

MINUTES

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 26, 2022

2:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm.

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II. ROLL CALL

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT	Barbara Buikema
DANVILLE, TOWN OF	Lani Ha
FOWLER, CITY OF	Angela Vasquez
GUSTINE, CITY OF	Melanie Correa
LINDSAY, CITY OF	Mari Carrillo
MCFARLAND, CITY OF	Marilyn Garza
MODOC COUNTY	Chester Robertson
NEWMAN, CITY OF	Mike Maier
RIO DELL, CITY OF	Joanne Farley
SONORA, CITY OF	Chris Gorsky
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, EL DORADO COUNTY	Shelby Wineinger
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, SUTTER COUNTY	Joe Azevedo
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, MENDOCINO CO.	Kim Turner, <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>
TRUCKEE-DONNER RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT	David Faris, <b>Vice President</b>
UPLAND, CITY OF	Theresa Doyle

**ALTERNATES:**

LINDSAY, CITY OF	Francesca Quintana
NEWMAN, CITY OF	Michael Holland
REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY	Patrick Owen
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	Christina Nygard

**MANAGERS:**

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES	Peter McNamara
	Christine Hough
	Stacey Comerchero
	Nancy Schott
	Chris Jordan

**OTHERS:**

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES	Sam Mel-Chan
	Dayna Gowan
	Dawn Almanzor
	Mona Reese

Yvette Fields  
Melissa King

FOWLER, CITY OF

Thomas Gaffery

LIVINGSTON, CITY OF

Erica Valencia

ANTHEM

Joelle Jarmillo

GALLAGHER

Jason Simpson

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – May 26, 2022**

**Action  
2022-011**

Presented by David Faris

Motion to approve the May 26, 2022 agenda: 1. Kim Turner and 2. Chris Gorsky. Motion unanimously approved by the Full Board.

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**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2022**

**Action  
2022-012**

Presented by David Faris

Motion to approve the February 24, 2022 minutes: 1. Melanie Correa and 2. Lani Ha. Motion unanimously approved by the Board.

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**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Information  
2022-013**

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

Due to an IT issue, Anthem issued termination letters in error to some members stating their doctors in the Dignity Health system and Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group were no longer participating. The Anthem letters of apology sent to affected PACE members were reviewed.

The annual PACE Stewardship letter sent to Jennifer Bower was reviewed.

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**VII. FINANCIAL**

**QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT AND MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Information  
2022-014**

Presented by Sam Mel-Chan

The Quarterly Financial Review as of March 31, 2022 and the Monthly Financial Review as of April 30, 2022 were reviewed. Estimated net cash balance at the end of the year is slightly above \$5M. The March 2022 LAIF Account statement was also reviewed.

Anthem claims are tracked weekly and the average amount from January 1, 2022 -May 25, 2022 is

approximately \$180k per week, which is lower than the estimated claims budget so far for the year.

**ANTHEM UPDATE**

Presented by Joelle Jarmillo

**Information**

**2022-015**

The April 2022 Anthem utilization report was reviewed. In network utilization is running a bit lower at 92.5% compared to 97% at this time in 2021. There are six members with high cost claims over \$100k accounting for approximately 25% of total Anthem spend.

Joelle Jarmillo reviewed the new Virtual Primary Care program (VPC) and presented a cost/services comparison for the Virtual Primary Care and LiveHealth Online (LHO) programs. Members will access VPC and LHO through the Sydney mobile app answering symptom checker questions to determine which program is best suited to a member's needs. VPC is another avenue to access care and not intended to replace LHO.

**ANCILLARY UPDATES**

Presented by E. Peter McNamara and Stacey Comerchero

**Information**

**2022-016**

The LiveHealth Online (LHO) May 2022 utilization report was reviewed. Since January 1, 2022, there have been 32 new registrations, with a total of 323 total registrations since January 2020 when PACE began using LHO. In 2022, there have been 65 total medical visits and 13 behavioral health visits.

The EmpiRx January 2022 utilization report was reviewed. Claims are running approximately \$250k per month. Approximately 62% of total pharmacy spend is generated by specialty drug claims incurred by 33 members. EmpiRx presented several cost mitigation programs to the Executive Committee at the May 25, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting which will be investigated further by the EC.

ConsumerMedical hosted a Men's Health webinar and a flyer with a link to the recorded webinar will be sent to PACE groups by the Keenan Account Managers. PACE Management will continue to send out information on ConsumerMedical and encourage utilization of their services.

**WELLNESS UPDATES**

Presented by Dayna Gowan

**Information**

**2022-017**

An update on the PACE 2022 Health Management Program was reviewed. The program runs February 1 – November 15, 2022. There have been 148 participants who registered (6%) for 2022 through May. Most participants are Anthem members and Dayna Gowan will send a reminder email to Kaiser members they are eligible to participate in the program as well. Out of 32 PACE agencies, 27 have at least one participant in the program. The first behavior change campaign, March Mental Fitness, ran from March 1 – March 31, 2022 on the Wise@Work meditation app. The second behavior change campaign, Veggie Up, is running April 18 – May 29, 2022 and the third behavior change campaign, Train Your Brain, will run June 20 – July 31, 2022. The May PACE Wellness Newsletter and Advisory Committee Meeting were reviewed.

**PACE WEBSITE**

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

**Information**

**2022-018**

An update on the PACE website was reviewed by Chris Jordan. The goal is to have it up and running by July 1, 2022. The Member Resources tab will require a log in.

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## VIII. ADMINISTRATION

### PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY

Presented by Christine Hough

**Information**  
**2022-019**

There were 6 requests evaluated and quoted as potential members of PACE since the last Board Meeting:

1. Shasta College – 416 eligible employees with 6 waivers. Due to the risk factor from having a high average age of 49, PACE rates are not competitive. They will not be joining PACE.
2. Monterey Regional Waste Management – 107 eligible employees without any waivers and a single Anthem plan (no Kaiser). The agency is currently with Operating Engineers with poor customer service from their TPA and wish to stay with Anthem. The proposed PACE PPO 500 plan is approximately the same rate as their current plan, although 4-5% less rich in benefits. They are considering joining PACE and if they do, would join 7/1/22.
3. City of Glendora – 187 eligible employees with 38 waivers. PACE was quoted 2 years ago. Not competitive against CalPERS rates, but the City is still considering PACE as rates may not be the only consideration.
4. City of Diamond Bar – 57 total employees with 15 waivers. PACE declined to quote due to higher number of waivers than underwriting guidelines allow.
5. Granite Mountain Charter School – 243 total employees with 90 waivers (37%). Of the total membership, 27% of members are with Cigna. Recent Cigna renewals have been high at 29% and 21% so there may be high utilization. PACE declined to quote at this time although the group could be considered in the future if there is a demographic composition change.
6. San Bernardino County Employee Retirement Association (SBCERA) – 68 total employees with 8 waivers (12%). Provided a quote in December 2021; however, they are looking for requote for a 10/1/22 effective date. PACE rates are competitive and they are considering joining PACE.

### DISCUSSION OF REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

**Information**  
**2022-020**

Peter McNamara reviewed the updated 2022 and 2023 meeting calendars approved at the May 25, 2022 Executive Committee Meeting. The number of Executive Committee meetings for 2023 will be reduced from 12 to 6 or 7 as PACE continues to grow, is financially stable, including the completion of three year MCSIG deficit recoupment at the end of 2022. For the remainder of 2022, the Executive Committee will meet in July, August, October and December. For 2023, there will be 6 meetings approximately every other month. The Executive Committee approved the amended Full Board Meeting calendar for 2023 including three rather than four Full Board Meetings in May, August and December.

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## IX. INFORMATION

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Information**

Kim Turner suggested having a PACE You Tube channel with video and audio content might be a good idea for the future.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

**Information**

Peter Mentioned there will most likely be an opening on the Executive Committee soon. If a member is interested or has any questions, please contact Peter McNamara, Stacey Comerchero or his/her Keenan Account Manager.

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**X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING**

**Information**

Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting which will be held August 24, 2022 via Zoom or in person.

- Financial Review, Anthem update, Ancillary updates, New Member Update
- Renewal Meeting

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.