

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes – August 26, 2019

1055 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017



L.A. Care
 HEALTH PLAN

Members

Hector De La Torre, *Chairperson*
 Al Ballesteros, *Vice Chairperson*
 Robert H. Curry, *Treasurer*
 Layla Gonzalez, *Secretary*
 Stephanie Booth, MD
 Hilda Perez

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John Baackes, *Chief Executive Officer*
 Terry Brown, *Chief Human Resources Officer*
 Augustavia J. Haydel, Esq., *General Counsel*
 Marie Montgomery, *Chief Financial Officer*
 Dino Kasdagly, *Chief Operating Officer*
 Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, *Chief Medical Officer*

**Absent ** Via Teleconference*

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CALL TO ORDER	Hector De La Torre, <i>Board Chairperson</i> , called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the members of the Committee, staff and guests to introduce themselves. He announced that members of the public may address the Committee on each matter listed on the agenda before the Committee's consideration of the item, or on any other topic at the Public Comment section.	
APPROVE MEETING AGENDA	The Agenda for today's meeting was approved.	Approved unanimously. 6 AYES (Ballesteros, Booth, Curry, De La Torre, Gonzalez and Perez)
PUBLIC COMMENTS	There were no public comments.	
APPROVE MEETING MINUTES	Member Booth commented regarding the Elevating the Safety Net motion. Member Booth reviewed and accepted the amended motion summary. The minutes of the June 24, 2019 meeting were approved as submitted.	Approved unanimously. 6 AYES
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT	Chairperson De La Torre appointed Al Ballesteros as the Chair of the Audit Committee. He thanked Terry Brown, <i>Chief Human Resources Officer</i> , for providing him information about L.A. Care which he used in a presentation on workforce development in Sacramento. It was well received and many participants were impressed.	

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORT	<p>John Baackes, <i>Chief Executive Officer</i>, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California’s Governor has issued an Executive Order to carve out prescription drug benefits from managed Medi-Cal. L.A. Care is working with Local Health Plans of California (LHPC) on a compromise which would allow state agencies to purchase the pharmaceuticals but would continue the managed care plans’ administration of the benefits. Funding approval by legislators will be needed in the future. LHPC has commissioned a report about other states which attempted this and just 4 out of 14 have proceeded with the carve out. • The federal government has released changes to federal regulations adding to the health care to the “public charge” rules. This would affect immigration proceedings for some Medi-Cal and other health program beneficiaries and is expected to have a chilling effect on enrollment for public health care programs. It is assumed there will be lawsuits filed to stop the proposed changes. • The Texas v. Azar lawsuit involves the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and a judgment could find unconstitutional the individual mandate which funds the premium subsidies through the ACA. California has enacted a tax penalty which will be effective in January 2020, to support the ACA in our state. • L.A. Care has joined the Opioid lawsuit filed in Ohio against an opioid manufacturer for various damages. <p>Chairperson De La Torre noted there are similar ACA cases.</p>	
Government Affairs Update	<p>Cherie Compartore, <i>Senior Director, Government Affairs</i>, reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Throughout the summer, L.A. Care partnered with Hunger Action LA in training the RCAC members on recent changes to the CalFresh program and opportunities to increase enrollment. This was followed by having meetings with RCAC members and their elected officials at the district level on CalFresh issues. There was significant interest from the legislative offices. • L.A. Care conducted a briefing for state and congressional staff to keep them informed of recent CalFresh changes. The briefing included presenters from County Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and Hunger Action LA. About 40 offices were represented. • With regards to the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax, legislators are moving forward on creating a new tax which would be retroactive to July 2019. Some health 	

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	<p>plans have concerns. The MCO tax generates between \$1.5 to \$2 billion annually for the Medi-Ca program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another draft rule has been released which reduces eligibility for SNAP beneficiaries. L.A. Care will submit a comment letter in support of the program. 																				
Human Resources Policies	<p>Mr. Brown requested that Policy HR 214 (Progressive Discipline) be removed from this motion pending further review.</p> <p>L.A. Care Policy HR-501 requires that the Executive Committee annually review substantial changes to human resources (HR) Policies. In 2006, the Executive Committee was delegated the task of an annual review of HR Policies. HR Policies are revised or written to reflect desired changes to L.A. Care’s practices, and to incorporate any changes necessitated by law.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="495 618 1591 1338"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="495 618 642 688">Policy Number</th> <th data-bbox="648 618 894 688">Policy</th> <th data-bbox="900 618 1108 688">Section</th> <th data-bbox="1115 618 1591 688">Description of Modification or Reason for Creation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="495 693 642 1029">HR-118</td> <td data-bbox="648 693 894 1029">Reimbursement for License/ Certification Renewal Expenses</td> <td data-bbox="900 693 1108 1029">Benefits</td> <td data-bbox="1115 693 1591 1029"> 1) Policy moved from Benefits number HR-118 to Center for Organizational Excellence number HR-701. 2) Time frame added for reimbursement of license/certification. 3) Maximum dollar amount added for fingerprint reimbursement. </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="495 1034 642 1192">HR-203</td> <td data-bbox="648 1034 894 1192">Attendance and Punctuality</td> <td data-bbox="900 1034 1108 1192">Employee Relations</td> <td data-bbox="1115 1034 1591 1192">1) Tardiness guidelines for exempt employees added. 2) Excessive absences and tardiness definitions revised.</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="495 1196 642 1338">HR-604</td> <td data-bbox="648 1196 894 1338">Payroll Deductions</td> <td data-bbox="900 1196 1108 1338">Compensation</td> <td data-bbox="1115 1196 1591 1338">1) Employee wage deductions updated to reflect federal and state laws</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Policy Number	Policy	Section	Description of Modification or Reason for Creation	HR-118	Reimbursement for License/ Certification Renewal Expenses	Benefits	1) Policy moved from Benefits number HR-118 to Center for Organizational Excellence number HR-701. 2) Time frame added for reimbursement of license/certification. 3) Maximum dollar amount added for fingerprint reimbursement.	HR-203	Attendance and Punctuality	Employee Relations	1) Tardiness guidelines for exempt employees added. 2) Excessive absences and tardiness definitions revised.	HR-604	Payroll Deductions	Compensation	1) Employee wage deductions updated to reflect federal and state laws	
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	<p><u>Motion EXE A.0819</u> To approve the revisions to Human Resources Policies: HR-118 (Reimbursement for License/Certification Renewal Expenses); HR-203 (Attendance and Punctuality); HR-604 (Payroll Deductions).</p>	<p>Approved unanimously. 6 AYES</p>
<p>Technical Advisory Committee Relaunch/Roster</p>	<p>Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, <i>Chief Medical Officer</i>, presented a motion on the relaunch of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).</p> <p>L.A. Care’s enabling legislation (CA Welfare & Institutions Code Sections 14087.95 through 14087.966) requires the establishment of three advisory committees to facilitate input from consumers, providers and other stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Community Advisory Committee and Regional Community Advisory Committees • Children’s Health Consultant Advisory Committee • Technical Advisory Committee <p>The last TAC meeting was held in July 2012, when the committee was focused on health information technology (HIT) issues. L.A. Care plans to relaunch the TAC this year. The TAC shall meet on a regular basis and members will provide expertise and assist the L.A. Care Board of Governors in formulating broad public policy directives, through the identification of issues in the community related to quality of care, including reviews of health care delivery models and innovations.</p> <p>The TAC will focus on transformation of health care services delivery, social determinants of health, Family Resource Center (to be renamed <i>Community Resource Centers</i>) expansion of services available, integration of medical and behavioral health, implementing a directly contracted provider network, exploring collaborative opportunities and emerging issues (such as governor’s proposals, legislative priorities, public option, etc.), increase awareness throughout the county and boost support through collaboration.</p> <p>The proposed membership includes a variety of very well respected individuals. This motion is to approve recommended membership as listed below.</p>	

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	<p><u>Motion EXE 100.0919</u> To approve the following members for the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC):</p> <p><u>L.A. Care:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Baackes • Richard Seidman, MD, MPH • Other L.A. Care participants <p><u>Recruited to Date:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Santiago Munoz (Chief Strategy Officer, UCLA) • Paul Chung, MD (Dean of Innovation - Kaiser School of Medicine, former UCLA Division Head, Ambulatory Pediatrics and RAND Health Services Researcher with a focus on SDOH) • Rishi Manchanda, MD (CEO, Health Begins. Experience in designing and operating Integrated Health Services Delivery) • Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH (CEO, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital) • Hector Flores, MD (CEO, Family Care Specialists IPA + Medical Group) • Muntu Davis, MD, MPH (Health Officer, County of Los Angeles) (invited but not confirmed) 	<p>Approved unanimously. 6 AYES</p> <p>The Committee approved placing this motion on the Consent Agenda for the September 5, 2019 Board of Governors meeting.</p>
<p>Approve Consent Agenda for the Board of Governors Meeting</p>	<p>The Committee approved the following motions to be added to the Consent Agenda for the Board of Governors meeting on September 5, 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 25, 2019 Board meeting minutes • Quarterly Investment Report • Information Technology Staff Augmentation Contract Amendments • Ratify elected Children’s Health Consultant Advisory Committee (CHCAC) Chair and Vice Chair • Technical Advisory Committee Relaunch/Roster 	<p>Approved unanimously. 6 AYES</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p>	

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ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION	<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 2:43 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>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>August 2021</i></p>	
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION	The meeting reconvened in open session at 2:51 pm. No reportable actions were taken during the closed session.	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.	

Respectfully submitted by:

Linda Merkens, *Senior Manager, Board Services*
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APPROVED BY:

Hector De La Torre, *Chair*
Date: _____

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 Date: 9-23-19

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