

HIGHLIGHTS

MARCH 2, 2017, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The following is a summary of items heard by the Board.

Harder+Company to Conduct CalOptima Member Health Needs Assessment

The CalOptima Board of Directors selected Harder+Company Community Research (Harder+Company) to conduct a comprehensive Member Health Needs Assessment (MHNA). The MHNA will be used to understand the greatest needs of CalOptima's Medi-Cal members as well as their barriers to access, gaps in service and health disparities. Harder+Company scored the highest among the five firms that responded to CalOptima's Request for Proposal for MHNA consultant services. Harder+Company was selected due to the completeness of its proposal as well as company knowledge and experience in completing community health needs assessments with local organizations, health plans and other public agencies. Along with subcontractor Social Science Research Center at California State University, Fullerton, Harder+Company will assist staff with the activities associated with the MHNA, including the administration of member and provider/key informant surveys and the development of a final health needs assessment report and recommendations.

CalOptima Addresses Opioid Epidemic's Impact on Orange County

CEO Michael Schrader informed the Board about CalOptima's Informational Series event regarding the opioid epidemic's impact on Orange County. The event, held on March 3, 2017, raised community awareness about the issue and shared CalOptima's efforts to prevent opioid abuse. Speakers included CalOptima Board Member Dr. Nikan Khatibi and Deputy Chief Medical Officer Richard Bock, M.D., in addition to other subject matter experts.

Special Funding Addresses Unmet Member Needs

The Board authorized staff to pursue participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) program for 2015–16 (IGT 6) and 2016–17 (IGT 7) by submitting a Letter of Interest to the Department of Health Care Services. IGTs are transfers of public funds between government entities, which are used to draw down matching federal funds that provide for enhanced programs and benefits to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. To date, CalOptima has participated in five IGT transactions, which have addressed members' unmet needs, such as increased access to vision and dental benefits, and wraparound services for children. The Board also authorized staff to enter into agreements with five local public entities that have indicated interest in partnering with CalOptima for these transactions: University of California, Irvine, Children and Families Commission of Orange County, County of Orange, City of Orange and City of Newport Beach.

CalOptima Board Names New Board Chair

The CalOptima Board of Directors elected anesthesiologist Paul Yost, M.D., as chair, effective March 31, 2017. Current Chair Mark Refowitz is retiring as director of the Orange County Health Care Agency and completing his service on the Board, effective March 31, 2017. Dr. Yost will serve as Chair for the remainder of Mr. Refowitz' term, through June 30, 2017, until another election is held.