

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

April 6, 2017

CalOptima to Participate in the South County Senior Summit

To further CalOptima's history of community engagement, the Board of Directors approved CalOptima's participation in Age Well Senior Services' 2017 South County Senior Summit, which will take place on May 12, 2017, in Laguna Woods. CalOptima's support for the summit, authorized up to \$10,000, will provide outreach and education to CalOptima members. The 10th annual event is expected to draw more than 1,200 attendees and will be televised in thousands of households throughout South Orange County. CalOptima CEO Michael Schrader will be included in the program and will be sharing information about CalOptima's programs that are focused on the senior population, including OneCare Connect and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

CalOptima Advocates Address Federal Health Legislation

Josh Teitelbaum and Geoff Verhoff, representatives of CalOptima's federal advocacy firm, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, spoke about recent developments related to the American Health Care Act (AHCA). The AHCA is federal legislation designed to restructure Medicaid financing as well as repeal and replace major portions of the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Verhoff informed the Board about the firm's ongoing and constructive efforts to educate members of the Orange County legislative delegation regarding the AHCA's potential local impact. He added that the AHCA's current status remained unclear, given that the bill was pulled from the U.S. House of Representatives on March 24, 2017, due to lack of support. Soon after the removal of the AHCA from floor consideration, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan indicated that Republicans are "moving on" from health care. However, in the few weeks since the aborted AHCA vote, there have been intermittent efforts to revive the bill and indications that administrative action may be used to effectuate aspects of the health care reform agenda. As such, Mr. Teitelbaum stated that Akin Gump, along with CalOptima staff, will continue to closely monitor AHCA-related legislative and regulatory developments.

Advisory Committees Report on Activities

The Board received updates from its three stakeholder advisory committees. Mallory Vega, Executive Director of Acacia Adult Day Services and Chair of the Member Advisory Committee; Christine Chow, Director of Community Relations for Alzheimer's Orange County and member of the OneCare Connect Member Advisory Committee; and Pamela Pimental, CEO of MOMS Orange County and member of the Provider Advisory Committee, summarized the focus of their respective March committee meetings, which addressed topics ranging from quality and pay for value programs to behavioral health.

New Leaders Assume Roles at April Meeting

Paul Yost, M.D., led his first meeting as chair of the CalOptima Board of Directors. Dr. Yost's term began March 31, 2017, following the retirement from the Orange County Health Care Agency of former Board Chair Mark Refowitz. Richard Sanchez also joined the Board for his first meeting. Mr. Sanchez is the current Director of the Orange County Health Care Agency and occupies the non-voting Board seat designated for the head of that agency.

ABOUT CALOPTIMA

CalOptima is a county organized health system that administers health insurance programs for low-income children, adults, seniors and people with disabilities in Orange County. Our mission is to provide members with access to quality health care services delivered in a cost-effective and compassionate manner. As one of Orange County's largest health insurers, we provide coverage through four major programs: Medi-Cal, OneCare Connect Cal MediConnect Plan (Medicare-Medicaid Plan), OneCare (HMO SNP) (a Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan), and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

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