



Minutes of CalPACE Board Meeting

May 12, 2020

Zoom Meeting

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
Julie Erdmann, Sutter SeniorCare PACE
Kevin Mattson, San Diego PACE
Linda Trowbridge, Center for Elders' Independence
Maria Zamora, AltaMed PACE
Melissa Hooven, Redwood Coast PACE
Phil Tsunoda, Fresno PACE
Tim Lash, Gary and Mary West PACE

CalPACE staff:

Peter Hansel, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer Blankenship, Vice President of Operations
Lucas Evensen, Public Policy Analyst
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
Cindy Ward, LeadingAge California
Jackie Mark, CalOptima PACE
Jeff Gering, Family Health Centers of San Diego
Joyce Hayes, Redwood Coast PACE
Karli Holkko, WelbeHealth
Maria Lozzano, InnovAge
Pamela Ansley, Sutter SeniorCare PACE
Rena Smith, Gary and Mary West PACE
Rosana Scolari, San Diego PACE
Sharon Melancon, Fresno PACE
Shawn Bloom, National PACE Association
Susie Fishenfeld, Brandman Centers for Senior Care

Board members absent:

Fran Butler Cohen, Family Health Centers of San Diego

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

Board Vice Chair Cheryl Wilson convened the meeting at 3:15 P.M.

DECISIONS

Minutes of April 21, 2020 board meeting. The minutes of the April 21, 2020 board meeting were approved on a 12-0 vote (Zamora/Possick).

CalPACE financials through March 31, 2020. Leading Age CA VP for Finance Cindy Ward presented updated CalPACE financial statements through March 31 2020. The statement of financial position shows a strong financial position with a budget surplus of \$113,000. The statement of activities shows that overall, revenues and costs are for the most part tracking with projections from the budget. Several areas are showing savings, including website design, actuarial consulting and technical assistance consulting. A few are showing higher than anticipated costs, including legal work. CalPACE is receiving revenues and is incurring expenses from three strategic planning projects that were not included in the budget but the revenues and expenses are offsetting. A motion to adopt the financials was adopted on a 12-0 vote (Kunz/Lash).

CalPACE proposal for COVID-19 supplemental rate adjustment. Peter Hansel informed board members that CalPACE has submitted its proposal for a COVID-19 supplemental rate adjustment to the administration and key legislators. Fred Main explained that with access to the Capitol limited due to COVID-19 restrictions, a grassroots lobbying campaign, in which POs send letters of support to their local legislators and ask them to weigh in with budget chairs, will be the most effective. CalPACE is also starting to set up meetings with key officials including Dr. Gilbert, DHCS Director, and budget committee chairs in June and July. CalPACE will provide a template letter for POs to use for their letters of support as well as email addresses to send them and the names of the budget chairs.

DISCUSSION

NPA Update. Shawn Bloom provided an update on NPAs efforts and activities related to COVID-19. NPA is collecting data on positive COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths. Thus far, prevalence of the disease is relatively low among PACE participants. Many PACE organizations are doing innovative things to respond the public health emergency, including adapting PACE Centers to provider overnight care and use of mobile health clinics. NPAs COVID activities fall into five categories -- supporting current members, providing resources, providing connections, providing education, and thinking and planning around implications for PACE growth and marketing once the public health emergency subsides. NPA continues to advocate for regulatory and financial assistance for POs, including working with CMS to find a way for POs to draw down funds from the provider relief fund and inclusion of funding for PACE in the most recent House proposal.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eileen Kunz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eileen Kunz, Secretary

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