Chair Robert Edmondson convened the meeting at 3:50 PM

DECISIONS

Minutes of Previous Meetings. The minutes of the February 7, 2014 board meeting were approved on a 5-0 vote (Wilson/Boyd).

HPMS reporting. Mr. Hansel presented recommendations for simplification and streamlining of HPMS Level 1 reporting measures that come from a CalPACE working group that has met over the fall and early winter. Mr. Hansel noted that the recommendations are largely consistent with those made by NPA but do not include several measures recommended by NPA. After discussion, there was consensus for CalPACE to present these recommendations to CMS Region 9 and enlist the support of David Sayer, CMS Region 9 Administrator, CMS Baltimore staff, and DHCS staff.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

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. Steve Schramm from Optumas discussed the analysis of rate disparity issues that Optumas is conducting at the request of the board. Mr. Schramm noted that the analysis attempts to identify categories of service where access barriers affect utilization and to estimate the differences in utilization between southern and northern California counties. A review of the data shows that the utilization of personal care, skilled nursing facility and acute hospital usage is decidedly lower in the southern California counties.

Generally the analysis is finding significant impacts on UPLs in the counties with low utilization rates. After discussion there was consensus to present this analysis to DHCS, get more documentation from Optumas, and have the PACE CFOs further review the analysis.
Options for Political Involvement. Fred Main, CalPACE legal counsel, advised the CalPACE board on options for political involvement. Mr. Main noted that the options include establishing a 501(c)(3) entity to receive funds for political involvement. PACE officials can also attend fundraising events and support candidates personally, but cannot lobby or advocate at the same events. PACE officials can also organize, on their own time, work with campaign committees to organize dinners or other events through which they agree to personally contribute to the campaigns.

Report on NPA State Associations meeting. Peter Hansel, CalPACE Executive Director, reported on the NPA State Association meeting January 27 and 28, 2014. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for established PACE state associations as well representatives from PACE organizations in states with a larger number of PACE programs, to discuss the best way to maintain the relationship between NPA and state groups. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to discussing principles as well as components to be included in charter agreements between NPA and all existing and new PACE state associations and affiliates.

Representatives from Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Texas, Michigan, New York, and California attended the meeting. Mr. Hansel reported that there is a high degree of consensus for NPA and state affiliates to share basic data and information on their members. It was also discussed that the NPA governance structure should be modified to allow for board representation by a state association official. There was agreement that there is a need for a common dues structure to incentivize PACE organizations to become members of both NPA and state organizations. This would hopefully lead to the formation of additional state associations. Some board members expressed concern over the amount of dues paid to NPA. NPA is drafting a summary of the meeting and distribute an outline for state charter agreements for review.

The CalPACE board agreed that they would like to find the appropriate working relationship with NPA. While some issues can be handled on a national level, there are other issues that are state related and would not benefit NPA to be involved in.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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