

## MINUTES

### PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 26, 2022

2:00 pm

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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**II. ROLL CALL - how to increase participation? Follow up email stating we didn't have quorum Members RSVP yes, then don't show up. When I send the agenda packet, I hoped it would serve as a reminder of attendance.**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

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CARMEL AREA WASTEWATER DISTRICT  
CLAREMONT, CITY OF  
CORCORAN, CITY OF  
DANVILLE, TOWN OF  
DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CITY OF  
DOS PALOS, CITY OF  
FORESTHILL PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
FOWLER, CITY OF  
GUSTINE, CITY OF  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE DISTRICT  
HURON, CITY OF  
LEMOORE, CITY OF  
LINDSAY, CITY OF  
LIVINGSTON, CITY OF  
MCFARLAND, CITY OF  
MODOC COUNTY  
NEWMAN, CITY OF  
REDWOOD COAST ENERGY AUTHORITY  
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
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SANGER, CITY OF  
SONORA, CITY OF  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, EL DORADO COUNTY

Antony López  
Kristen Shepherd  
[Barbara Buikema](#)  
Heidi Tanner  
Marlene Spain  
[Lani Ha](#)  
Martin Pinon  
Manuela Sousa  
Henry White  
[Angela Vasquez](#)  
[Melanie Correa](#)  
Ken Litzinger  
Scott Bauer  
Balvina Caldera  
Michelle Speer  
[Mari Carrillo](#)  
Lam Silva  
[Marilyn Garza](#)  
[Chester Robertson](#)  
Mike Maier  
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UPLAND, CITY OF

**MANAGERS:**

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

**OTHERS:**

Nocona Soboleski  
**Kim Turner, Secretary/Treasurer**  
Joe Azevedo  
Karen Darrow  
**David Faris, Vice President**  
Theresa Doyle

Griselda Price  
Kristin Mandolini  
James Grover  
Jason Barber  
**Soledad Ruiz-Nunez**  
Qiana London  
TBD  
Dewayne Jones  
Roger Carroll  
Wilma Quan  
Douglas Dunford  
Jenna Franz  
Mickey Hulstrom  
TBD  
Amanda Champion  
**Francesca Quintana**  
TBD  
Pam Randall  
Fernando Lara  
**Michael Holland**  
**Patrick Owen**  
**Christina Nygard**  
**Karen Dunham**  
TBD  
TBD  
TBD  
Mona Melchor  
April Allen  
Debbie Baggett  
Amy Gedney  
Steve Randall  
**Rocio Preciado**

**Peter McNamara**  
**Christine Hough**  
**Stacey Comerchero**  
**Nancy Schott**  
**Chris Jordan**

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Sam Mel-Chan  
Dayna Gowan  
Kelly Hall  
Laurie LoFranco  
Dawn Almanzor  
Mona Reese  
Yvette Fields  
Pam Cote  
Melissa King

AVENAL, CITY OF

Maria Cabrera

HUMBOLDT BAY FIRE

Jenna Harris

LIVINGSTON, CITY OF

Erica Valencia

ANTHEM

Joelle Jarmillo  
Alaina Mattox

GALLAGHER

Jason Simpson

Fowler, City of

Thomas Gaffery

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

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

**Action**

Presented by David Faris

**2022-011**

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

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

**Action**

Presented by David Faris

**2022-012**

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**

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

**2022-013**

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  
Presented by E. Peter McNamara 2022-014

The Quarterly Financial Review as of May 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 LAIF Account statement was also reviewed.

**Peter shared weekly claims have been running \$180,000**

**ANTHEM UPDATE** Information  
Presented by Joelle Jarmillo 2022-015

The April 2022 Anthem utilization report was reviewed.

Joelle Jarmillo reviewed the new Virtual Primary Care program and presented a cost/services comparison for the Virtual Primary Care (VPC) 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 the member's needs. VPC is another avenue to access care and not intended to replace LHO.

**ANCILLARY UPDATES** Information  
Presented by E. Peter McNamara and Stacey Comerchero 2022-016

The LiveHealth Online (LHO) May 2022 utilization report was reviewed. Since 1/1/22, there have been 32 new registrations, with a total of 323 total registrations since 1/1/20. Listen to recording about visits.

The EmpiRx January 2022 utilization report was reviewed. Claims are running approx. \$250,000 per month. 62% of total pharmacy spend is generated by specialty drug claims incurred by 33 members. Some cost mitigation programs were presented to the EC at 5/25 meeting by EmpiRx and 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. Listen to

**WELLNESS UPDATES** Information  
Presented by Dayna Gowan 2022-017

An update on the PACE 2022 Health Management Program was reviewed. It runs 2/1 – 11/15. 148 participants registered (6%) for 2022. Most participants are Anthem members and Dayna Gowan will send a reminder email that Kaiser members can participate in the program. The first behavior change campaign,

March Mental Fitness, ran from March 1 – March 31 on the Wise@Work medication app. The second behavior change campaign, Veggie Up, is running April 18 – May 29. The third behavior change campaign, Train Your Brain, will run June 20 – July 31. 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. Peter McNamara stated trying to have it up and running by 7/1. 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:

There were 5 requests 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.
1. Monterey Regional Waste Management – 107 eligible employees with 0 waivers and a single Anthem plan (no Kaiser). Currently with Operating Engineers with poor customer service from their TPA and wish to stay with Anthem. The PACE PPO 500 plan is approx. 4% less rich for benefit for the same rate; they are considering joining PACE and if they do, would join 7/1/22.
2. 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. Rates may not be the only consideration.
3. City of Diamond Bar – 57 total employees with 15% waivers. PACE declined due to higher number of waivers than underwriting guidelines allow.
4. Granite Mountain Charter School – 243 total employees with 90 (37%) waivers. 27% of members are with Cigna. The Cigna renewals have been 29 and 21% the previous year so there may be high utilization. PACE declined; might reconsider in future if there is a demographic change.
5. San Bernardino County Employee Retirement Association (SBCERA) – 68 total employees with 8 (12%) waivers. Provided a quote in December 2021; however, they are looking for quote 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 2022 will reduce from 12 to 6 or 7 as PACE is continuing to grow, is financially stable and the MCSIG deficit recoupment will be finished at the end of 2022. No meeting in June, November. or November. For 2023, there will be 6 meetings. The Executive Committee approved the amended calendar for 2023 including 3 instead of 4 FB Meetings.

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**IX. INFORMATION**

**MEMBER COMMENTS**

**Information**

Kim Turner mentioned having a PACE You Tube channel with video 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. Any questions, please contact Peter, Stacey nr their 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.

- List usual updates
- Renewal Meeting

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.