

MINUTES

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 25, 2021

10:00 am

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

II. ROLL CALL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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

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

MANAGERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Peter McNamara
Christine Hough
Stacey Comerchero
Nancy Schott

OTHERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Mary Boyer
Dayna Gowan
Laurie LoFranco

ANTHEM

Ashley Frohling
Joelle Jarmillo
Alaina Mattox

RGS

Christina Nygard

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – August 25, 2021

Presented by Jennifer Bower

**Action
2021-049**

Motion to approve the August 25, 2021 agenda: 1. David Faris, 2. Jennifer Bower. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –July 28, 2021

Action

Presented by Jennifer Bower

2021-050

Motion to approve the July 28, 2021 Minutes: 1. David Faris, 2. Jennifer Bower. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Information

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

2021-051

Anthem’s Dignity Health contract negotiation update was reviewed. Dignity Health and Anthem negotiated a multi-year contract for hospitals effective retroactively to July 15, 2021. Anthem also successfully renewed their agreement with the Dignity Health HMO Medical Group Foundation effective September 1, 2021.

The Registry of Public Agencies Form was updated with the PACE Board Members who have joined and left since April 2021 and sent to the Secretary of State.

VII. FINANCIAL

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW

Information

Presented by Mary Boyer

2021-052

The Monthly Financial Review as of July 31, 2021 was reviewed. Mary Boyer suggested PACE should consider applying to the Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) program to hold JPA funds at a higher interest rate than a standard checking account. Jennifer Bower requested a discussion of the LAIF program be added to the September Executive Committee meeting agenda as an action item.

E. Peter McNamara noted PACE received an approx. \$1.79M stop loss reimbursement from the single high cost claimant who subsequently passed away. There may be some additional claims for this member which will also be reimbursed by the stop loss carrier.

2022 RENEWAL ACTION

Action

Presented by Christine Hough

2021-053

Christine Hough reviewed the 2022 renewal. Using July 2020 – June 2021 claims experience, the renewal increase is 7.03% including 3% margin and MCSIG deficit recoupment. Using August 2020 – July 2021 experience, the increase is 6.16% including 3% margin and MCSIG deficit recoupment.

PACE Management recommended splitting the difference with a 6.5% renewal for 2022 which would provide additional funds to build up PACE’s reserves. The renewal includes a stop loss renewal of up to 55% based on 2021 experience, although PACE Management is negotiating for a smaller increase.

Motion to recommend a 2022 renewal of 6.5% for Anthem PPO plans to the Full Board: 1. David Faris , 2.

Jennifer Bower. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee by rollcall vote (5-0).

ANTHEM UPDATE

Presented by Ashley Frohling

Information

2021-054

Ashley Frohling introduced Joelle Jarmillo as PACE’s new Account Executive. The Anthem utilization report for July 2021 was reviewed. There have been 18 high cost claims over \$50,000 in 2021 and 17 of the 18 claims averaged \$76,000. Only one claim pierced the stop loss attachment point of \$250,000 resulting in a stop loss reimbursement.

ANCILLARY UPDATES

Presented by E. Peter McNamara and Stacey Comerchero

Information

2021-055

The September ConsumerMedical communication pieces including Expert Second Opinion and long COVID flyers were reviewed. Even if a member decides not to proceed with the second opinion recommendations, going through the process for certain surgeries may earn the member a \$400 gift card. There has been an increase in services since 2020.

The LiveHealth Online utilization report was reviewed. There have been 268 members (23% of PACE members) who registered. Through July 2021, there were 80 visits including 70 medical and 10 behavioral health visits. With the advent of vaccines and in person visits being available again, members may not feel the need to utilize telehealth. The cost of a telehealth visit to PACE is approximately 1/3 of a standard in person doctor visit. A majority (70%) of telehealth visits would have gone to different, more expensive service if telehealth was not available.

The Executive Committee discussed how to encourage use of the LiveHealth Online program including creating a flyer showing the high customer satisfaction ratings for both physical and behavioral health outlined in the utilization report. A member can earn one point for the Wellness Program for registering and completing a personal health assessment.

The July EmpiRx utilization report was reviewed. PACE continues to have approx. \$250,000 per month in pharmacy claims with 93% paid by the plan. PACE continues to have an 89% generic fill rate.

WELLNESS UPDATES

Presented by Dayna Gowan

Information

2021-056

An update on the PACE 2021 Health Management Program was reviewed. Registration is at 10% on the WellSteps platform in 2021 and members can register/earn points through mid-November when the program ends. The third and final behavior change campaign, Coast to Coast, is August 30, 2021 – October 17, 2021.

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

AGENCY REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO DEPENDENT ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Presented by Stacey Comerchero

Action

2021-057

There is a request for an exception to the 31-day deadline to enroll a newborn dependent from a member at

the City of Livingston which was tabled from the July 28, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting. The baby was born in May and the member was notified of the enrollment deadline. Anthem will need to confirm if they will accept a retroactive dependent enrollment this long after the enrollment deadline.

Lam Silva shared the member is on administrative leave. The internal investigation conducted by the City was completed and the City of Livingston has no objection to adding the dependent. She appreciated the Executive Committee tabling the vote until this meeting to allow the City to conduct its investigation.

Motion to add the baby to the plan retroactive to the birth date. 1. Kim Turner, 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee by rollcall vote (5-0).

PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY

Information or Action If Need Be

Presented by Christine Hough

2021-058

There was one request evaluated and quoted as a potential member of PACE:

1. Modoc County – 115 employees and 15 early retirees with 45 waivers (26% which is higher than the 20% Underwriting Guidelines allow). All PPOs and no HMOs. Most employees seek services in southern Oregon and in Reno. Christine Hough was able to provide competitive rates.

Motion to recommend offering PACE to Modoc County: 1. Kim Turner, 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

Superior Court of California, Kings County and Heber Public Utility District, discussed at the July Executive Committee Meeting, are still determining if they would like to join PACE. If they do, they will bring approx. 200 new PPO lives to the JPA.

Stacey Comerchero shared one or two employees from Modoc County will be calling in to the Full Board Meeting today as members of the public. They have received buy in to join PACE from their Board and the unions. Modoc County is required to submit a termination letter to SDRMA by September 1, 2021.

IX. INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Information

Jennifer Bower asked if there was any update on creating a PACE website and requested an update at least every other Executive Committee Meeting.

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 September 22, 2021 via Zoom.

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.