



Minutes of CalPACE Board Meeting

January 14, 2020 | Conference Call

Attendees

Board members:

Arnold Possick, Brandman Centers for Senior Care
Cheryl Wilson, St. Paul's PACE
Eileen Kunz, On Lok Lifeways
Elizabeth Carty, WelbeHealth
Elizabeth Lee, CalOptima PACE
Joyce Hayes, Redwood Coast PACE
Kevin Mattson, San Diego PACE
Pamela Ansley, Sutter SeniorCare PACE
Tim Lash, Gary and Mary West PACE

CalPACE staff:

Peter Hansel, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer Blankenship, Senior Director of Operations
Fred Main, CalPACE Counsel

Other CalPACE Officers:

Bing Isenberg, Center for Elders' Independence

Guests:

Barbara LaHaie, Redwood Coast PACE
Carol Hubbard, St. Paul's PACE
Julie Erdmann, Sutter SeniorCare PACE
Renata Smith, Gary and Mary West PACE

Board members absent:

Maria Zamora, AltaMed PACE
Patricia Sandoval, Fresno PACE
Linda Trowbridge, Center for Elders' Independence

Note: These minutes are confidential and privileged and should not be circulated outside of the CalPACE Board.

Board Secretary Eileen Kunz welcomed members and convened the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

DECISIONS

Minutes of November 06, 2019 board meeting. Approved on a 9 -0 vote (Mattson/Lee)

Sutter designation of Julie Erdman as board representative. Approved on a 9 -0 vote (Ansley/Kunz)

Fresno designation of Phil Tsunoda as board representative. Approved on a 9 – 0 vote (Mattson/Lee)

Approval of Family Health Centers of San Diego membership. Peter Hansel described the application CalPACE has received from Family Health Centers of San Diego for full membership in CalPACE. Family Health Centers PACE became operative in July 2019. CalPACE reached out to them regarding CalPACE membership several times in 2019. Approved on a 9 – 0 vote (Mattson/Erdman)

DISCUSSION

2020 legislative and policy priorities. Peter Hansel went over a list of 11 potential policy areas for CalPACE to focus its advocacy efforts on in 2020. They include seeking amendments to the Medi-Cal Healthier California for All proposal; seeking recognition and support for PACE expansion in the state’s Master Plan for Aging; making improvements to the PACE level of care review process, and supporting and providing input to DHCS on staffing increases and implementation of AB 1128, and creation of a new dedicated PACE unit. Board members asked about the timing and amount of resources that will be needed to carry out advocacy efforts in these areas. Fred Main, CalPACE counsel and advocate, noted that some, such as the Medi-Cal Healthier California for All proposal and Master Plan for Aging, will require very active and involved advocacy efforts. In the case of the Medi-Cal Healthier California for All proposal, CalPACES efforts would need to last for a significant part of the year; in the case of the Master Plan at least through July.

Board members discussed each of the policy areas. Based on the discussion, there was consensus to designate the following as high priority areas for advocacy in 2020. These are areas where CalPACE will develop, adapt and advocate for its own proposals:

- Medi-Cal Health California for All
- Master Plan for Aging
- Level of Care review process
- DHCS staffing for oversight of PACE and plans for implementation of AB 1128

There was consensus that advocacy efforts to eliminate or modify PACE contract provisions that are difficult to comply with or not applicable to PACE due to its differences from managed care may need to become a high priority depending on the next set of contract changes that DHCS proposes.

There was consensus CalPACE efforts in 2020 related to issues that are stemming from the state’s policy of approving overlapping service areas should be focused on participating in NPAs efforts to develop recommendations and best practices for states.

There was consensus that CalPACES efforts related to simplifying the PACE application process for PACE applications in COHS counties should consist of advocating for inclusion of a blanket waiver or authority in the state’s 1115 and 1915 (b) waiver renewal proposals for DHCS to approve these applications if they otherwise meet the requirements for PACE and are supported by the COHS plan.

There was consensus that three policy areas – senior and supportive housing, new populations, and AB 5 dealing with independent contractors and employees – should be treated as lower priority issues where CalPACES efforts should be limited to supporting other organizations’ proposals and efforts. In the case of AB 5, the

efforts should be limited to tracking efforts to seek additional exemptions from AB 5 and developing resources to help members better understand how the bill applies to them.

Board members did not reach consensus on what CalPACEs advocacy efforts should be related to PACE rate setting and there was agreement to bring this item back to the board for further discussion at the next board meeting.

Non-dues revenue opportunities. Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the next board meeting.

CalPACE retreat updates. Due to time constraints, this item was moved to the next board meeting.

Other business. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned

Adjourned at 11:33 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Eileen Kunz, Secretary

Prepared by: Peter Hansel, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer Blankenship, Vice President of Operations