

Board of Governors
Regular Meeting Minutes #275
November 1, 2018

L.A. Care Health Plan, 1055 W. 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017



Members

Hector De La Torre, *Chairperson*
 Alvaro Ballesteros, MBA, *Vice Chairperson*
 Robert H. Curry, *Treasurer*
 Layla Gonzalez-Delgado, *Secretary*
 Stephanie Booth, MD
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 George W. Greene, Esq.

Antonia Jimenez *
 Hilda Perez
 Courtney Powers, JD
 Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas
 G. Michael Roybal, MD, MPH
 Ilan Shapiro, MD

**Absent **Via teleconference*

Management/Staff

John Baackes, *Chief Executive Officer*
 Terry Brown, *Chief of Human Resources*
 Augustavia Haydel, *General Counsel*
 Marie Montgomery, *Chief Financial Officer*
 Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, *Chief Medical Officer*

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<p>WELCOME Hector De La Torre <i>Chairperson</i></p>	<p>Hector De La Torre, <i>Chairperson</i>, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m., and noted that the photos presented just prior to the meeting included an event to celebrate the signing of an agreement for services with UCLA Health. Many of the UC facilities do not have contracts to serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries, and L.A. Care is moving ahead to improve access for its members.</p> <p>He welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the members of the Board and senior staff to introduce themselves, beginning with new Board Members Courtney Powers and George Greene.</p> <p><i>(Member Ridley-Thomas joined the meeting.)</i></p> <p>Chairperson De La Torre announced the new officers of the Board: Alvaro Ballesteros, <i>Vice Chair</i> Robert H. Curry, <i>Treasurer</i> Layla Gonzalez-Delgado, <i>Secretary</i></p> <p>He announced that members of the public are welcome to introduce themselves or can remain anonymous, and the public may address the Board on matters listed on the agenda before or during the Board’s consideration of the item, and on any other topic at the Public Comment item 2 on the agenda.</p> <p>He welcomed members of the CCIs and RCACs and informed them that members will be introduced later in this meeting during the ECAC report.</p>	

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	He also announced that the Board is pleased that people are here to speak to the Board, and would like to ensure that everyone who would like to do so has the opportunity to speak today. The Board wants to hear the comments and still needs to finish the business on today's Agenda.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA Hector De La Torre	The agenda was approved as submitted.	Approved unanimously. 11 AYES (Ballesteros, Booth, Curry, De La Torre, Ghaly, Greene, Perez, Powers, Ridley-Thomas, Roybal, and Shapiro)
PUBLIC COMMENT	Elizabeth Cooper, <i>RCAC 2, CCI Area 2 Member</i> , asked for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of the Pittsburgh synagogue shooting. She asked the Chairperson to delay her further public comment so she could gather her thoughts.	
APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA Hector De La Torre	<p>Member Booth suggested edits on page 92 to change the definition in the Non-Travel Expense policy for a designee from a list of “all qualified employees” to “all employees qualified as a designee”. Board Member Booth also suggested that the annual investment policy be edited to more clearly define the placement service deposits. Marie Montgomery, <i>Chief Financial Officer</i>, will review the suggestions and make appropriate edits to the policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve October 4, 2018 meeting minutes • Quarterly Investments Report (FIN 100) <u>Motion FIN 100.1118*</u> To accept the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2018, as submitted. • Accounting & Financial Services Policy AFS 008 (Annual Investment Policy) (FIN 101) <u>Motion FIN 101.1118*</u> To approve Financial Services Policy AFS-008 (Annual Investment Policy) as submitted. 	The Consent Agenda was Approved unanimously. 12 AYES (Ballesteros, Booth, Curry, De La Torre, Ghaly, Gonzalez-Delgado, Greene, Perez, Powers, Ridley-Thomas, Roybal, and Shapiro)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Accounting & Financial Services Policies (FIN 102) <u>Motion FIN 102.1118*</u> To approve the following Accounting & Financial Services Policies as attached: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AFS-002 (Capital Assets) AFS-004 (Non-Travel and Other Expenses). AFS-027 (Travel Expense) AFS-029 (Annual Budgets and Board of Governor’s Oversight) Consumer Advisory Committee Members (ECA 100) <u>Motion ECA 100.1119*</u> To approve the following Regional Community Advisory Committee members as reviewed by the Executive Community Advisory Committee (ECAC), during its October 10, 2018 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mario Magdaleno Serafin Mosqueda, Consumer, RCAC 8 Rita Sisowath, Consumer, RCAC 9 <p><i>(Member Delgado joined the meeting.)</i></p> <p>PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Cooper commented on Policy AFS 29 and Motion ECA 100. She acknowledged L.A. County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. She asked Board Members to be sure, there is adequate funding in the budget for the consumer advisory committees and for L.A. Care staff. She encouraged the Board to reach out for diversity in membership of the community advisory committees.</p> 					
CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT	<p>Chairperson De La Torre announced committee assignments:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Committee Members</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="550 1122 1623 1468"> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="550 1122 766 1360">Executive Committee</td> <td data-bbox="766 1122 1623 1360"> Hector De La Torre, <i>Board Chairperson</i> Alvaro Ballesteros, <i>Vice Chairperson</i> Robert H. Curry, <i>Treasurer</i> Layla Gonzalez-Delgado, <i>Secretary</i> Hilda Perez, <i>Governance Committee Chair</i> Christina Ghaly, MD, <i>Compliance & Quality Committee Chair</i> </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="550 1360 766 1468">Finance & Budget</td> <td data-bbox="766 1360 1623 1468"> Robert H. Curry, <i>Treasurer, Finance & Budget Committee Chair</i> Hector De La Torre Antonia Jimenez </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Executive Committee	Hector De La Torre, <i>Board Chairperson</i> Alvaro Ballesteros, <i>Vice Chairperson</i> Robert H. Curry, <i>Treasurer</i> Layla Gonzalez-Delgado, <i>Secretary</i> Hilda Perez, <i>Governance Committee Chair</i> Christina Ghaly, MD, <i>Compliance & Quality Committee Chair</i>	Finance & Budget	Robert H. Curry, <i>Treasurer, Finance & Budget Committee Chair</i> Hector De La Torre Antonia Jimenez	
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	Governance	Hilda Perez, <i>Chair</i> Stephanie Booth, MD Layla Gonzalez-Delgado Antonia Jimenez Courtney Powers	
	Services Agreement Committee	Layla Gonzalez-Delgado, <i>Chair</i> Antonia Jimenez Hilda Perez Courtney Powers	
	Audit	Alvaro Ballesteros, <i>Chair</i> Stephanie Booth, MD Layla Gonzalez-Delgado	
	<p>He reminded Board Members that committees will meet in November, and the Board will meet on December 1, 2018. Committee meetings will not be held in December, and the Board will not meet in January 2019. Committees will meet in January 2019.</p> <p>Board Members are required to complete compliance training annually and information about the required training will be provided.</p> <p>He invited the new Board Members to address the Board. Member Powers indicated that she is pleased and proud to serve on the Board and looks forward to working with each Board Member. Member Greene echoed her comments and looks forward to collaborating with the Board Members and organizations represented.</p>		

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<p>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT</p> <p>John Baackes</p>	<p>John Baackes, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>, congratulated Mr. De La Torre as the new Board Chairperson and welcomed the new Board Members. He also congratulated Christina Ghaly, MD as the new Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services.</p> <p>Mr. Baackes reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care continued its support of the Care Harbor LA clinic, which provides free medical, dental and vision services to people who are un- or under-insured or vulnerable, held on October 15-16. Over the years, as more people gained health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act, more people with insufficient coverage need the services provided at this important event. • L.A. Care signed an agreement for services with UCLA Health, the culmination of a lot of hard work by both organizations. Both have mission driven statements to serve the public, along with fiduciary responsibility to operate the organizations in a business-like fashion. UCLA hospitals are now available to L.A. Care members (on a medically needed basis), and the UCLA medical group is available for primary and specialty care services, as capacity allows. He acknowledged with appreciation that the Health Services Department, led by Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, <i>Chief Medical Officer</i>, did much of the hard work in achieving this milestone. <p>Dr. Seidman expressed his appreciation to all those who contributed to the success of this accomplishment. He acknowledged John Ounjian, who has passed away, for his initial work that opened the door for negotiation of the agreement. He explained that this agreement removes a significant barrier in treatment for those with complex medical needs, expanding access to high-quality care for in- and out-patient services. Another major breakthrough is the access for primary care enrollment, although the enrollments are limited in number and are only for complex medical needs at this time, it has expanded access to care for L.A. Care members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covered California’s open enrollment started October 15 and will end January 15, 2019. L.A. Care is one of the plans available in the two regions in Los Angeles County. There are six plans available in one region and five in the other. L.A. Care Covered is the lowest priced plan available in all but one metal tier in one region, where there is less than \$1 difference. L.A. Care will begin advertising after Election Day. It is expected that L.A. Care will do well in enrollment again this year. The federal mandate for health insurance will end in January 2019. Mr. Baackes believes that members will continue enrollment, but the rate of new enrollment may be lower. There are over 70,000 members in L.A. Care Covered. • “Public charge” is a term used for about a century in federal rules. A Public Charge assessment is currently only used at two points: 1) when a person applies to enter the United States; or 2) when a person applies to become a lawful permanent resident. For the past few 	

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	<p>decades, only two types of benefits are considered in public charge determination: 1) cash assistance, and 2) long-term institutional care. Public Charge is not used when a person is applying to become a U.S. citizen. A new federal rule has been published to expand considerations for eligibility for citizenship to include social services and government health care coverage. The deadline for public comments on the new rule is December 9. Some L.A. Care members may be impacted by this new rule. L.A. Care will provide comments in opposition to the expansion of “Public Charge”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Women Physicians’ Action Committee of the Los Angeles County Medical Association recognized Augustavia J. Haydel, Esq., <i>General Counsel</i>, for Extraordinary and Inspirational Achievement. 	
<p>4th Quarter FY 2017-18 Organizational Goals Progress Report</p>	<p>Mr. Baackes summarized the 4th Quarter FY 2017-18 Organizational Goals Progress Report. <i>(A copy of the report may be requested by contacting Board Services.)</i> L.A. Care’s strategic goals have remained consistent since 2015. L.A. Care’s fourth quarter notable activities in the Strategic Directions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care was the only plan to qualify for a broker pilot to improve enrollment in the Cal MediConnect product • The first year of the new Mentorship program concluded with a graduation recognizing all Mentors and Mentees. • The third Medi-Cal VIIP report was released and this was the first tied to P4P. • TransformLA, an effort to support providers in our Direct Network was launched. • 99 people have received permanent supportive housing through the Brilliant Corners & Housing for Health initiative. 	
<p>Community Health Investment Fund (CHIF) Priorities FY 2018-19</p> <p>John Baackes Roland Palencia</p>	<p><i>Members Ballesteros, Curry, Ghaly, Greene, Powers and Roybal may have financial interests in Plans, Plan Participating Providers or other programs and as such refrained from the discussion and vote on this motion.</i></p> <p>Mr. Baackes summarized the motion to approve priorities for the new fiscal year for the Community Health Investment Fund. Roland Palencia, <i>Director, Community Benefits</i>, will oversee the \$10 million in funding, of which, \$4 million will be provided as the third annual installment of L.A. Care’s five-year commitment to provide case management and permanent housing assistance in Los Angeles County.</p> <p>Member Booth suggested amending the motion summary background section to <u>“upon approval the grantee will sign an agreement outlining grantee responsibilities and accountability to perform according to agreed objectives and to provide regular reports of progress toward the goals of their project.”</u></p>	

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	<p>In response to a question from Member Gonzalez-Delgado, Alison Klurfeld, <i>Director, Safety Net Programs & Partnerships, Safety Net Initiatives</i>, explained that through the Los Angeles County program, <i>Housing for Health</i>, there are 298 people currently in the program to be considered as candidates for L.A. Care support. L.A. Care wants to be sure that it is increasing the availability of housing. The first step is to identify people and get their consent, then their needs are determined and the appropriate housing is located. The individual will pay no more than 30% of his/her income for housing.</p> <p><u>Motion BOG 100.1118</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To approve the recommended use of the Community Health Investment Fund (CHIF) FY 2018-19 allocation of up to \$10 million in the following priority categories: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Support safety net clinics’ infrastructure to provide high quality and coordinated services to help them thrive in a managed care environment at \$2.5 million, b. Expand access to high-barrier services for low-income and vulnerable populations at \$1.5 million, c. Improve community health for underserved populations by addressing the social determinants that lead to poor health outcomes at \$2.0 million, d. \$4.0 million is recommended for Brilliant Corners, in partnership with the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services’ Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool fund, to provide housing for homeless individuals, including L.A. Care members. These funds will also support the goals of the Whole Person Care initiative under the new California Medi-Cal waiver. 2. Delegate authority to implement the CHIF program to the CEO and also to approve grant investments of up to \$150,000 per applicant. Allow for CEO to adjust maximum or minimum priority category amounts noted above to align with community needs and requests. All other policies and approvals related to grant making investments will remain in place. <p>PUBLIC COMMENT: Ms. Cooper stated that it is important for her that the 14th Amendment is being impacted, and she is very concerned because it was for the slaves who came from Africa and became citizens. She also commented that housing does not just mean the homeless, but includes tenants who may be at risk of losing their home. She asked the Board to take notice of where the funds are going so it is not just the homeless but, with price of housing going up, the program should include tenants and some of that money should be used for tenants. She asked the two Board representing consumers to please take notice and have funds go to tenants. She asked the consumer representatives on the Board and</p>	<p>Approved unanimously. 6 AYES (Booth, De La Torre, Gonzalez-Delgado, Jimenez, Perez, Ridley-Thomas, and Shapiro), 6 ABSTENTIONS (Ballesteros, Curry, Ghaly, Greene, Powers and Roybal)</p>

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	<p>the Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas to take notice. She expressed concerns about the selection of medical students for the Elevating the Safety Net program, as she did not see anyone that looked like her in the group. Mr. De La Torre pointed out that an African American student received a scholarship award. Ms. Cooper conceded that she might have had an eyesight problem. Ms. Cooper also had asked to comment on standing committee reports but she had no comment today. She welcomed back Auleria Eakins, <i>Manager, and Community Outreach & Education</i>.</p>	
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS		
Executive Committee Hector De La Torre	<p>The Executive Committee met on October 24. (<i>Minutes of the meeting are available by contacting Board Services.</i>) The Committee approved motions for Human Resources policies that do not require approval of the full Board.</p>	
Government Affairs Update	<p>Cherie Compartore, <i>Senior Director, Government Affairs</i>, clarified that changes to the use of Public Charge impacts immigrants seeking legal permanent residency (green card holders), which can be a key step to citizenship, but does not affect immigrants directly applying for citizenship.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Today the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released a proposed rule that included a provision that it would pay doctors 3 percent less than they receive now for administering drugs that have just entered the U.S. market. New physician-administered drugs in Medicare Part B will be reimbursed at the wholesale acquisition cost plus 3 percent in 2019, according to the physician fee schedule. The current rate is Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) plus 6 percent. The cut would be in effect for at least the first three months a drug is on the market. At the point when average sales price data become available, providers would be reimbursed for the Average Sales Price (ASP) at 6 percent, which is unchanged from the current rate for existing Part B drugs that are not new to the market. • Another element of the rule expands the list of Medicare covered telehealth services. • The agency proposed this summer shrinking the number of billing codes to reduce physicians' paperwork burdens, but doctors warned it would hurt financial incentives for treating patients with complex conditions. • Dr. Seidman indicated that California Department Health Care Services (DHCS) also released a draft All-Plan Letter regarding telehealth, to clear the path for health plans to offer robust telehealth programs, including a change that telehealth does not have to originate from a delivery site (like a hospital or clinic). L.A. Care is in process of selecting a telehealth vendor to offer telehealth for urgent care services. He is pleased that regulators are clearing the path to additional ways to deliver care to our members. 	

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Finance & Budget Committee	Robert H. Curry, <i>Treasurer</i> , reported that the Finance & Budget Committee met on October 24, and the Committee approved a contract with NetCentric Technologies for Remediation Services that does not require Board approval. Minutes of the meeting are available by contacting Board Services.	
Chief Financial Officer Report	Ms. Montgomery reported that no financial statements are presented for this meeting as September 30 is fiscal year end. Staff will present fiscal year end financials to Finance Committee later this month and to the Board in December.	
Monthly Investment Transaction Report	Ms. Montgomery referred to the report on investment transactions included in the meeting materials for Committee member review. (<i>A copy of the report can be obtained by contacting Board Services</i>). As of September 30, 2018, L.A. Care’s total investment market value was \$ 1.3 billion.	
ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT		
Executive Community Advisory Committee (ECAC) Hilda Perez/Layla Gonzalez-Delgado	Board Member Hilda Perez, <i>Consumer Representative</i> , acknowledged members of the CCI Councils and RCACs at the meeting. Board Member Layla Gonzalez-Delgado, <i>Consumer Advocate Representative</i> , reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECAC met October 10 at the South LA Sports Activity Center. • Mr. Baackes updated the committee on the issues that he presented in his report earlier today. • The Lynwood Family Resource Center (FRC) location has moved to a larger location nearby and will open to the public later this month. Staff from L.A. Care’s Care Management team will work out of the FRCs to serve members with complex needs and increase opportunities for face-to-face contact. The goal is to have 13 operating FRCs by the end of 2020 across all of the RCAC and CCI Council regions. • Francisco Oaxaca, <i>Senior Director, Communication & Community Relations</i>, reported that Care Harbor LA was held October 13-15, 2018, and 3,000 wristbands were given out. He reported that voter registration cards will be at every FRC. He informed members that a medical transportation vendor has been selected to serve L.A. Care members. The vendor will offer exciting new benefits, including a fleet of L.A. Care-branded vehicles. • Hanan Obeidi, <i>Senior Director, Medi-Cal Administration</i>, provided an update on urgent care benefits. ECAC members had reported that members receive inaccurate urgent care information from L.A. Care departments, the Nurse Advice Line and Providers. Members have been turned away at urgent care centers because the center does not take Medi-Cal or 	

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	<p>does not contract with the member’s Physician Provider Group (PPG). Members have to use the emergency room for care. Three strategies are in place to address the issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve accuracy of urgent care center data by analyzing and updating urgent care data with affiliated PPG’s. ○ Enhanced Provider, member and L.A. Care Outreach & Engagement ○ Seek ways to expand the urgent care center network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dan Salo, <i>Senior Director, Medicare and CalMediConnect Operations</i>, reported that the SilverSneakers program would be offered through L.A. Care Cal MediConnect program benefits starting in 2019. SilverSneakers is a fitness program that includes access to participating gym and fitness centers in the network. Most locations of LA Fitness, 24 Hour Fitness, Golds, Curves, and Planet Fitness gyms accept SilverSneakers; over 15,000 gyms nationwide. They also offer fitness classes for all abilities led by trained SilverSneakers instructors at gyms and other locations. An update will be presented at each consumer advisory committee meeting. <p>Member Perez related a question that Dove Pinckney asked at a RCAC 6 meeting: Why were UCLA and Drew chosen for the <i>Elevating the Safety Net</i> program? She thanked Mr. Baackes for his response that because Drew medical school focuses on minority students, those students would be more likely to be compatible with and willing to serve the communities served by L.A. Care members. UCLA also has a strong history of recruiting minority students too. L.A. Care continues to build a relationship with UCLA, as described in Mr. Baackes’ report earlier today.</p> <p>PUBLIC COMMENT: Wilma Ballew, <i>Member</i>, CCI Council Area 2, noted that there were quite a few L.A. Care members yesterday at the California Endowment Center attending the PASC open house. She was glad to see information about Cal Medi-Connect and representatives from L.A. Care, but there was not a speaker from L.A. Care. Mr. Baackes said he would look into it.</p>	
<p>ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION</p> <p>Hector De La Torre</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT:</p> <p>Maggie Belton, <i>Member</i>, RCAC 3, stated that L.A. Care was at the PASC meeting yesterday. She also stated that she has concerns about the physician support program. She asked where the physicians would serve when they graduate, who will be the clientele and how the physicians will be enticed to serve as providers for L.A. Care members. She feels that an expert in these programs should be helping to developing the program. She strongly suggested that the consumers should be included in the discussions about the program.</p> <p>Chairperson De La Torre responded that the physician training program is new, and when things are not working, as they should, adjustments will be made. This is an important program for L.A. Care. L.A. Care is in control of the physician incentives but the medical schools select the students to be awarded the scholarships. The schools have the expertise in making the selection and they know their students. Mr. De La Torre noted that he wrote a program for California called</p>	

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	<p>the Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program (now known as the Health Professions Education Foundation) that has operated continuously in California since the 1990s. He explained the concept is to apportion the benefits over several years so the beneficiary is incentivized to remain in the community.</p> <p>Mr. Baackes indicated that Elevating the Safety Net Program has three components, and the scholarships are one part of the program. The other programs are to support safety net providers in recruiting and supporting (retain) physicians. Benefits are paid monthly in those programs, so if the participant opts out, the payment stops. It is thought that after three years, the participant will have put down roots in the community and will not have overwhelming debt and can choose to stay in the community to provide medical care to L.A. Care members. The same thinking is behind the payment of the medical school scholarships. Doctors who graduate without the debt of college tuition can choose to remain in the community where they went to school and do not have to seek out lucrative jobs in order to pay for the tuition.</p> <p><i>(Member Ridley-Thomas left the meeting.)</i></p> <p>Ms. Cooper noted that she has been a member of L.A. Care for a number of years. Since she first started, she has talked about housing but nothing happens. She does not get any response from Board Members. She asked what she should do to get a response.</p> <p>Chairperson De La Torre pointed out that the Board does take action on suggestions during public comment. He noted that there was discussion and funding of housing related grants earlier in this meeting.</p> <p>Member Gonzalez-Delgado asked if there could be training for members regarding tenants' rights. Dr. Seidman indicated that he is happy to come to ECAC to share what L.A. Care is doing for the homeless and for tenants who may be at risk for homelessness.</p> <p>Chairperson De La Torre noted that everything the public says and it impacts the direction of what L.A. Care does. For a health plan to be involved in housing or in programs to recruit physicians are rare. These programs came from the consumer advisory committees.</p> <p><i>(The following comments were simultaneously transled.)</i></p> <p>Rut Hernandez, RCAC 1 <i>Vice Chair</i>, stated that there is a great need for doctors in the Antelope Valley. She thanked L.A. Care for helping to increase the number of specialists available to its members in the Antelope Valley. She is concerned about grants to medical students and how we would retain the doctors and provide what they will need in the future. She asked how they would be encouraged to stay within the community. She proposed that students who want to be specialists be placed in low income areas to serve L.A. Care and L.A. Care can pay for their specialty training.</p> <p>Mr. Baackes noted that the scholarship program does not have a guarantee that the student will practice in the community. The medical schools do have a good idea of who will remain serving in Los Angeles County. This is why we asked the medical school staff to pick the students for this program. We do not know what area of practice the student will choose. We are also giving funds to practices to encourage doctors currently serving in the safety net in Los Angeles County to remain here.</p>	

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	<p>Dr. Seidman responded to Ms. Hernandez, adding that he would be happy to provide additional information to members with questions about the program. L.A. Care worked with the medical schools to develop these programs. He will be happy to attend a consumer advisory committee meeting to provide further detail.</p> <p><i>(The following comments were simultaneously transled.)</i></p> <p>Arun Tes Yang, RCAC 9, asked about the length of time for the scholarship. Dr. Seidman responded that the program has three separate components. The first is medical student scholarships for a four-year curriculum. Part two are grants that L.A. Care makes to employers that apply to receive funds of up to \$125 thousand to subsidize the salary, moving or recruitment expenses for a new physician serving L.A. Care members. The third part is loan repayment for physicians who serve in the L.A. Care network. The recipients only get the benefit of the program if they serve in the L.A. Care network. Ms. Yang suggested that the specifics about the program be written down and distributed to the community.</p> <p>Mr. Baackes indicated that he would be glad to come back to ECAC to discuss the program.</p> <p>Dr. Booth described the process of medical training and how L.A. Care has approached the scholarship program. She feels that L.A. Care has made good choices in developing this program in order to bring additional physicians to serve L.A. Care members.</p> <p>Ms. Yang thanked L.A. Care for the program and asked if three years is enough time. She asked if L.A. Care should continue its commitment to the student.</p> <p>Ms. Haydel announced the following items to be discussed in closed session. A report is not expected in open session. The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:54 p.m.</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 <p>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Section 54956.9 of Ralph M. Brown Act: One case</p> <p><i>(Members Ghaly and Roybal left the meeting.)</i></p> <p>CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of Ralph M. Brown Act: One case</p> <p><i>(Members Powers, Shapiro and Ballesteros left the meeting.)</i></p>	

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	REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECRET Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(n) Discussion Concerning New Product Lines <i>Estimated date of public disclosure: November 2020</i> CONTRACT RATES Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(m) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Partner Services Agreements 	
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION	The Board reconvened in open session at 4:36 p.m. There was no report from the closed session.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:
 Linda Merkens, *Senior Manager, Board Services*
 Malou Balones, *Senior Board Specialist*
 Jennifer Carabali, *Board Specialist*

APPROVED BY: _____
 Layla Delgado-Gonzalez, *Board Secretary*

Date Signed _____

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	<p>REPORT INVOLVING TRADE SECRET Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(n) Discussion Concerning New Product Lines <i>Estimated date of public disclosure: November 2020</i></p> <p>CONTRACT RATES Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.38(m)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan Partner Services Agreements 	
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION	The Board reconvened in open session at 4:36 p.m. There was no report from the closed session.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:
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APPROVED BY: 
Layla Delgado-Gonzalez, *Board Secretary*

Date Signed _____

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