State of California. After further expansion of services to include outpatient, intensive outpatient, residential detox and youth and family programs, she and her team went on to secure CARF Accreditation (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) for all programs.

Cynthia is passionate about providing one of California's most vulnerable populations with high quality SUD services and is excited to be a part of the DMC-ODS Waiver pilot.