

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

December 7, 2017

Board Explores Opportunities to Address Housing Needs of Homeless Members

The Board authorized staff to seek an extension of the development agreement associated with CalOptima's current office building through 2026. The agreement is currently set to expire in 2020 and includes the possible construction of a 10-story, 200,000-square-foot office tower and a 1,528-space parking structure. The Board directed staff to pursue an extension and to expand the scope of the current development agreement to include all permissible uses of the land. Subsequently, staff will develop a Request for Information (RFI) process to gauge the real estate community's interest in developing mixed-used projects, along with additional parking capacity. The Board also expressed significant interest in exploring the possibility of designating part of a mixed-use development for the housing needs of homeless members.

CalOptima Prepared for Transition to In-House Behavioral Health

The Board approved policy updates related to CalOptima's transition to in-house management of Medi-Cal behavioral health benefits on January 1, 2018. Staff informed the Board that the agency was prepared to handle the administration of mental health and Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services, having built a robust provider network in the months since the transition was initially approved. As part of this transition process, that the Board approved two new policies related to utilization management of psychological testing and ABA services. In addition to establishing these new policies, CalOptima's Behavioral Health Integration department is leveraging existing internal expertise as well as hiring subject matter experts to ensure a smooth transition for members and providers. CalOptima members in OneCare and OneCare Connect will continue to be served by Magellan Healthcare, CalOptima's delegated behavioral health network.

Winner of CalOptima Employee Activities Committee (EAC) Scholarship Opens Board Meeting

Jacqueline Ruddy, a graduate student at the University of Southern California's (USC) School of Social Work and the winner of CalOptima's \$1,000 EAC scholarship, opened the Board meeting with short, heartfelt remarks thanking the Board and CalOptima employees for their support. After winning the EAC scholarship, she entered and won the national scholarship contest sponsored by the Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP), a national association of Medicaid plans. Ms. Ruddy's winning essay described how the care she received through CalOptima helped her recover from cancer twice and inspired her to pursue higher education. After earning her degree, she plans to work as an advocate for families dealing with major health issues.

Mary R. Hale Named to the Provider Advisory Committee (PAC); Alan Edwards, M.D., Remembered

The Board approved the appointment of Mary R. Hale as the Orange County Health Care Agency representative for the CalOptima PAC. Ms. Hale is the Behavioral Health Director for the Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA), and she replaces Alan Edwards, M.D., who recently retired from the agency. OCHCA Director Richard Sanchez shared with the Board the sad news that Dr. Edwards passed away soon after his retirement. PAC Chair Teri Miranti recognized Dr. Edwards' 10 years of dedicated service to PAC, and the Board expressed their condolences to Dr. Edwards' family and colleagues. Staff will prepare and present an acknowledgement of his service at a future Board meeting.

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 (Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan), and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

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