



Strategic Planning Committee

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Locations:

Partnership HealthPlan of California Offices

The Fairfield East Board Room (4665 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA)

Santa Rosa Huddle Room (495 Tesconi Circle, Santa Rosa, CA)

Redding Huddle Room 1 (2525 Airpark Road, Redding, CA)

Sue-Meg Conference Room (1036 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA)

1. Welcome & Introductions..... Dean Germano, Chair

2. Committee Member Comments:

At this time committee members may provide comments and announcements.

3. Public Comments:

At this time members of the public may address the Committee on any non-agenda item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Committee on a scheduled agenda item during the Committee's consideration of that item. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes.

4. Approval of Agenda (Decision).....Dean Germano, Chair

5. Review & Approval of 1/18/2023 Minutes (Decision)Dean Germano, Chair

6. PHC Update.....Sonja Bjork

7. Governor's Budget & Legislative Update..... Dustin Lyda

8. CalAIM/ Five Year Timeline Review..... Amy Turnipseed

9. Transportation Update.....Wendi West

10. Adjournment..... Dean Germano, Chair

Upcoming meetings: July 19, 2023, October 18, 2023

This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.

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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Members or designee: Dean Germano, Paula Cohen, Tim Rine, Alicia Hardy, Melissa Marshall, Kathryn Powell, Doreen Bradshaw, Nancy Stark, Jonathan Portney, Lewis Broschard, MD, Lance LeClair

Guest: Cathryn Couch

Staff: Liz Gibboney, Patti McFarland, Sonja Bjork, Amy Turnipseed, Dani Ogren, Wendi West, Dustin Lyda, Mark Bontrager, Robert Moore, MD, Kirt Kemp, Jessica Cifolelli

Topic	Lead	Notes	Follow-up
Updates / Introductions	Liz Gibboney, CEO	Liz Gibboney convened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.	
Committee Member Comments	All	There were no committee member comments.	
Public Comments	All	There were no public comments.	
Resolution	Liz Gibboney	Ms. Gibboney introduced Cathryn Couch. Cathryn Couch will fill a vacant seat on the Strategic Planning Committee.	
Approval of the Agenda	Liz Gibboney	The committee approved the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on January 18, 2023. <i>Doreen Bradshaw motioned to approve, and Tim Rine seconded.</i>	
Previous Minutes Approval	Liz Gibboney	The approval of meeting minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on October 12, 2022, approved as written. <i>Doreen Bradshaw motioned to approve, and Nancy Stark seconded.</i>	

Board Retreat Discussion	Liz Gibboney & Amy Turnipseed	<p><u>Ms. Gibboney gave the following updates on the Board Retreat:</u></p> <p>The Board retreat will take place in-person in February, at the River Terrance Inn located in Napa, CA. There will be a brief Board Meeting from 7:30 am -9:00 am. The Strategic Planning Retreat will start at 9:30 am and will be facilitated by Bobbie Wunsch. Liz shared that Elizabeth Landsberg, HCAI Director, will be the main speaker presenting on <i>Healthcare Workforce</i>. Liz noted that she has not been successful in finding a Change Management speaker for the retreat.</p> <p><i>Dean has requested that the Strategic Planning Retreat invitation be sent to Tim Rine.</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Gibboney asked the committee if they have any recommendations for guest speakers.</i></p>	
CEO Update	Liz Gibboney	<p><u>Ms. Gibboney gave the following updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz notified the committee that PHC is being sanctioned for underperformance on MCAS for MY 2021. PHC and other plans began receiving notice on December 13 in regard to total sanctions for MY 2021. In late December DHCS imposed a financial sanction on PHC due to low scores for MY2021. PHC is appealing the sanction due to some components used in DHCS' determination: 1) In 2021 all plans were asked to prioritize COVID vaccinations. Quality efforts shifted to the pandemic. 2) DHCS, mid-year in 2021, utilized new criteria for sanctions. • PHC will have the opportunity to meet and confer with DHCS regarding the sanctions. 	<p>Once a final report is received from DHCS it will be shared with the committee.</p>

Legislation Update	Dustin Lyda	<p><u>Mr. Lyda gave the following Legislative updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislative Analyst Office published their 2023-24 fiscal outlook anticipating a \$25 billion deficit. Historically, health care (Medi-Cal) programs have faced early cuts to address budget shortfalls. Partnership will advocate to maintain the progress that has been made to basic Medi-Cal services. • DHCS proposes to enact a three-year MCO tax renewal effective January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2026, to provide additional revenue for the Medi-Cal program to support access to health care services and minimize the need for reductions to the program. <p><i>Amy Turnipseed shared that the Government Affairs Team is taking a proactive approach meeting with other organizations in Sacramento to build a presence and advocate for issues.</i></p>	
CalAIM/ Five Year Timeline Review	Amy Turnipseed	<p><u>Ms. Turnipseed gave the following updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Core system: PHC is moving forward with replacing our current claims system, Amisys. This is expected to go live with the new system in April 2023. • CalAIM: Additional populations of focus added to ECM – LTC, at risk of institutionalization, and nursing home residents transitioning to the community; children and youth populations of focus. Populations Health Management Implementation. Justice-Involved Package. • Transportation In-House: Partnership will end its contract with MTM and manage both NEMT and NMT benefits. This change is effective April 1. • Redeterminations: Congress passed the Omnibus bill, which included the requirement for states to begin Medicaid eligibility redeterminations by April 1, 2023, even if the public health emergency is still in effect. • Expanded full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to all income-eligible adults aged 26-49 regardless of immigration status beginning no sooner than January 2024. 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repapering of DHCS Contract: Effective January 1, 2024, health plans will operate under the new, rigorous MCP contract, to provide quality, equitable and comprehensive coverage for Medi-Cal managed care members. The new contracts require partnerships with local health departments, local educational and governmental agencies, and other local programs and services, including social services, child welfare departments, and justice departments, to ensure member care is coordinated and members have access to community-based resources. 	
Adjournment	Amy Turnipseed	<i>Ms. Turnipseed adjourned the meeting at 10:42 a.m.</i>	

Legislative Update

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SB 282 (Eggman) Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics.

Requires federally qualified health centers and rural health centers to receive Medi-Cal reimbursement for two visits on the same day at the same location under the following circumstances: the patient suffers from illness or injury that requires additional treatment and diagnosis after the first visit; or, the patient has a medical visit and a mental health or dental visit on the same day.

Position: Watch

SB 424 (Durazo) California Children's Services Program.

Existing law establishes a Whole Child Model program for Medi-Cal eligible CCS children and youth enrolled in a Medi-Cal managed care plan served by a county organized health system or Regional Health Authority, or, commencing no sooner than January 1, 2024, an alternate health care service plan, in certain counties.

This bill would specify that only those counties [counties currently served by a COHS managed care plan] are authorized for the Whole Child Model program. This bill would prohibit the inclusion of counties joining a COHS plan or a single plan in 2024.

*Department Trailer Bill Language would expand Whole Child Model to the eight dependent CCS counties (Colusa, Glenn, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba) in 2024; and the two independent CCS counties (Butte and Placer) in 2025. This implementation timeline is based on the feedback provided by counties.

Position: SB 424 - Oppose unless amended

SB 598 (Skinner) Health care coverage: prior authorization.

Prohibits a health plan or health insurer from requiring a contracted health professional with a total contracting history of at least 36 months, to complete or obtain a prior authorization for specified covered health care services if, in the most recent one-year contracted period, the health plan approved or would have approved not less than 90% of the prior authorization requests submitted by the health professional for the class of health care services or treatments subject to prior authorization.

Position: Watch – PHC is actively engaged in proposing amendments

AB 719 (Boerner Horvath) Medi-Cal benefits [Transportation].

Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to require Medi-Cal managed care plans to contract with public transit operators for the purpose of establishing reimbursement rates for nonmedical medical transportation (NMT) and nonemergency medical transportation trips (NEMT) provided by a public transit operator.

Position: LHPC - Oppose unless amended

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AB 815 (Wood) Provider credentials

This bill would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to create and maintain a provider credentialing board, with specified membership, to certify private and public entities for purposes of credentialing physicians and surgeons and other health care providers in lieu of a health care service plan's or health insurer's credentialing process. The bill would require the board to convene by July 1, 2024, develop criteria for the certification of public and private credentialing entities by January 1, 2025, and develop an application process for certification by July 1, 2025.

Position: Watch

CalAIM – Community Supports

- **AB 1338 (Petrie-Norris) Medi-Cal: community supports.**

This bill would add fitness, physical activity, recreational sports, and mental wellness memberships to the list of community supports

Position: Watch

- **AB 586 (Calderon) Medi-Cal: community supports: climate change or environmental remediation devices**

This bill would add climate change or environmental remediation devices to the list of community supports. For purposes of these provisions, the bill would define “climate change or environmental remediation devices” as coverage of devices and installation of those devices, as necessary, to address health-related complications, barriers, or other factors linked to extreme weather, poor air quality, or climate events, including air conditioners, electric heaters, air filters, or backup power sources, among other specified devices for certain purposes.

Position: Watch

- **AB 1644 (Bonta) Medi-Cal: medically supportive food and nutrition services**

This bill would make medically supportive food and nutrition intervention plans, as defined, a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal program, upon issuance of final guidance by the department. The bill would require medically supportive food and nutrition intervention plans be covered when determined to be medically necessary by a health care provider or health care plan.

Position: Watch

In Five Years Timeline: Where will Partnership be?

Updated: April 2023

Year	Possible Program or Benefit change
2023	New core system: Partnership is moving forward with replacing our current claims system, Amisys. Expect to go live with the new system in August 2023.
	CalAIM*: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional populations of focus added to ECM – LTC, at risk of institutionalization, and nursing home residents transitioning to the community; children and youth populations of focus Populations Health Management Implementation Justice-Involved Package
	New benefits going live January 2023: Doula and Dyadic Care.
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	County Expansion into 10 Northern California counties
2026	CalAIM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCQA Accreditation is required for Medi-Cal Managed care plans, including NCQA Health Equity Accreditation (this HE requirement will be new for Partnership). All managed care plans will be required to have a DSNP product.
2027	CalAIM: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full Integration pilots go-live. Administrative Integration of SMI & SUD services

Updated California Advancing and Innovation Medi-Cal (CalAIM) implementation timelines, per DHCS (updated July 2022) - <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/CalAIM/Documents/CalAIM-Launch-Timeline-July-Update.pdf>