

MINUTES

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 23, 2022

2:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

LIVINGSTON, CITY OF
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES
SUPERIOR COURT OF CA, MENDOCINO COUNTY
TRUCKEE DONNER RECREATION & PARK DISTRICT
UPLAND, CITY OF

Lam Silva, Non-Officer Member*
Jennifer Bower, **President**
Kim Turner, **Secretary/Treasurer**
David Faris, **Vice President**
Theresa Doyle, Non-Officer Member

MANAGERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Peter McNamara
Christine Hough
Stacey Comerchero
Nancy Schott

OTHERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Dayna Gowan
Chris Jordan

ANTHEM

Joelle Jarmillo
Alaina Mattox

CONSUMERMEDICAL

Candi Fiorvanti
Connor Frey

RGS

Christina Nygard

*Not in attendance.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – March 23, 2022 **Action**
2022-022
Presented by Jennifer Bower

Motion to approve the March 23, 2022 agenda as amended to include a discussion on reducing the number of Executive Committee Meetings each year: 1. Kim Turner and 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 23, 2022 **Action**
2022-023
Presented by Jennifer Bower

Motion to approve the February 23, 2022 Minutes: 1. David Faris and 2. Kim Turner. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE **Information**
2022-024
Presented by E. Peter McNamara

There was no correspondence.

VII. FINANCIAL

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW **Information**
2022-025
Presented by E. Peter McNamara

The Monthly Financials as of February 28, 2022 were reviewed. Total assets were \$8.5M with total liabilities of \$5.3M which includes Anthem claims costs of approx. \$1.8M from January – February. Anthem claims have been running close to what was forecast at approx. \$255,000 - \$256,000 per week although claims for the week of March 21, 2022 were lower at \$196,000. PACE’s net position as of February 28, 2022 was \$3.2M.

Three new groups joined PACE effective January 1, 2022; the impact of their claims costs on PACE is to be determined. There have not been any claims approaching the stop loss attachment point to date.

ANTHEM UPDATE **Information**
2022-026
Presented by Joelle Jarmillo

The February 2022 Anthem utilization report was reviewed. There are no high cost claimants through February 2022. The three new PACE groups increased the total number of subscribers to 1,232 and total members to 2,700, almost 24% growth. The in network utilization is currently lower than it was at the same time in 2021, 86.8% v. 95.9%. Anthem is monitoring utilization to make sure there aren’t any network issues, although the lower number could be due to new group members learning to navigate the Anthem network in their area.

The Virtual Primary Care program (VPC) is a new Anthem elective program which a group can decide to activate or not. VPC services offer additional avenues to access care that are different from LiveHealth Online (LHO). VPC plan costs include urgent care visit (\$39 per visit cost to plan minus any member copay), chronic condition management visit (\$39 per visit cost to plan minus any member copay) and an annual preventative wellness visit, including recommendations for age appropriate screenings such as a colonoscopy or mammogram, (\$99 per visit cost to plan as there is no member copay for preventive care).

LHO's medical visit cost is \$59 per visit cost to plan without any member copay except if a member participates in an HDHP plan. LHO's behavioral health visit is \$95 per visit cost to plan for a psychologist visit, \$80 for a therapist visit and \$175 per visit cost to plan for a psychiatrist visit. Any follow-up visits with a psychiatrist are \$75 to the plan.

Joelle Jarmillo will prepare a VPC and LHO comparison for the Executive Committee's review at the next meeting for a vote to determine whether to activate the VPC program.

ANCILLARY UPDATES

Information

Presented by E. Peter McNamara, Stacey Comerchero and Candi Fiorvanti

2022-027

The LiveHealth Online February 2022 utilization report was reviewed. In February there were two new registrations. Members continue to rate visits highly although the average wait time for a medical visit is eight minutes while the actual visit is six minutes. The average visit for a psychiatrist is approx. 40 minutes and 30 minutes for a psychologist visit.

The EmpiRx February 2022 utilization report was reviewed. There was a significant reduction in specialty drug spending in February at \$99,000 compared to January's \$247,000 claims costs.

Candi Fiorvanti presented the 2021 ConsumerMedical PACE utilization report. There was an increase in participation in 2021 with 28 individual engagements compared to 24 in 2020. There were 51 different services utilized in 2021 compared to 35 services in 2021. Services can include registration on the website, webinar viewing, medical decision support, in person expert opinion support or members accessing on demand educational modules.

The updated list of 2022 webinars was reviewed. Webinars can be viewed in real time or from ConsumerMedical's on demand video library. Connor Frey was introduced as PACE's new ConsumerMedical contact as Candi Fiorvanti is moving to a different role.

ConsumerMedical is hosting an Overview 101 webinar on March 31, 2022. An email invitation was sent to the Full Board on March 22, 2022. The webinar will be recorded and sent to the Full Board.

WELLNESS UPDATES

Information

Presented by Dayna Gowan

2022-028

An update on the PACE 2022 Health Management Program was reviewed. There are 142 members registered on the WellSteps with 27 out of 32 agencies having at least one participant. The first behavioral change challenge via the Wise@Work app is running through March 31, 2022. There are 38 participants, fewer than in previous traditional WellSteps challenges; however, that may be due to a lack of familiarity with the Wise@Work app or meditation in general by members. Even with lower participation numbers, Dayna Gowan feels the meditation app is a worthwhile resource to offer PACE members.

PACE WEBSITE

Information

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

2022-029

The preliminary PACE website was presented. The website address will be www.paccjpa.org. During discussion, it was suggested to add criteria for becoming a PACE member and historical rate increases to the website.

The website link will be sent to Executive Committee Members for review. Executive Committee Members should email Stacey Comerchero with any suggestions or topics to be added to the website.

A mission statement for the website landing page will be discussed at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY

Information

Presented by Christine Hough

2022-030

There was one request received for evaluation since the last Executive Committee Meeting.

1. Shasta College – 416 eligible employees with 6 waivers. Due to the risk factor of having a high average age of 49, PACE rates are not competitive. They will not be joining PACE.

IX. INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Information

Jennifer Bower brought up the idea of having fewer Executive Committee meetings per year as PACE is doing well financially and fewer meetings could assist in recruiting new Executive Committee Members. In addition to reducing the number of Executive Committee Meetings, Kim Turner suggested in months where both the Executive Committee and Full Board meet, informational agenda items not requiring Executive Committee action be reviewed only during the Full Board Meeting to reduce the time commitment for the Executive Committee Meeting. PACE Management will review the annual calendar for options on which meetings might successfully be eliminated. After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to discuss and vote on adjusting the meeting schedule for the rest of 2022 and beyond at the April Executive Committee Meeting.

Jennifer Bower will be away for the scheduled May Executive Committee and Full Board Meetings. May Meetings would have to be held before May 17, 2022 for her to attend.

MANAGER COMMENTS

Information

The CPHCC Conference is being held in October in San Diego October 12 – October 14, 2022. PACE is no longer a member exhibitor at CPHCC; however, Peter McNamara is planning to attend as a regular attendee. In previous years, an Executive Committee Member has attended and PACE funded the Conference/hotel costs. If any Executive Committee Member is interested in attending, please let Peter McNamara know.

Peter McNamara and EmpiRx have been in discussions regarding better managing and mitigating high cost claims. EmpiRx offers two mitigation programs that may benefit PACE. The Executive Committee agreed to have EmpiRx present these programs at the April Executive Committee meeting.

X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Information

Executive Committee Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting scheduled for April 27, 2022 via Zoom.

- Quarterly Financial Report, Anthem update, LiveHealth Online update, EmpiRx update and ConsumerMedical update.
- Discussion and possible action on adjusting the Executive Committee Meeting schedule.
- PACE website design update including determining a mission statement.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 pm.