

MINUTES

PUBLIC AGENCY COALITION ENTERPRISE (PACE)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 20, 2021

2:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

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

Sam Mel-Chan
Dayna Gowan
Laurie LoFranco

ANTHEM

Joelle Jarmillo
Alaina Mattox

RGS

Christina Nyg

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – October 20, 2021

Presented by Jennifer Bower

Action
2021-070

Motion to approve the October 20, 2021 agenda: 1. David Faris and 2. Lani Ha. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. (Kim Turner not in attendance for this item.)

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 22, 2021 **Action**
Presented by Jennifer Bower **2021-071**

Motion to approve the September 22, 2021 Minutes: 1. Lani Ha and 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. (Kim Turner not in attendance for this item.)

VI. CORRESPONDENCE **Information**
Presented by E. Peter McNamara **2021-072**

The MCSIG 4th quarter deficit recoupment invoice was received and processed by SETECH.

PACE filed a claim for the Blue Cross Blue Shield antitrust settlement should PACE be eligible for any settlement.

VII. FINANCIAL

3rd QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT **Information**
Presented by Sam Mel-Chan **2021-073**

The 3rd Quarter Financial Report as of September 30, 2021 was reviewed. If claims continue to run as projected for the last part of October, November and December, there should be a surplus to carry over to 2022. There has been \$1.8M in stop loss reimbursements, mainly for one COVID-19 high cost claim.

2022 PACE PRELIMINARY BUDGET **Information**
Presented by Sam Mel-Chan **2021-074**

The 2022 preliminary budget was reviewed. The budget is based on the 2022 renewals approved in August by the Full Board.

ANTHEM UPDATE **Information**
Presented by Joelle Jarmillo **2021-075**

The Anthem utilization report for January 2021 - September 2021 was reviewed. The high cost claims spend totaled \$3.9M including an additional four high cost claims bringing the total to 22 high cost claims for 2021. Of the \$3.9M high cost claims, almost \$3M was incurred by one COVID-19 related claim. The other \$900k in high cost claims were incurred by 21 members. Close to 97% of claims spend are in-network claims.

ANCILLARY UPDATES **Information**
Presented by E. Peter McNamara and Stacey Comerchero **2021-076**

The LiveHealth Online September utilization report was reviewed. There was one new registration for the LiveHealth Online program. E. Peter McNamara relayed at a national reinsurance conference he attended in October, reinsurance carriers are strongly advocating for telehealth visits to be encouraged to reduce claims costs.

The EmpiRx September utilization report was reviewed. Claims continue to run at approximately \$230,000 per month with the plan paying 90% and the members 10%. Generic utilization continues to run well.

The November ConsumerMedical communication pieces were reviewed: My Medical Ally mobile app and Heart Health flyers

WELLNESS UPDATES

Presented by Dayna Gowan

Information

2021-077

An update on the PACE 2021 Health Management Program was reviewed. Points must be submitted on the WellSteps website by program end on November 15, 2021. There are 193 registrants to date with 44 having earned rewards as of October 20, 2021. The final behavior change campaign ended on October 17, 2021 with approximately 44 participants

At the September Executive Committee Meeting, conducting a feedback survey was discussed. There are two options: 1) a survey through WellSteps which would be sent to registered users only or 2) a Survey Monkey survey created by Dayna Gowan (incorporating the WellSteps survey questions and additional questions composed by Dayna Gowan) to be sent to agency Wellness Benefit Contacts to send to all PACE members. After discussion and a review of the Survey Monkey survey, the Executive Committee agreed to use the Survey Monkey survey and send it to all PACE members. Feedback on why a member didn't participate would be especially helpful. It was also suggested to send out the survey now with a deadline of November 15, 2021.

At the Executive Committee's request, points earned for receiving a COVID-19 vaccine or booster increased for 2021. For 2021, a member can now earn two points for a COVID-19 vaccine and one point for a flu shot. Members who already received a point for the COVID-19 vaccine in 2021 will have an additional point retroactively added to their account. To encourage members to get vaccinated, the Executive Committee discussed increasing the points earned for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters even higher than 2021 levels for the 2022 program year. The Executive Committee would like to consider increasing the 2022 program reward amounts to increase membership engagement.

AGENCY REQUEST TO WAIVE PREMIUM LATE FEE

Presented by Stacy Comerchero

Action

2021-078

The City of McFarland requested forgiveness of a premium late fee of \$5,170.96. There is a new City Manager who is actively putting written policies in place to make sure vendors are paid on time and the City is also beginning to use wire transfer for payments. Jennifer Bower indicated she is willing to consider waiving the premium late fee if the City Manager is implementing new policies for on-time payments.

Motion to waive a one-time premium late fee of \$5,170.96 for the City of McFarland: 1. David Faris and 2. Lani Ha. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee. (Kim Turner not in attendance for this item.)

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

UPDATE ON AB 361 AND THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT REGULATIONS

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

Information

2021-079

In March 2020, the Governor declared a state of emergency relaxing some of the Brown Act regulations including the removal of the requirement for teleconference location sheets and public access to attendee locations. Effective October 1, 2021, the relaxed guidelines were rescinded and the standard Brown Act regulations are back in effect with an option for an agency to comply with new regulations found in AB 361 effective on the same date. There is no need for PACE to comply with the more complex AB 361 regulations when PACE can go back to using the original Brown Act guidelines including posting of a teleconference location sheet and allowing public access to member locations.

The Executive Committee agreed to continue to hold meetings via Zoom.

APPOINTMENT OF A NON-OFFICER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Action

Presented by E. Peter McNamara

2021-080

After December 31, 2021, Lani Ha's schedule will no longer allow her to serve on the Executive Committee resulting in a vacancy in one of the two Non-Officer Member positions. Theresa Doyle, from the City of Upland, expressed interest in serving for the term of January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023.

Motion to appointment Theresa Doyle to replace Lani Ha as a Non-Officer Executive Committee Member to serve January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023: 1. Kim Turner. 2. David Faris. Motion unanimously approved by the Executive Committee.

PACE NEW MEMBER ACTIVITY

Information

Presented by Christine Hough

2021-081

There were three requests evaluated and quoted as a potential member of PACE:

1. City of Sanger – Approx. 116 eligible employees without any waivers. They considered PACE for 2021; however, did not join at that time. PACE was able to provide competitive rates. There are both Anthem and Kaiser plans.
2. City of Gridley – 39 eligible employees with 5 waivers. Currently with small group, age rated plans with Anthem and are interested in PPO plans only. PACE was able to provide a quote, but she's not sure if the PACE plans are comparable to the current plans.
3. Classical Academy Charter School – 263 eligible employees without any waivers, mostly Aetna with a few members in Kaiser plans. Aetna has had significant year over year renewals and the Academy would like to find a more stable option. Christine Hough was able to provide rates at approximately 28% higher than their current rates, although their 2022 Aetna renewal is approximately 26% and they may still be interested. The Academy is also considering MCSIG.

The Superior Court of CA, Kings County will be joining PACE eff. 1/1/22 (100% Anthem). Modoc County is also joining PACE eff. 1/1/22. The City of Sanger is also considering joining PACE for 1/1/22 (50/50 Anthem and Kaiser).

IX. INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Information

Jennifer Bower would like to discuss whether to have a December Executive Committee Meeting at the November Executive Committee Meeting.

MANAGER COMMENTS

Information

Following up on the air ambulance program discussion from the September Executive Committee Meeting, there has only been one air ambulance claim since 2020. The MASA air ambulance program is set up to help the individual members pay their balance bill not any of charges incurred by an employer. The program is already being presented to PACE members agencies that are in remote areas on a voluntary basis by their Keenan Account Manager so at this time offering it through PACE would not provide any additional value.

X. AGENDA ITEMS NEXT MEETING

Information

Executive Committee Members and others may suggest items for consideration at the next meeting scheduled for November 17, 2021 via Zoom.

- Monthly Financial Review, Anthem update, LiveHealth Online update, EmpiRx update and ConsumerMedical updates.
- Discussion whether to hold a December Executive Committee Meeting.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 pm.