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AGENDA

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 2:00 P.M.

1055 West 7th Street, Conference Room 100, 1st Floor

Los Angeles, CA 90017

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WELCOME

Alex Li, MD
Chief Health Equity Officer, Chair

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| 1. Approve today's meeting Agenda | <i>Chair</i> |
| 2. Public Comment (<i>please see instructions above</i>) | <i>Chair</i> |
| 3. Approve the January 30, 2025, Meeting Minutes | <i>Chair</i> |
| 4. Chairperson Report | <i>Chair</i> |
| • Chief Health Equity Officer Update | |

Board of Governors
Technical Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
May 20, 2025

5. Government Affairs Update Government Affairs
 - State Budget (May Budget Revise)
 - Federal Budget
6. Roundtable: Reaction and Thoughts on Budget Cuts Chair
7. Roundtable: Reaction and Thoughts on How L.A. Care Can Support Angelenos, County Safety-Net Providers and Providers Chair

ADJOURNMENT

**The next Technical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled on
Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
and may be conducted as a teleconference meeting.**

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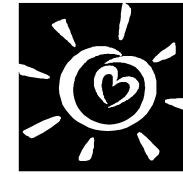
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BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Summary – January 30, 2025

1055 W. Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017



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Members

Alex Li, MD, *Chief Health Equity Officer, Chairperson*
Sameer Amin, MD, *Chief Medical Officer*
Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH*
Paul Chung, MD, MS
Muntu Davis, MD, MPH*
Rishi Manchanda, MD, MPH
Elan Shultz
Stephanie Taylor, PhD

Management

Noah Paley, *Chief of Staff*
Tom Schwaninger, *Senior Executive Advisor Digital, IT Executive Administration*
Wendy Schiffer, *Senior Director, Strategic Planning, Strategy*
Felix Aguilar-Henriquez, MD, *Medical Director, Quality, Quality Improvement*
Cherie Compartore, *Senior Director, Government Affairs*

* Absent ***Present (Does not count towards Quorum)

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CALL TO ORDER	Alex Li, MD, <i>Chief Health Equity Officer</i> , called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA	The Agenda for today's meeting was approved.	Approved Unanimously by roll call. 6 AYES (Amin, Chung, Li, Manchanda, Shultz, and Taylor)
PUBLIC COMMENT	There were no public comments.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES	The October 10, 2025, meeting minutes were approved as submitted.	Approved Unanimously by roll call. 6 AYES
CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT • Chief Health Equity Update	Member Alex Li, MD, gave a Chief Health Equity Officer Update.	

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	<p>Chairperson Li announced the appointment of Martha Santana-Chin as LA Care’s new Chief Executive Officer, effective January 6, 2025, following John Baackes’ recent retirement. Ms. Santana-Chin, a native of Los Angeles, brings extensive experience working with local health centers, safety-net providers, and key stakeholders at the city, state, and national levels. Despite only being in her role for a few weeks, she has already demonstrated calm and effective leadership, especially during the recent devastating fires. The fires impacted around 40,000 members in evacuation zones, including over 900 homebound individuals. L.A. Care prioritized outreach to those most at risk, including individuals with complex health conditions, and facilitated transfers of about 240 members from nursing facilities. Staff also faced evacuations, with about 10% displaced, though none lost their homes. The organization activated community resource centers to provide masks, food, and assistance, suspended prior authorization referrals to ease hospital discharges, and granted emergency funds to nonprofits supporting affected communities. Staff also contributed through donation drives. Ms. Santana-Chin will be bringing a motion to the board in February to explore additional support for affected members and providers. Chairperson Li also highlighted the board’s recent resolutions affirming L.A. Care’s commitment to serve all members regardless of immigration status and supporting California’s efforts to protect reproductive and immigrant rights. These resolutions provide a framework for ongoing policy discussions and advocacy. In children’s health, L.A. Care has identified four key focus areas: supporting the child welfare system, combating vaccine misinformation and promoting vaccine catch-up, building resiliency in school-aged youth, and aiding youth with complex health conditions in transitioning to adult care systems. The organization welcomes involvement from advisory committees and working groups on these issues. He also noted an important ongoing initiative is the enhancement of LA Care’s infrastructure and communication portals to improve two-way communication between the health plan, providers, and members. This system is currently in user acceptance testing and is expected to launch early this year.</p>	
<p>GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS UPDATE</p> <p>Immigration Policies</p> <p>Medi-Cal Benefits</p> <p>Covered California Benefits</p>	<p>Cherie Compartore, <i>Senior Director, Government Affairs</i>, gave a Government Affairs Update.</p> <p>Ms. Cherie Compartore reported on several concerning federal actions, particularly recent executive orders from the Trump administration. One major directive attempted to freeze nearly all federal grants and loans—excluding Social Security, Medicare, and reportedly Medicaid—but still caused confusion and disruptions, including temporary</p>	

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	<p>closures of Medicaid portals. Legal challenges have paused the implementation for now, with a judge expected to extend the freeze. Ms. Compartore noted that similar attempts to override Congress's budget authority have failed before and emphasized the impact this could have had on over 2,600 programs, such as funding for children's hospitals and public health services. She also flagged a new executive order that would prohibit federal funds from being used for gender-affirming care for minors, which is expected to face legal challenges. L.A. Care is awaiting guidance from California's Department of Health Care Services on how the state might respond if federal funding is restricted. Her team is actively tracking these executive actions and related lawsuits, focusing on areas like LGBTQ+ issues, health care, and immigration, and is willing to share those tracking documents. On the state budget, Ms. Compartore explained that although Proposition 35 passed, several programs lost potential funding because their support was contingent on its failure. As a result, there will be no new funding for continuous eligibility for children under five or for community health workers. Covered California remains unchanged for now, but enhanced federal subsidies are set to expire, posing another concern. She discussed the challenges of advocacy in the current political environment, with Republican control in Congress. Her team is strategizing how to effectively frame messaging, especially to conservative lawmakers, emphasizing the economic impact of cutting Medicaid and other services. They are considering hiring experts to help quantify and communicate the broader economic consequences.</p>	
HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE (HIE) UPDATE	<p>Tom Schwaninger, <i>Senior Executive Advisor Digital, IT Executive Administration</i>, gave a Health Information Exchange (HIE) Update (<i>a copy of the presentation can be obtained from Board Services</i>).</p> <p>The presentation on Health Data Interoperability outlined key developments and goals in enabling secure, timely, and efficient health information exchange between providers, payers, and patients. Interoperability was defined as more than just exchanging data—it involves using that data meaningfully to improve health outcomes. The federal government, through the Office of the National Coordinator (now ASTP) and CMS, sets nationwide interoperability standards and rules. At the state level, California's Data Exchange Framework (DxF), created by AB 133, mandates data sharing among most healthcare entities and designates Qualified Health Information Organizations (QHIOs) like LANES, which L.A. Care has selected as its intermediary. L.A. Care is compliant with both federal and state regulations, having implemented APIs for member access and clinical data sharing. It actively participates in governance through the LANES</p>	

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	Board and its internal HIE Steering Committee. The presentation also addressed value propositions and adoption barriers such as provider burden, privacy concerns, and the need for better integration of clinical and social service data.	
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER UPDATE	Sameer Amin, MD, <i>Chief Medical Officer</i> , advised the committee that the January 2025 Chief Medical Officer report is included in the packet for the committee to review. <i>This agenda item was not discussed.</i>	
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 P.M.	

Respectfully submitted by:
Victor Rodriguez, *Board Specialist II, Board Services*
Malou Balones, *Board Specialist III, Board Services*
Linda Merkens, *Senior Manager, Board Services*

APPROVED BY: _____
Alex Li, MD, *Chairperson*

Date Signed