Minutes of CalPACE Board Meeting
March 22, 2019
Conference Call

Attendees
Board Members: Eileen Kunz, On Lok Lifeways
Joyce Hayes, Redwood Coast PACE
Kevin Mattson, San Diego ACE
Linda Trowbridge, Center for Elders’ Independence
Maria Zamora, AltaMed PACE
Pamela Ansley, Sutter SeniorCare PACE
Patricia Sandoval, Fresno PACE

CalPACE Staff: Peter Hansel, Chief Executive Officer
Jennifer Blankenship, Senior Director of Operations
Fred Main, CalPACE Counsel
Bing Isenberg, Center for Elders’ Independence

Guests: Elizabeth Lee, CalOptima PACE
Maria Lozzano, InnovAge
Rachael Rhodes, Optumas
Peter Fitzgerald, National PACE Association
Steve Schramm, Optumas

Board members absent: Arif Shaikh, CalOptima PACE
Arnold Possick, Brandman Centers for Senior Care
Cheryl Wilson, St. Paul’s PACE
Elizabeth Carty, Stockton PACE

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Board Chair Linda Trowbridge welcomed members and convened the meeting at 10:05 am.

Decisions

• Minutes of previous meeting. Minutes of the February 26 meeting were approved (Zamora/Mattson)

• Rate methodology proposal and fiscal estimates. Steve Schramm, Managing Partner with Optumas and Rachael Rhodes with Optumas provided an overview of the fiscal estimates Optumas has prepared on the elements of CalPACEs proposed rate methodology changes. The estimates are derived from data from 7 of the 11 member programs and account for about 2/3 of total PACE expenditures. Board members asked several clarifying questions. Mr. Schramm and Ms. Rhodes clarified that the 2 percent additional administrative cost add-on would not raise the upper administrative cost limit that Mercer has established. Establishing a floor of 90 percent of the amount that would otherwise be paid (AWOP) would add a larger amount to the rates; Mr. Schramm recommended that PACE organizations should emphasize what they would do with the additional revenues from this change. There was discussion of whether CalPACE should propose a specific percentage add on to administrative costs for capital costs, or add a line to the rate development
template. There was consensus to convene PACE CFOs to discuss and make recommendations on this element of the methodology.

- Positions on bills. Fred Main, CalPACE counsel and advocate, summarized 12 bills that staff are recommending that CalPACE support. The bills include proposals to increase Medi-Cal eligibility for aged and disabled persons, offer additional clinic licensing flexibility, implement aspects of a new master plan on aging, increase SSI/SSP payments, phase in a new LTSS financing program, and streamline training requirements for CNAs. After brief discussion, a motion to approve support positions on the bills was adopted (Kunz/Sandoval).

- Appointment of board member to Executive Committee. Board chair Linda Trowbridge explained that the charter for the CalPACE Executive Committee that the board adopted in August 2018 requires the appointment of a board member in addition to the officers who are committee members. Ms. Trowbridge recommended that Arif Shaikh, Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs at CalOptima, be appointed. It was noted that Mr. Shaikh currently serves on the Governance Committee, making him a good addition. A motion to appoint him to the Executive Committee was adopted (Kunz/Hayes).

Discussion

- Peter Fitzgerald, NPA VP, provided an overview and update on the West Coast PACE 2.0 Learning Collaborative initiative. Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed the growth aims and drivers for the initiative and activities to date, which is in its second action period, which involves development and completion of tests, data analysis, and accelerated testing. Total and monthly enrollment numbers increased to a level consistent with the growth aims at the start of the collaborative, but that was followed by several months of being below targeted levels. Mr. Fitzgerald outlined several things board members, as PACE 2.0 champions, can do to help move net enrollment up to the level consistent with the growth aims, including expanding membership of the action teams and clarifying members’ roles and supporting the growth initiative by tracking the performance data, holding regular meetings with teams, supporting rapid PDSA testing, ensuring adequate project management for the initiative and attending future learning sessions. Ms. Trowbridge noted additional things CEI is doing to increase the number of PDSA tests, and noted that most PACE organizations experience a seasonal enrollment decline in the winter months which has probably affected the net enrollment numbers.

Adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Kunz, Secretary

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