Minutes of CalPACE Board Meeting

January 21, 2014

Via Conference Call

Attendees:  Board members: Robert Edmondson, Molly Forrest, Linda Trowbridge, Marie Torres, Sharon Boyd

CalPACE staff: Peter Hansel, Executive Director; Fred Main, Legal Counsel

Chair Robert Edmondson convened the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

[DECISIONS]

Minutes of Previous Meetings. The minutes of the January 14, 2014 board meeting were approved on a 5-0 vote (Trowbridge/Torres).

PACE Rate Setting. Board members continued their discussion of proposed legislative language to restore PACE rates and modifications designed to address geographic disparities in PACE rates. Modifications developed by AltaMed to establish a benchmark for permissible variation in rates were discussed by board members. There was consensus that there is a need to ensure equitable treatment of PACE organizations whatever geographic region they operate in, that rates need to reflect actual costs and risks of providing PACE services, and that rates should ensure the viability, sustainability, and growth of PACE. There was not consensus to adopt language committing to a goal of equivalent rates. Board members also expressed a desire to develop further information through NPA on the population blend used in other states to set rates and to continue to push on DHCS to get greater transparency on development of the rate methodology. Revised language concepts were put forward by Linda Trowbridge and were discussed and modified by the board. There was tentative agreement to have staff develop this language, have legal counsel review it, and send it to board members for review.

CalPACE 2014 Legislation. Chairman Edmondson noted that it is the interest of many board members to concentrate CalPACEs legislative advocacy in 2014 on enactment of rate restoration provisions. Chairman Edmondson expressed that while it would be good to get further legislative changes made to increase access to PACE in CCI and other managed care counties and to get additional and broader flexibilities for PACE, restoration and protection of rates is the most important issue. There was no objection among board members to tabling for now the additional legislative proposals.

Board meeting notices. Chairman Edmondson reminded board members and staff that the intent and previous direction has been to limit distribution of board meeting notices and materials to board members only and to let board members decide who else to distribute them to. There was consensus to adhere to this policy going forward.
DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Molly Forrest
Secretary

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