

MINUTES

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 2, 2021

2:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm.

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II. ROLL CALL

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

AVENAL, CITY OF	Antony López
CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT	Barbara Buikema
CLAREMONT, CITY OF	Heidi Tanner
DANVILLE, TOWN OF	Lani Ha
FOWLER, CITY OF	Angela Vasquez
GUSTINE, CITY OF	Melanie Correa
HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE DISTRICT	Marcia Butler-Smith
LIVINGSTON, CITY OF	Danna Rasmussen, <b>Vice President</b>
MCFARLAND, CITY OF	Fernando Lara
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	Jennifer Bower, <b>President</b>
RIO DELL, CITY OF	Joanne Farley
SONORA, CITY OF	Chris Gorsky
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, EL DORADO COUNTY	Doris Phillips
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, MENDOCINO CO.	Kim Turner, <b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>
SUTTER CREEK	Karen Darrow

**ALTERNATES:**

CLAREMONT, CITY OF	Jason Barber
DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CITY OF	Denise Abriel
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO	Jenna Franz
LEMOORE, CITY OF	Nathan Olson
MCFARLAND, CITY OF	Maria Lara
NEWMAN, CITY OF	Michael Holland
REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY	Patrick Owen
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	Christina Nygard
RIO DELL, CITY OF	Karen Dunham
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, EL DORADO COUNTY	Shelby Wineinger
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, SUTTER COUNTY	Debbie Baggett
UPLAND, CITY OF	Rocio Preciado

**MANAGERS:**

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES	Peter McNamara
	Stacey Comerchero

**OTHERS:**

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Nancy Schott

Sam Mel-Chan  
Dayna Gowan  
Laurie LoFranco  
Mona Reese  
Yvette Fields

ANTHEM

Dan Saeger

GALLAGHER

Jason Simpson

HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE

Jenna Harris

LIVINGSTON, CITY OF

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – June 2, 2021**

**Action**

Presented by Jennifer Bower

**2021-011**

Motion to approve the June 2, 2021 agenda: 1st – Melanie Correa , 2nd – Lani Ha. Motion unanimously approved by the Board.

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**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – February 24, 2021**

**Action**

Presented by Jennifer Bower

**2021-012**

Motion to approve the February 24, 2021 minutes: 1st – Lani Ha, 2nd – Chris Gorsky. Motion unanimously approved by the Board.

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**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Information**

Presented by Peter McNamara

**2021-013**

The MCISG 2021 first quarter deficit recoupment invoice was received and paid. A presentation on reference based pricing was made to the Executive Committee at the May Executive Committee Meeting which will most likely be presented to the Full Board at the August Full Board meeting.

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**VII. FINANCIAL**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Information**

Presented by Sam Mel-Chan

**2021-014**

The Financial Report as of April 30, 2021 was reviewed. In future Financial Reports there will be an added line item for income from stop loss reimbursements more accurately reflecting net claims costs.

**ANTHEM UPDATE**

Presented by Dan Saeger

**Information  
2021-015**

The April 2021 Anthem utilization report was reviewed. Although 2021 claim costs through April are higher than 2020 claim costs for the same time period, if the single large claim for 2021 is backed out (\$1.7M through April 2021), claims are tracking closely to the same time period in 2020. There are 11 high cost claims over \$50,000 for 2021 compared to 10 high cost claimants in 2020. Approximately 97% of claims are processed as in network and 75% of claims are under \$1,000.

**LIVEHEALTH ONLINE**

Presented by Peter McNamara

**Information  
2021-016**

The LiveHealth Online utilization report was reviewed. There were 165 people registered in the program from 2020 through May 2021. Through May 2021, there were 46 medical encounters and 11 for behavioral health. Flyers for LiveHealth Online physical and mental health services are included in the agenda packet and can be sent to members to encourage program usage. LiveHealth Online telehealth visits, which are less costly than in person services, are highly rated by members and generate claims cost savings for PACE. Of those members who used LiveHealth Online, 68% would have gone to a more expensive treatment option (ER, urgent care or an in person doctor visit) if the service was not available.

**CONSUMERMEDICAL**

Presented by Stacey Comerchero

**Information  
2021-017**

Stacey Comerchero reviewed the June communication pieces: a flyer on Women’s Health as well as a flyer on an upcoming August 4, 2021 ConsumerMedical webinar about nutrition. These will be sent to PACE groups by the Account Managers. As a reminder watching ConsumerMedical webinars can earn points on the Wellness program. There have been 15 people who registered on the ConsumerMedical platform with 10 people using the service.

**EMPIRX HEALTH UPDATE**

Presented by Peter McNamara

**Information  
2021-018**

The EmpiRx utilization report was reviewed. As of April 30, 2021, PACE spent \$937,000 in pharmacy claims: 92% paid by PACE and 8% incurred by members through copayments. As of April 30, 2021, there was an average of 28 specialty drug prescriptions per month. Out of 6,300 total pharmacy claims in the first quarter, the 98 specialty drug prescriptions accounted for 59% of total pharmacy spend. The remaining 41% of prescriptions were mostly generic (89%). Approximately 7% of employees utilize the mail order program. While utilizing the mail order program isn’t less costly to PACE, receiving three months of medication for a two-month copay is a cost saving convenience for members.

Peter McNamara received a summary of first quarter EmpiRx rebate of approximately \$43,000, which will be shown on next month’s report.

**WELLNESS UPDATES**

**Information**

Presented by Dayna Gowan

2021-019

An update on the PACE 2021 Health Management Program was reviewed. There are 167 members who have registered in 2021 (9% participation); 152 employees and 15 spouses. Most people have logged points on the WellSteps platform and some have submitted their biometric screening. Participation includes 22 of 29 agencies and 14 participants have already logged enough points to earn a reward at the end of the program. The first behavior change campaign finished on May 16, 2021 with approx. 56 members completing the campaign. The second behavior change campaign begins June 7, 2021. At the May 12, 2021 Wellness Advisory Committee Meeting, the Committee discussed how to increase participation and promote the Wellness Program.

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## VIII. ADMINISTRATION

### PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY

Information

Presented by Peter McNamara

2021-020

There were six requests for quotes evaluated and quoted as potential member of PACE since the last Full Board Meeting:

1. Needles Unified School District – 94 employees. Due to group risk factors and high utilization, PACE rates were 25% higher than their current plan. The group was declined.

2. The CalBright Community College District – 51 employees with 11 waivers (higher than the 20% PACE allows). The District is all online with staff residing throughout California. If the District decides to move to PACE, Executive Committee approval would be required based on the number of waivers. Due to allegations about financial mismanagement at the District and the fact that PACE rates would be slightly higher than their current age rated rates, Christine Hough declined to quote.

There are four additional agencies interested in a PACE quote which will be reported on at the next Executive Committee Meeting: City of Fontana, San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority, Sierra County and Superior Court of CA, Kings County.

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## IX. INFORMATION

### MEMBER COMMENTS

Information

There were no member comments.

### MANAGER COMMENTS

Information

The Renewal meeting is August 25, 2021 with in person v. Zoom format to be determined. Peter McNamara reminded the Full Board the 2022 rate will include the 3% MCSIG deficit recoupment fee; 2022 is the final year of the deficit recoupment.

Jennifer Bower requested a poll be sent to the Full Board to determine preferences for having the August renewal meeting in person or via Zoom.

Jennifer Bower and the rest of the Executive Committee requested the June Executive Committee Meeting be cancelled.

Danna Rasmussen will be retiring July 6, 2021 and Jennifer Bower thanked her for her service to PACE.

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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 25, 2021 as an in-person meeting or via Zoom.

- 2022 Renewals
- Monthly Financial Review, Anthem update, LiveHealth Online update, EmpiRx update and ConsumerMedical updates.

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm