

MINUTES

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 27, 2023

2:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm

II. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS:

FOWLER, CITY OF
GUSTINE, CITY OF
LINDSAY, CITY OF
LIVINGSTON, CITY OF
NEWMAN, CITY OF
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
RIO DELL, CITY OF
SONORA, CITY OF
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, EL DORADO COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, KINGS COUNTY
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, SUTTER COUNTY
SUTTER CREEK
TRUCKEE-DONNER RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

Angela Vasquez
Melanie Correa
Mari Carrillo
Arcelia Cruz
Mike Maier
Christina Nygard
Joanne Farley
Chris Gorsky
Heather Nelson
Nocona Soboleski
Joe Azevedo
Karen Darrow
David Faris, **President**

ALTERNATES:

AVENAL, CITY OF
COMPASS CHARTER SCHOOLS
DANVILLE, TOWN OF
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE DISTRICT
MODOC COUNTY
NEWMAN, CITY OF
RIO DELL, CITY OF
UPLAND, CITY OF

Griselda Price
Jesse Zamora
Qiana London
Jenna Franz
Robert Murias
Pam Randall
Michael Holland
Karen Dunham
Rocio Preciado

MANAGERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Peter McNamara
Melissa King
Christine Hough
Nancy Schott

OTHERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Dayna Gowan
Chris Jordan
Pam Cote

Dawn Almanzor

CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT

Patrick Treanor

HUMBODLT BAY FIRE

Jenna Harris

ANTHEM

Joelle Jarmillo

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – April 27, 2023

Action

Presented by David Faris

2023-001

Motion to approve the April 27, 2023 agenda: 1. Melanie Correa and 2. Chris Gorsky. Motion unanimously approved by the Full Board.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 8, 2022

Action

Presented by David Faris

2023-002

The Authority will review the minutes of the last Board Meeting for any adjustments and adoption. Motion to approve the December 8, 2022 minutes: 1. Griselda Price and 2. Christina Nygard. Motion unanimously approved by the Full Board.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Information

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

2023-003

Updates from Anthem and EmpiRx on changes to health coverage and access for PACE plans with the end of the COVID public health emergency on May 11, 2023 were reviewed. For Anthem members, vaccines will continue to be covered by in network providers as they are considered preventative. Testing for Anthem members will be reimbursed when conducted by in-network providers, but cost-sharing will apply similar to other lab services.

Updates from EmpiRx regarding at home test benefits with the end of the COVID public health emergency on May 11, 2023 were reviewed.

VII. FINANCIAL

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Information

Presented by Sam Mel-Chan

2023-004

The Quarterly Financial Report and LAIF Account Statement as of March 31, 2023 were reviewed. PACE is on target with revenues exceeding expenditures. The interest on the LAIF Account increased for the period ending March 31, 2023. Based on year to date, the net estimated cash balance at the end of 2023 is \$7.9M.

The 2023 PACE Final Budget approved by the Executive Committee at their April 26, 2023 Meeting was reviewed. Based on the estimated premium revenue and claims costs, the estimated net position at the end

of 2023 is \$5.59M

ANTHEM UPDATE

Presented by Joelle Jarmillo

Information
2023-005

The March 2023 Anthem utilization report was reviewed. There are 1336 subscribers as of March 31, 2023. The per member per month cost is less than the prior period because of the addition of new members in 2023 bringing down the average cost. In network utilization is 97.1% which is better than the prior period at 91.2%. There is one high cost claimant over \$100k so far in 2023; in 2022 at this point, there were four.

Members participating in Wellness and the EmpiRx Cost Containment programs help PACE maintain a healthy financial position.

ANCILLARY UPDATES

Presented by Melissa King

Information
2023-006

The LiveHealth Online March 2023 utilization report was reviewed. Utilization in 2023 is higher than in 2022. To increase engagement, two LiveHealth Online flyers will be sent directly to subscribers.

The EmpiRx March 2023 utilization report was reviewed. Utilizing the Payer Matrix program has resulted in specialty drug utilization going down in 2023 from the prior year to 1.2% of total claims generating 37.4% of claims costs.

WELLNESS UPDATES

Presented by Dayna Gowan

Information
2023-007

The 2023 Health Management program was reviewed. Of the 33 agencies in PACE, 25 (76 %) have at least one member registered on the WellSteps program site. The first behavior change campaign, Healthy Heart, with 64 enrolled and 51 completing the campaign finished on April 2, 2023.

The second behavior change campaign, Financial Fitness, begins May 1, 2023 – June 11, 2023. Full Board Members will receive an email with details on May 1, 2023. A PACE Introduction and Q&A webinar will be offered May 4, 2023 from 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm. The next Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting is May 10, 2023 at 4:00 pm.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY

Presented by Christine Hough

Information
2023-008

There have been five agencies requesting a quotation since the last Full Board Meeting.

1. University of Redlands – 610 employees with 190 waivers (31%). Employees are primarily in HMO (61%) and PPO (6%) plans. PACE initially declined to quote in August 2022 due to a high average age and high-risk factors. The agency requested a refresh quote and Christine Hough again declined to quote as rates were still not competitive due to high risk factors.

2. San Bernardino County Employee Retirement Association (SBCERA) – 68 employees and 8 waivers

(12%) and they are breaking away from the County of San Bernardino. Initially quoted in September 2022 for a January 1, 2023, effective date and requoted for an April 1, 2023, effective date. Christine Hough was able to provide a competitive quote.

3. City of Fontana – 665 employees with 117 waivers (18%); 53% in Kaiser, 26% in Anthem HMO and 3% in Anthem PPO plans. They received a quote in 2022 for a 1/1/23 effective date and were looking for a refresh quote for a 7/1/23 effective date. PACE was able to provide competitive rates.

4. Community Action Partnership of Kern – 900 lives with 444 waivers (49%) due to high number of low wage workers eligible for Medi-Cal; 5% in PPO HDHP, 46% in HMO plans. PACE provided a quote and they have not responded yet.

5. CalVans – 25 employees with 8 waivers (32%); currently covered under Kings County plan and the County is discontinuing coverage effective July 1, 2023. PACE quoted rates with requirements of mandatory enrollment and completion of individual health questionnaires as there is little demographic information available.

IX. INFORMATION

MEMBER COMMENTS

Information

There were no member comments.

MANAGER COMMENTS

Information

There is one vacancy on the Executive Committee as a Non-Officer Member. If any Full Board Member is interested, please contact PACE Management or his/her PACE Account Manager.

PACE Management indicated the Kaiser 2024 renewals are trending at a 14% increase for No Cal and 16% increase for So Cal.

Preliminary 2024 renewals will be reviewed with the Executive Committee at the July Executive Committee Meeting with final renewals presented and voted upon at the August Full Board Meeting.

X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Information

Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting which will be held August 23, 2023.

- Q2 Financial Report and LAIF Statements, Anthem Update, Ancillary Update and New Member Update
- 2024 Renewals

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:51 pm.