

MINUTES

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 17, 2021

2:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

DANVILLE, TOWN OF
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
TRUCKEE DONNER RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT

Lani Ha, Non-Officer Member
Jennifer Bower, **President**
David Faris, **Vice President**

MANAGERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Peter McNamara
Christine Hough
Stacey Comerchero
Nancy Schott

OTHERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Sam Mel-Chan
Dayna Gowan
Kelly Hall

ANTHEM

Joelle Jarmillo

UPLAND, CITY OF

Theresa Doyle

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Christina Nygard

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – November 17, 2021

Presented by Jennifer Bower

Action
2021-082

Motion to approve the November 17, 2021 agenda: 1. David Faris and 2. Lani Ha. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 20, 2021 **Action**
2021-083
Presented by Jennifer Bower

Motion to approve the October 20, 2021 Minutes: 1. David Faris and 2. Lani Ha. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE **Information**
2021-084
Presented by E. Peter McNamara

The final 2022 stop loss renewal was received with an increase of 33% if PACE stays with the current attachment point of \$250,000 or 27.7% if PACE increases the attachment point to \$275,000. PACE Management recommends staying at the \$250,000 attachment point, for at least another year. The initial renewal increase was 50% which was negotiated to provide the lower renewal options. The large initial renewal increase was due to the carrier paying out more in claims (\$2M) than it received in premiums (\$1.5M) in 2021 and they are looking to recoup some of their costs in the 2022 renewal increase, a standard industry practice.

VII. FINANCIAL

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW **Information**
2021-085
Presented by Sam Mel-Chan

The Monthly Financial Report as of October 31, 2021 was reviewed. Average weekly claims were \$245,000 January – June 2021 (not including any stop loss reimbursements) while July – October 2021 claims averaged \$176,000 per week. Estimating to the end of 2021, including premiums, claims payments and stop loss reimbursements, SETECH projects a cash balance of approx. \$4.4M.

ANTHEM UPDATE **Information**
2021-086
Presented by Joelle Jarmillo

The Anthem utilization report for January - October 2021 was reviewed. High cost claims over \$50,000 incurred by 26 members totaled \$4.3M through October. In network utilization is 96.6%.

ANCILLARY UPDATES **Information**
2021-087
Presented by E. Peter McNamara and Stacey Comerchero

The LiveHealth Online September utilization report was reviewed. There are 283 total PACE member registrations, including a few additional registrations in October, or approx. 12% of the PACE member population.

The EmpiRx October utilization report was reviewed. Although there are fewer than 100 members using specialty drugs, their claims costs account for approx. 50% of total pharmacy spend. Claims costs are averaging \$200,000 – \$210,000 per month.

The November ConsumerMedical communication pieces which will be sent to PACE groups in early December were reviewed: Behavioral Health Support and Nutrition Tips flyers.

Jennifer Bower asked if PACE's COBRA vendor tracked members who were utilizing COBRA. Stacey

Comerchero indicated WEX (WEX purchased Discovery Benefits) is the COBRA vendor offered to any PACE agency at no additional cost. PACE agencies are not required to use WEX and can contract with any COBRA vendor they choose. There are approx. 10-12 PACE members enrolled in COBRA through WEX. PACE pays an administrative fee to WEX each month. When a member goes on COBRA, BenefitBridge and the WEX portal should be updated to allow WEX to track the member's payments and eligibility.

WELLNESS UPDATES

Presented by Dayna Gowan

Information

2021-088

An update on the PACE 2021 Health Management Program was reviewed. The Wellness program ended on November 15, 2021 and e-gift card rewards will be emailed to participants by mid-December. There were 198 participants registered on the WellSteps platform in 2021 with 56 members earning awards. There were more participants in 2021 than in 2020; however, fewer people earned rewards due to the biometric screening requirement being reinstated for 2021. Due to limited in person access to providers during 2020 due to COVID, the biometric screening requirement was removed for 2020.

The WellSteps Report on the final behavior change campaign was reviewed. For 2021, there were approx. 50 people who participated in each of the three behavior change campaigns.

Results from the Wellness Program Survey sent by Dayna Gowan were reviewed. There were 28 members from 10 agencies who completed the survey. The survey addressed what aspects of the Wellness Program members liked and didn't like as well as reasons they didn't participate. Member feedback will be helpful in planning for the 2022 program.

Recommendations for the 2022 Wellness Program will be reviewed at the December Executive Committee Meeting.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY

Presented by Christine Hough

Information

2021-089

There were two requests evaluated and quoted as a potential member of PACE:

1. City of Beaumont – 158 employees – with very high Kaiser penetration and a higher number of waivers than PACE underwriting guidelines allow. Christine Hough declined to quote this agency due to potential adverse selection and the 76% Kaiser penetration.
2. San Bernardino County Employee Retirement Association – 68 employees with 8 waivers – currently with Blue Shield HMO and Kaiser HMO plans. Christine Hough provided rates.

2021 PROPOSED MEETING DATES

Action

2021-090

The proposed schedule for 2022 PACE Executive Committee and Full Board Meetings was reviewed.

Motion to approve the 2022 Proposed Executive Committee Meeting and Full Board Meeting Calendar: 1. David Faris and 2. Jennifer Bower. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

IX. INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Information

There were no Executive Committee comments.

MANAGER COMMENTS

Information

There were no Manager comments.

X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Information

Executive Committee Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting scheduled for December 8, 2021 via Zoom.

- Monthly Financial Review, Anthem update, LiveHealth Online update, EmpiRx update and ConsumerMedical updates.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:49 pm.