



Minutes of CalPACE Board Meeting

February 06, 2020

The Waterfront Beach Resort, Huntington Beach, CA

Attendees

Board members:

Arnold Possick, Brandman Centers for Senior Care
Cheryl Wilson, St. Paul's PACE
Eileen Kunz, On Lok Lifeways
Elizabeth Carty, WelbeHealth
Kevin Mattson, San Diego PACE
Linda Trowbridge, Center for Elders' Independence
Julie Erdmann, Sutter SeniorCare PACE
Tim Lash, Gary and Mary West PACE
Phil Tsunoda, Fresno 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
Bev Dahan, InnovAge
Carol Hubbard, St. Paul's PACE
Grace Li, On Lok Lifeways
Jackie Mark, CalOptima PACE
Jeff Gering, Family Health Centers of San Diego
Pamela Ansley, Sutter SeniorCare PACE
Susie Fishenfeld, Brandman Centers for Senior Care

Board members absent:

Elizabeth Lee, CalOptima PACE
Fran Butler Cohen, Family Health Centers of San Diego
Joyce Hayes, Redwood Coast PACE
Maria Zamora, AltaMed PACE

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Board Chair Linda Trowbridge welcomed members and convened the meeting at 4:00 P.M.

DECISIONS

Minutes of January 4, 2020 meeting. The minutes of the January 4, 2020 meeting as corrected to note the absence of Linda Trowbridge, were adopted (Mattson/Erdman; 9-0; Tsunoda abstaining).

2020 legislative and policy priorities. Peter Hansel provided an overview of the CalPACE 2020 legislative and policy priorities, as adopted by the board at its January 04, 2020 meeting. Four items were designated by the board as high priority areas for CalPACE advocacy in 2020 – seeking amendments to the Medi-Cal Healthier CA for All proposal, adoption of goals that promote access to PACE in the Master Plan for Aging, seeking changes to streamline and improve the PACE level of care review process, and supporting DHCS staffing for oversight of PACE and implementation of AB 1128. Four additional areas have been designated as lower priority areas in which CalPACES focus will be to support other organizations’ proposals and efforts. Two areas require further board review – PACE rate setting, which the board did not have sufficient time to discuss at its January 04 board meeting, and seeking changes to the PACE contract, for which proposed changes by DHCS are still pending.

The board discussed extensively whether to prioritize developing legislation to make changes to the PACE rate methodology or to send a letter with concerns to DHCS pointing out problems with the application of the methodology and seeking a meeting with Mercer, DHCS and Optumas to discuss adjustments. Some board members expressed concern that getting changes made to the Medi-Cal Healthier CA for All proposal is a high priority for CalPACE for 2020 and CalPACE should limit its efforts on rate setting to sending the letter to DHCS. Board members discussed the timing and level of effort that would be required to seek legislative changes to the Medi-Cal Healthier CA for All proposal and the rate methodology. Cheryl Wilson stated that proceeding with both efforts legislatively would be possible and that CalPACE should move forward with legislation to revise the rate methodology. After extensive discussion, a motion to send a letter expressing concerns with the application of the rate methodology and to seek legislative changes to ensure that PACE is included as, and better promoted as, an option in the Medi-Cal Healthier CA for All was adopted (Kunz/Lash; 9 – 1; Wilson voting no).

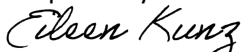
CalPACE Champion Award. After brief discussion, the board adopted a motion to present Joseph Billingsley with a PACE Champion award at the CalPACE Day in the Capitol (Wilson/Mattson; 10-0).

CalPACE 2021 retreat. Jennifer Blankenship reviewed location options for the 2021 retreat. Board members discussed a number of options but noted that it is fairer to southern CA POs to hold the retreat in southern California because the CalPACE quarterly meetings are generally in Sacramento.

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

Adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Eileen Kunz, Secretary

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