

# MINUTES

## PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 24, 2021

2:00 pm

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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#### II. ROLL CALL

##### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

DANVILLE, TOWN OF  
LIVINGSTON, CITY OF  
REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES  
SUPERIOR COURT OF CA, MENDOCINO COUNTY

Lani Ha, Non-officer Member  
Danna Rasmussen, **Vice President**  
Christina Nygard\*  
Kim Turner, **Secretary/Treasurer**

##### MANAGERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Peter McNamara  
Christine Hough  
Stacey Comerchero  
Nancy Schott

##### OTHERS:

KEENAN & ASSOCIATES

Sam Mel-Chan  
Dayna Gowan  
Kelly Hall

ANTHEM

Dan Saeger

\*PACE President, Jennifer Bower, was unable to attend and the meeting was chaired by PACE Vice President, Danna Rasmussen. If an Executive Committee Member is unable to attend an Executive Committee Meeting, PACE Bylaws allow attendance with voting rights by the same agency's other Board Member.

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#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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#### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – March 24, 2021

Presented by Danna Rasmussen

**Action  
2021-011**

Motion to approve the March 24, 2021 agenda: 1<sup>st</sup>- Christina Nygard, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Lani Ha. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

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**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 20, 2021**

**Action  
2021-012**

Presented by Danna Rasmussen

Approval of the January 20, 2021 Minutes to be tabled until the April 21, 2021 Executive Committee Meeting due to lack of a quorum of Executive Committee Members who attended the January 21, 2021 meeting.

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**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Information  
2021-013**

Presented by Peter McNamara

EideBaily 2018 and 2019 audit engagement letters were received and will be signed by Jennifer Bower. The 2018 and 2019 audit fees will be paid for by Keenan. Sam Mel-Chan will obtain a quote for the 2020 audit and research how often audits are required so future budgets can reflect the cost.

Catilize Health is now offering a direct deposit option for reimbursement of copays, coinsurance and deductibles to employees. Information will be sent to every agency that currently has enrollment in CompleteCare.

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**VII. FINANCIAL**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Information  
2021-014**

Presented by Sam Mel-Chan

The Monthly Financial Review as of February 28, 2021 was reviewed. Peter McNamara indicated Anthem recently paid a claim of approximately \$553,000 and last week's claim run was approximately \$746,000. The individual who incurred the majority of these claim has since passed away and the majority of the individual's \$1.2M claims costs will be reimbursed by stop loss coverage.

**REFERENCE BASED PRICING**

**Information  
2021-015**

Presented by Peter McNamara

Peter McNamara reviewed reference-based pricing, which is a model for claims cost containment using a network willing to accept payment at a specific percentage above Medicare. While PACE uses Anthem's network and receives substantial discounts, one reference-based pricing vendor is willing to provide reference-based pricing for out of network claims only. Additional information, specifically from Phia Group, may be presented at a future Executive Committee Meeting.

**AGENCY REQUEST TO WAIVE PREMIUM LATE FEE**

**Action  
2021-016**

Presented by Stacy Comerchero

Stacy Comerchero reviewed a request to waive the November 2020 premium late fee of \$221 from the City of Huron. As a long time PACE member agency, the City is requesting an exception to this late fee as this is their first late payment. After discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to waive the late fee since it is the first time for the City.

Motion to waive the November 2020 premium late fee for the City of Huron: 1<sup>st</sup> - Kim Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Christina Nygard. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

**ANTHEM UPDATE**

Presented by Dan Saeger

**Information**

**2021-017**

The Anthem utilization report for February 2021 was reviewed. There were four high cost claims over \$50,000 which accounted for 43% of total Anthem spend through February. One claimant is responsible for most of the high cost claims incurred from lengthy hospital stays in December 2020, January 2021 and February 2021. This claimant has since passed away, although there may be related claim costs still to be submitted.

The utilization report shows actual claims paid and does not include the amount to be reimbursed by stop loss. Anthem conducts a detailed internal review of claims over \$250,000.

**LIVEHEALTH ONLINE UPDATE**

Presented by Peter McNamara

**Information**

**2021-018**

The LiveHealth Online utilization report was reviewed. An additional 17 members registered for the LiveHealth Online program in February. Members who register are utilizing the plan which continues to reduce PACE claims costs. Danna Rasmussen suggested each agency's human resources department send out reminders of the program at least quarterly to encourage use. PACE Management to research if flyers are available and possibly schedule a live video presentation or webinar in the future.

**CONSUMERMEDICAL UPDATE**

Presented by Stacey Comerchero

**Information**

**2021-019**

Stacey Comerchero reviewed the communication piece for April focusing on stress and anxiety relief. A ConsumerMedical overview video webinar is being set up for April. Invites will be sent to all Full Board Members, Wellness contacts and agency Human Resources contacts and the link can be sent to employees as well.

**EMPIRX HEALTH UPDATE**

Presented by Peter McNamara

**Information**

**2021-020**

The EmpiRx utilization report was reviewed. Total spend to date in 2021 is similar to the same period in 2020. PACE hit the 90% mark for generic fill rate which continues to greatly control PACE's costs.

**WELLNESS UPDATES**

Presented by Dayna Gowan

**Information**

**2021-021**

An update on the PACE 2021 Health Management Program was reviewed. The program opened February 15, 2021. The early registration drive resulted in 152 participants through mid-March, more than in all of 2020; there were 10 gift e-card winners. So far 110 members have logged points and 23 agencies are

participating. The first behavior change campaign, Health Weight for Life, begins March 29, 2021.

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**VIII. ADMINISTRATION**

**PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY**

Presented by Christine Hough

**Information**

**2021-022**

There were no requests for quotes in January. Peter McNamara noted quotation activity typically starts once CalPERS rate information is available for the following year.

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**IX. INFORMATION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

**Information**

There were no Executive Committee comments.

**MANAGER COMMENTS**

**Information**

The most recent EmpiRx vaccine fact sheet on the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be sent to the Full Board.

Peter McNamara would like the Executive Committee to consider factoring in late fees incurred during the current year into an agency's renewal rates as opposed to sending out a separate invoice. Including late fee charges through the renewal may be perceived as being less punitive.

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**X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING**

**Information**

Executive Committee Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting scheduled for April 21, 2021 via Zoom.

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

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.