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For All of L.A.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 22, 2023 • 2:00 PM

L.A. Care Health Plan

1055 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017



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AGENDA
Executive Committee Meeting
Board of Governors

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Wednesday, February 22, 2023, 2:00 P.M.

L.A. Care Health Plan, 1055 West 7th Street, Conference Room 1025, Los Angeles

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This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, allowing members of the Board, members of the public and staff to participate in person and via teleconference, because State and Local officials are recommending measures to promote social distancing. Accordingly, members of the public should join this meeting in person and via teleconference as follows:

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1. The “chat” will be available during the public comment periods before each item.
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Welcome

Al Ballesteros, MBA, *Chair*

1. Approve today's Agenda *Chair*
2. Public Comment (*Please read instructions above.*) *Chair*
3. Approve January 24, 2023 meeting minutes **p.5** *Chair*
4. Chairperson's Report *Chair*
5. Chief Executive Officer

John Baackes
Chief Executive Officer

Committee Issues

6. Government Affairs Update *Cherie Compartore
Senior Director, Government Affairs*
7. Approve the list of items that will be considered on a Consent Agenda for March 2, 2023 Board of Governors Meeting. *Chair*
 - February 2, 2023 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes
 - Quarterly Investment Report
 - MetaSoftTech Solutions, LLC Contract Amendment
 - Optum Contract Amendment
 - PaySpan Contract Amendment
 - InfoCrossing, Inc. Contract Amendment
 - Ratify elected Technical Advisory Committee Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
8. Public Comment on Closed Session Items (*Please read instructions above.*) *Chair*

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION (Est. time: 60 mins.)

Chair

9. CONTRACT RATES
Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(m)
 - Plan Partner Rates
 - Provider Rates
 - DHCS Rates
10. REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECRET
Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(n)
Discussion Concerning New Service, Program, Technology, Business Plan
Estimated date of public disclosure: *February 2025*

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11. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Ralph M. Brown Act
 - L.A. Care Health Plan’s Notice of Contract Dispute under Contract No. 04-36069
Department of Health Care Services (Case No. Unavailable)
12. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Ralph M. Brown Act
HRRP Garland, LLC v. Local Initiative Health Authority for Los Angeles County
L.A.S.C. Case No. 21STCV47250
13. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2) of Ralph M. Brown Act:
Four Potential Cases
14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Ralph M. Brown Act
 - THC- Orange County, LLC DBA Kindred Hospital – Los Angeles, et al. v. L.A. Care,
L.A.S.C. 22STCV19872
 - KND Development 52, LLC d/b/a Kindred Hosp. Baldwin Park, et al. v. L.A. Care,
AHLA Case No. unavailable
 - KND Development 52, LLC d/b/a Kindred Hosp. Baldwin Park, et al. v. L.A. Care,
L.A.S.C. 23STCV01166
15. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION
Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Ralph M. Brown Act
 - Department of Managed Health Care Enforcement Matter Numbers: 18-799, 20-063, 21-
428, 21-509, 21-680
 - Department of Health Care Services, Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals, In
the matter of: L.A. Care Health Care Plan Appeal No. MCP22-0322-559-MF

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Chair

**The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
and may be conducted as a teleconference meeting.**

Public comments will be read for up to three minutes.

The order of items appearing on the agenda may change during the meeting.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2023

1055 West 7th Street, 10th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017



L.A. Care
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Members

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Tom MacDougall, *Chief Technology & Information Officer*
Thomas Mapp, *Chief Compliance Officer*
Marie Montgomery, *Chief Financial Officer*
Noah Paley, *Chief of Staff*
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Afzal Shah, *Deputy Chief Financial Officer*

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CALL TO ORDER	Alvaro Ballesteros, <i>Chairperson</i> , called to order the regular and special supplemental meetings of the L.A. Care Executive Committee and the L.A. Care Joint Powers Authority Executive Committee regular meeting at 2:00 p.m. The meetings were held simultaneously. He welcomed everyone to the meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• For those who provided public comment for this meeting by voice message or in writing, L.A. Care is glad that they provided input today. The Committee will hear their comments and the Committee also needs to finish the business on the Agenda today.• For people who have access to the internet, the meeting materials are available at the lacare.org website. If anyone needs information about how to locate the meeting materials, they can reach out to L.A. Care staff.	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information for public comment is on the Agenda available on the web site. Staff will read the comment from each person for up to three minutes. Public comment will be made before the Committee starts to discuss an item. If the comment is not on a specific agenda item, it will be read at the general Public Comment. <p>He provided information on how to submit a comment live and directly using the “chat” feature.</p>	
APPROVE MEETING AGENDA	The Agenda for today’s meeting was approved.	Approved unanimously by roll call. 4 AYES (Ballesteros, Booth, Perez and Raffoul)
Approval of findings under the Ralph M. Brown Act	<p><u>Motion EXE A.0123</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Authorize remote teleconferencing consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act; 2. Adopt findings as set forth in this Motion Summary and, 3. For all L.A. Care Health Plan and L.A. Care Joint Powers Authority meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act that are not held within 30 days, delegate authority to the Executive Committees to authorize findings to continue remote teleconferencing consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act. 	Approved unanimously by roll call. 4 AYES
PUBLIC COMMENT	There were no public comments.	
APPROVE MEETING MINUTES	The minutes of the November 15, 2022 meeting were approved as submitted.	Approved unanimously by roll call. 4 AYES
CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	Chairperson Ballesteros commented on the horribly tragic incident that happened in Monterey Park. All of us felt very hurt by it and were very shocked. His heart goes out to the individuals affected. He offered condolences to those affected. Mr. Baackes added that L.A. Care would be keenly observing the impact on L.A. Care Health Plan members, particularly the potential for increased feelings of insecurity among those of Asian descent. On Sunday morning, Mr. Baackes reached out to Mayra Velasco, Manager of the L.A. Care Community Resource Center in El Monte, which hosts many L.A. Care members from the Asian community, to ask about the impact on L.A. Care staff members who may have been affected. L.A. Care is not aware of any members	

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	<p>directly affected. Mr. Baackes also contacted representatives of Allied Pacific, a large independent physician association (IPA) headquartered in Alhambra, to express condolences. Mr. Baackes noted that he has been in Berkeley, California for two days, and the news yesterday of a nearby shooting added to the sense of insecurity. He invited all to comfort our Asian community members and colleagues, as it is particularly stressful for them.</p> <p>Chairperson Ballesteros welcomed Supervisor Hilda Solis to the Board of Governors. Supervisor Solis is returning to the Board, having previously served in 2016. Chairperson Ballesteros invited discussion of the Executive Committee meeting day and time. Board Member Booth noted that the Finance & Budget committee asked for a survey of members. The Executive and Finance & Budget committees have historically met consecutively on the same day.</p>	
<p>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT</p>	<p>John Baackes, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He is in Berkeley for a strategy meeting of the board of the Local Health Plans of California (LHPC), a trade association representing 16 local initiative health plans, which serve 8.8 million Medi-Cal beneficiaries in California. It has been among the most robust meetings of LHPC, with discussion of the coming changes proposed in the new state contracts beginning 2024. The changes are in addition to the work required by the continuing roll out of the new CalAIM program. Among the many topics discussed is the excessive administrative burden placed on the health plans with the new contracts, benefits and with what appears to be an insatiable desire for information and data by the state agencies. There was a presentation by representatives from the California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI), which will bring more demands for data as they intend to collect enough data to have an all payers database. HCAI is hiring 142 new people to carry out the mandate. LHPC members will become more vocal about the excessive demands being placed upon the health plans and in turn, increasing the administrative burden for health care providers. Medi-Cal provides a very low rate of reimbursement to health care providers. Also during the meeting, there was a long discussion about supplementing the base rates in Medi-Cal through the work of the California Safety Net Coalition. The CSNC began in Los Angeles and now has support among all the health care trade associations including physicians, hospitals and primary care organizations. The work will pick up detailed strategy for a potential ballot initiative in 2024 aimed at supplementing Medi-Cal rates. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care received a rate increase for 2023, which was better than expected but raises a host of questions. The rules, regulations and rate development are getting more complicated. • Redetermination of eligibility for Medi-Cal will begin in April 2023. Mailings will begin in April for June renewals. L.A. Care will expect disenrollment to begin in July for Medi-Cal members who are no longer eligible. It will take a year to complete the process to redetermine eligibility for 14 million Medi-Cal beneficiaries according to the month of enrollment. This means that more than 1 million will be processed each month across the state. In Los Angeles County, there will be approximately 335,000 redeterminations each month. Work is already underway to serve the L.A. Care members affected by redetermination, and a more extensive report will be given at a future Board meeting. • California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) have announced that the intent to award contracts for the procurement of commercial health plans in Medi-Cal has been tossed out. There was a significant court challenge by health plans that felt the process was unfair. It appears that negotiation resumed among all the parties in light of a court decision requiring that the state agencies turn over all documents related to the awards within 75 days. In Los Angeles County, Health Net was reselected on condition that 50% of the Health Net Medi-Cal members are contracted to Molina Health. The details of the allocation of members through the default assignment are not yet clear. 2023 will likely see changes in enrollment numbers. L.A. Care will continue to be vigilant in entering into active dialogue with regulators to ensure realistic expectations. <p>Board Member Perez thanked Mr. Baackes for his work and asked about L.A. Care’s outreach for Medi-Cal redetermination. Through her participation as a Health Promotora at L.A. Care events, she has seen that Medi-Cal members are unsure about what to do with regard to their benefits. She is aware that Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) has a representative at the Family Resource and Community Resource Centers to assist members with their eligibility for Medi-Cal and other programs. She asked if L.A. Care would continue with outreach on social media so people are aware of upcoming events where they could receive assistance with the redetermination process. Mr. Baackes responded that L.A. Care would use social media as well as other media outlets regularly used by members to provide information about the redetermination process and how members can get assistance. L.A. Care will have staff trained at all the resource centers to help with the 20-page redetermination</p>	

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	<p>form. Some people will be automatically renewed using the existing database. L.A. Care will have resources available at all resource centers and by phone. The outreach will include L.A. Care providers, who have an incentive to keep members enrolled for continuation of health care services, including pharmacy benefits. Phinney Ahn, <i>Executive Director for Medi-Cal</i>, will provide more information at a future meeting of the Board of Governors and at the Executive Community Advisory Committee (ECAC) meeting. L.A. Care encouraged the members of ECAC to become DHCS Coverage Ambassadors in the redetermination process. DHCS Ambassadors serve as trusted messengers to the community. This effort requires “all hands on deck” as there is no precedent for resuming eligibility redetermination after three years. The redetermination will likely impact three categories of Medi-Cal members: those who have moved from Los Angeles County experienced an increase in income above 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL), and some who may be still eligible but fail to respond to the redetermination notice. The last category are the people we will try to reach with needed information. Board Member Perez reported that she receives messages from members that do not see outreach in Spanish and they are not able to understand the message. She has asked the social media team to make the social media outreach more attractive to those members who may be missing important information because of the language barrier. Mr. Baackes will check on this with Communications and he will report on it at a future meeting.</p> <p>Chairperson Ballesteros asked about outreach for individuals who may be homeless or more transient and do not have a physical address or an electronic device. He noted that many safety net providers would need to use resources to make sure these individuals are assisted with the redetermination process. He is concerned that some beneficiaries may be disenrolled, and when they need services the provider will need to assist with the process. He asked if anything could be done now for the providers to begin working with individuals to help them in the eligibility redetermination. Mr. Baackes responded that L.A. Care would begin outreach to providers in February so providers can help members with the information. Mr. Baackes is particularly concerned about homeless individuals, and he is working with Health Net on sponsoring a session for street medicine professionals to provide information on the redetermination so they can communicate with Medi-Cal members. It is important for L.A. Care and Health Net to work together. He has asked DHCS for clarification on when the redetermination paperwork can be completed and submitted. It would be helpful if a person experiencing homelessness could complete the paperwork at the first opportunity, instead of waiting until their enrollment month. There are many unanswered questions, and L.A. Care is</p>	

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	proactively working on solutions. Mr. Baackes offered to include safety net providers in this information session that will focus on the unique challenges for homeless individuals to complete the redetermination paperwork.	
COMMITTEE ISSUES		
Government Affairs Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care’s 2023 State and Federal Policy Agenda 	<p>Cherie Compartore, <i>Senior Director, Government Affairs</i>, introduced a motion to approve the 2023 State and Federal Policy Agenda, which is a framework to allow L.A. Care to engage in positions and policy discussions with State and Federal legislators and staff. It contains high-level principles by design, to give staff flexibility on the positions. Government Affairs will provide a matrix of legislative and budget proposals to keep the Board updated throughout the year.</p> <p>Highlights of the policy agenda revisions from last year included:</p> <p>In the first paragraph, a sentence will be added, “For each proposal considered by L.A. Care, due consideration will be given to the financial and work burdens placed on healthcare providers and efforts will be taken to minimize those burdens whenever possible.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 3, was revised to a more general public health emergency, “Support proposals that provide federal stimulus funds for government-sponsored programs in public health emergency relief legislation.” • Item 7 was revised to “Support proposals that advocate for required transparency by state government entities, such as DHCS, DMHC when awarding health plan contracts in the Medi-Cal program.” • Items 8, 9, and 10 were revised or added to address important policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Support proposals to expand full-scope Medi-Cal and healthcare subsidies (Covered CA) to all residents, regardless of age or immigrant status. 9. Support proposals that limit unwarranted coverage loss due to Medi-Cal redetermination process and ensure coverage transitions to Covered California, Medicare or employer-sponsored insurance are successful. 10. Support proposals that allow close collaboration between states, counties and managed care plans in the Medi-Cal redetermination process (e.g., sharing renewal files with plans to conduct outreach; allow plans to obtain and update beneficiary info; and allow plans to outreach to beneficiaries who lose coverage for procedural reasons). 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 22 will be further revised to include support for increased Medi-Cal base rate funding to increase provider rates in the Medi-Cal managed care program. Precise wording of this item will be presented for approval on February 2. • Item 27 was revised: Support proposals to expand the safety net for comprehensive family planning services, including for Medi-Cal eligible and undocumented people. • Items 38, 39 and 40 were added: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38. Support proposals that provide ongoing funding for housing and services for those experiencing homelessness with options for individuals with higher levels of care needs, such as Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs) and Residential Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs). 39. Support proposals which provide funding to meet the housing and related supportive service needs of vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness, veterans, elderly, populations with disproportionate housing challenges, people with disabilities, justice-involved individuals and those with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder. Furthermore, support proposals for these populations that expand the access and availability of housing. 40. Support proposals that provide funding and expand eligibility to food assistance programs to Californians of all ages, regardless of immigration status <p>Ms. Compartore noted that changes will be shown in the final version of the motion that will be sent for review prior to the February 2 Board meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion EXE 100.0223</u> To approve L.A. Care’s 2023 State and Federal Policy Agenda, with recommended changes.</p> <p>Ms. Compartore stated that she will provide a report on legislative activities, including the State Budget, at the February 2 Board meeting.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously by roll call. 4 AYES</p>
Scout Exchange Contract Amendment	<p>Terry Brown, <i>Chief Human Resources Officer</i>, reviewed the request for approval to execute Amendment V to the contract with Scout Exchange, adding \$14,500,000 to the maximum compensation.</p> <p>Scout provides L.A. Care with software to assist in the management of contingent workers with multiple entities. Using Scout will streamline the contingent workforce management process, including timecards, staffing requests, and vendor management.</p>	

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	<p>Board Member Booth asked about how the additional cost will be paid by filling positions. Mr. Brown responded that some will come from that, and some is an additional request that was overlooked in the budget. Tom MacDougall, <i>Chief Information Officer</i>, noted that a large portion of contingent staffing is for the Information Technology (IT) department for the implementation of CalAIM and DSNP. Mr. Brown added that there are also a large number of contingent workers for IT security. Board Member Perez asked for information about contingent workers. Mr. Brown defined the term as workers that are employed by an outside agency. Mr. MacDougall clarified that these employees are program managers and project managers. L.A. Care employs hard skills workers. Board Member Raffoul asked for the portion of the labor force that is contingent. Mr. MacDougall responded that for IT, about 1/3 are contingent workers. Mr. Brown noted that about 10% of L.A. Care’s total labor force are contingent workers.</p> <p><u>Motion EXE 101.0223</u> To authorize staff to increase the spend of the existing purchase order, by an additional amount of \$14,500,000 not to exceed a total spend of \$48,464,908 with Scout Exchange for contingent worker vendor management services rendered through the end of the contract term on September 30, 2023.</p>	<p>Approved unanimously by roll call. 4 AYES (Ballesteros, Booth, Perez and Raffoul)</p>
Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP)	<p>Sameer Amin, MD, <i>Chief Medical Officer</i>, referred to the materials in the meeting packet (<i>a copy of the materials can be obtained by contacting Board Services</i>). HHIP has two major goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building managed care plan capacity to manage the program, and • Directly reduce and prevent homelessness in the community. <p>There is substantial statewide funding of \$1.288 billion available for this work, and L.A. Care potentially may be able to earn up to \$290 million in one-time funding for the program by March 2024. To date, L.A. Care has received 5% of the Local Homeless Plan (LHP) and 10% for the investment plan, amounting to \$43.5 million. L.A. Care will submit on March 10 to DHCS for measurement period 1, for 35% of the available funds.</p> <p>Dr. Amin introduced Karl Calhoun, <i>Director, Safety Net Programs and Partnerships</i>, updated the Board on the investment priorities that were introduced at the prior Board meeting. A priority was added to the infrastructure to address the eligibility redetermination for Medi-Cal members.</p> <p>Mr. Calhoun reported that:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care’s estimated earnings increased from \$211 million in September 2022 to \$224 million at this time. • Due to recent DHCS guidance changes received in early January, L.A. Care’s expected earnings might further increase, due to reduced thresholds and the ability to earn partial points for some measures. • Estimated earnings for Measurement Period 1 are still pending performance data for quantitative measures. More information will be available when L.A. Care completes the Measurement Period 1 report to DHCS on March 10, 2023. <p>Mr. Calhoun introduced Alison Klurfeld, MPP/MPH, <i>Klurfeld Consulting</i>, and she reviewed the strategic housing investments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care is partnering with Health Net to implement HHIP Strategic Housing Investments to meet HHIP metrics and address urgent unmet needs for people experiencing homelessness. • L.A. Care will implement these strategies via investments to the L.A. County Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative (CEO HI), which is the central coordinating body for L.A. County’s efforts. • L.A. Care is requesting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$50M initial investment to CEO HI - Delegated authority to commit up to \$30M more in April 2023, contingent upon L.A. Care’s internal assessment of at least \$40M expected earnings for HHIP Measurement Period 1. - Both investments will be one-time funding for a duration of six-years • The two investments will be in quick succession to achieve as much as possible before HHIP Measurement Period 2 ends on October 31, 2023. • Depending on CEO HI performance and on future HHIP earnings, L.A. Care also intends to make additional substantial investments for this purpose in 2024. <p>Ms. Klurfeld reviewed the CEO HI Strategic Housing Investments Unit Acquisition Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase utilization of tenant-based housing vouchers - Decrease time to lease-up - Decrease effects of discrimination against voucher holders and people experiencing homelessness 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment funds will support: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Backfill funds that cover non-rent costs of master leasing buildings (e.g. vacancy payments, trash, pest control, damage mitigation) - Program staff - Evaluation <p>Ms. Klurfeld also reviewed the CEO HI Strategic Housing Investments Assisted Daily Living (ADL) Expansion Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and assess people experiencing homelessness w/ADL assistance needs earlier - Speed appropriate placements into interim and permanent housing - Help people experiencing homelessness w/ADL assistance needs live in less restrictive settings with appropriate supportive services <p>Investment funds will support program, staff, and evaluation for:</p> <p>Enhanced Care Assessment Teams</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Field-based teams to assess the ADL needs of people experiencing homelessness & refer them to appropriate services</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">4 teams; primarily field-based; multidisciplinary</p> <p>Caregiving in Interim Housing</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Personal caregiving services in interim housing</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Help participants stabilize; transition to In Home Supportive Services &/or</p> <p>Community Supports</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Approximately 100 slots</p> <p>Enriched Residential Care</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Places people experiencing homelessness who need ongoing care and supervision in licensed residential care settings such as Adult Residential Facilities (ARF) and Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFE).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">80 total slots; 56 for L.A. Care & 24 for Health Net.</p> <p>Ms. Klurfeld noted that L.A. Care requests approval to make grants, incentives, or funding agreements of over \$500,000 with the partners below for the purposes below:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="499 1295 1585 1442"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="499 1295 716 1442">HHIP Investment Activity</th> <th data-bbox="720 1295 1041 1442">Description</th> <th data-bbox="1045 1295 1192 1442">Partner</th> <th data-bbox="1197 1295 1381 1442">Grant, Incentive, or Investment</th> <th data-bbox="1386 1295 1585 1442">HHIP Measures Impacted</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	HHIP Investment Activity	Description	Partner	Grant, Incentive, or Investment	HHIP Measures Impacted						
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				Amount of up to:		
	Data Infrastructure Support for CoCs	Funding to support monthly data exchange with L.A. Care and for to integrate the LAHSA Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) with the City of Long Beach’s HMIS.	LAHSA	\$3,200,000	1.1, 1.4, 2.2	
	Data Infrastructure Support for County Partners	Funding for DMH to integrate housing related data and support data exchange with L.A. Care.	City of Long Beach	\$1,225,000	1.5	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care will fund jointly with Health Net proportional to our market share (70%). <p>Ms. Klurfeld reported that next steps for HHIP are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HHIP will be included in future budget forecasts. • Updates to the Board regarding HHIP achievements, earning, and investments. • Additional investments and grants for Board review and approval as needed. • Opportunities to increase spending in planned investment categories and to add new activities based on estimated and actual earnings. <p>Board Member Booth asked what would happen if the Measurement Period 1 did not result in at least \$40 million. Ms. Klurfeld responded that a smaller amount could be requested for Period 2. Dr. Amin noted that there is significant confidence that the full amount will be earned, but the second amount is contingent on results of Period 1. Board Member Booth noted that the money is being used well and she suggested changing the contingency. Mr. Baackes noted that L.A. Care would like to demonstrate to DHCS that L.A. Care is being prudent and is proposing the program in a thoughtful and deliberate manner. He noted that this program is a way to get health plans involved</p>					

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	<p>in helping to resolve the issues with homelessness. A big issue is a lack of available housing units. There needs to be work across all state agencies that impact the housing available. Mr. Baackes complimented Ms. Klurfeld for her work on this program. She is probably the most knowledgeable person in California on how managed care can be involved in addressing homelessness. Board Member Booth asked if this program could affect the cost of housing. Ms. Klurfeld indicated that it would help to set countywide standards for contracting for housing vacancies for homeless programs. Building additional units is a long-term strategy.</p> <p>Board Member Raffoul asked for the total funding request. Dr. Amin responded that amount requested is \$110 million. Items 2, 3 and 4 in the motion are amounts that roll up into that amount. Board Member Raffoul asked about the criteria for earned funds. Ms. Klurfeld reviewed the funds that have already been paid to L.A. Care and the estimated funding to be earned. Ms. Klurfeld indicated that health plans are investing funds to conduct activities that will meet the metrics in order to receive funding. There is a high degree of certainty that the majority of the earnings will be received, based on the measurements and what L.A. Care has achieved toward the metrics. Board Member Raffoul asked about expectations of the amount of housing available. Ms. Klurfeld responded that the investment in the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative (CEO HI) would help increase the housing availability through master leases. Mr. Calhoun noted that the CEO HI uses existing infrastructure and provides funding for additional sources.</p> <p>Chairperson Ballesteros noted that L.A. Care’s ability to realize the funding is dependent upon the projection of additional units that the CEO HI will develop by October 2023. He asked if the inventory exists now but has no funding. Dr. Amin noted that the funds would enable the CEO HI to access the additional units. The CEO HI is a way for multiple funders to pool funds for additional leverage in the housing market. Chairperson Ballesteros asked about funding for staff. Ms. Klurfeld indicated the funding is for staff in the administration. Chairperson Ballesteros noted that staff in the buildings will be provided through a different funding pool, and he asked about the evaluation of the program. Ms. Klurfeld indicated that a strategic evaluation would review the outcomes and overall cost. Chairperson Ballesteros asked about how the ADL assessment teams will be formed. Mr. Calhoun responded that it is anticipated the community and County will work together to develop multi-disciplinary teams, but that has not yet been determined. Chairperson Ballesteros stated that it would be important to have teams that understand the community and the population in that community.</p>	

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	<p>He asked about the funding for Enriched Residential Care. Ms. Klurfeld indicated that the source of funding either would be the assisted living waiver or enriched residential care. Chairperson Ballesteros noted that the assisted living waiver is too low to pay for the cost of services needed for this population. He asked if this could supplement the services. Mr. Calhoun responded that is outside the scope of this program. Chairperson Ballesteros noted that this should be kept in mind because insufficiency of funding may create difficulty for continued services. Dr. Amin noted that this was envisioned to fill a gap in services, but not a monetary gap, and it is an important point to explore further.</p> <p><u>Motion EXE 102.0223</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To increase approval of investments for Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) from \$70 million by \$40 million, for a new total of up to \$110 million. 2. To authorize the CEO or his designee to negotiate, finalize, make any necessary changes, and execute an agreement and any other documents necessary to implement an investment to the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative (CEO HI) of \$50 million for HHIP Strategic Housing Investments. 3. To authorize the CEO or his designee to negotiate, finalize, make any necessary changes, and execute an agreement and any other documents necessary to implement an investment to CEO HI of an additional \$30 million for HHIP Strategic Housing Investments, contingent upon L.A. Care’s internal assessment of expected earnings for HHIP Measurement Period 1 of \$40 million. 4. To authorize the CEO or his designee to negotiate, finalize, make any necessary changes, and execute an agreement and any other documents necessary to implement grants, incentives, or other funding agreements of up to the amounts listed for the below: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority: Up to \$3.2 million b. The L.A. County Department of Mental Health: Up to \$1.225 million 5. Delegate authority to the CEO to adjust HHIP Investment Plan amounts, priorities, and recipients above to align with evolving implementation needs. All other policies and procedures related to grant making and expenditures will remain in place. 	<p>Approved unanimously by roll call. 4 AYES</p>

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Approve Consent Agenda	<p>Approve the list of items that will be considered on a Consent Agenda for the February 2, 2023 Board of Governors Meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 1, 2022 Board of Governors Meeting Minutes • Ratify L.A. Care Chief Executive Officer, John Baackes execution of Department of Health Care Services Medi-Cal Contract 04-36069, Secondary Contract 22-20466, DSNP Contract 22-20236 Amendments • Cognizant Contract Amendment for Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) and Align. Measure. Perform (AMP) services • Toney Health Care Consulting (THCC) to provide Utilization Management Frontline Nursing and Leadership Staffing Augmentation • 2023 Compliance Work Plan • 2023 Internal Audit Plan • 2023 Risk Assessment 	<p>Approved unanimously by roll call. 4 AYES</p>
PUBLIC COMMENTS	There were no public comments.	
ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION	<p>The Joint Powers Authority Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.</p> <p>Augustavia J. Haydel, Esq., <i>General Counsel</i> announced the items to be discussed in closed session. She announced there is no report anticipated from the closed session. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 3:43 pm.</p> <p>CONTRACT RATES Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(m)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Partner Rates • Provider Rates • DHCS Rates • Plan Partner Services Agreement <p>REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECRET Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(n) Discussion Concerning New Service, Program, Business Plan Estimated date of public disclosure: <i>January 2025</i></p> <p>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Ralph M. Brown Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care Health Plan’s Notice of Contract Dispute under Contract No. 04-36069 	

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	<p>Department of Health Care Services (Case No. Unavailable)</p> <p>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Ralph M. Brown Act HRRP Garland, LLC v. Local Initiative Health Authority for Los Angeles County L.A.S.C. Case No. 21STCV47250</p> <p>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(2) of Ralph M. Brown Act: Three Potential Cases</p> <p>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION Pursuant to Section 54956.9(d)(1) of the Ralph M. Brown Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Department of Managed Health Care Enforcement Matter Numbers: 18-799, 20-063, 21-428, 21-509, 21-680 • Department of Health Care Services, Office of Administrative Hearings and Appeals, In the matter of: L.A. Care Health Care Plan Appeal No. MCP22-0322-559-MF 	
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION	The meeting reconvened in open session at 4:28 pm. No reportable actions were taken during the closed session.	
Plan Partner Services Agreement Contract Amendments	<p><i>Staff requests the Committee's approval of the Amendments to Anthem Blue Cross' and Blue Shield Promise Health Plan's Plan Partner Services Agreements (PPSA) which extend the term of the PPSA through September 30, 2035.</i></p> <p><u>Motion EXE 103.0223</u> To approve the attached amended terms and conditions to the Anthem Blue Cross Plan Partner Services Agreement and the Blue Shield Promise Health Plan Plan Partner Services Agreement which extend the term of each agreement through September 30, 2035, and to authorize the Chief Executive Officer, or his designate, to execute such amendments and to authorize staff to make non-substantive revisions to the amendments.</p>	Approved unanimously by roll call. 4 AYES
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.	

Respectfully submitted by:

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APPROVED BY:

Malou Balones, *Board Specialist III, Board Services*
Victor Rodriguez, *Board Specialist II, Board Services*

Al Ballesteros, *Chair*

Date: _____