

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – May 4, 2020

1055 W. Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017



Members

Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, *Chairperson***
 John Baackes, CEO**
 Santiago Munoz **
 Paul Chung, MD, MS **
 Muntu Davis, MD, MPH *

Elaine Batchlor, MD, MPH **
 Hector Flores, MD **
 Elan Shutzl **
 Stephanie Taylor, PhD**
 Rishi Manchanda, MD, MPH**

Management

Augustavia Haydel, Esq., *General Counsel*
 James Kyle, MD, MDiv, *Director, Quality*

* *Absent* ***Via Teleconference*

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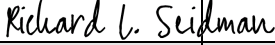
AGENDA ITEM/ PRESENTER	MOTIONS / MAJOR DISCUSSIONS	ACTION TAKEN
CALL TO ORDER	Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, <i>Chief Medical Officer</i> , called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA	The Agenda for today’s meeting was approved as submitted.	Approved Unanimously. 7 AYES (Batchlor, Chung, Manchanda, Munoz, Seidman, Shutzl, Taylor)
PUBLIC COMMENT	There were no public comments.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES	The January 22, 2020 meeting minutes were approved as submitted.	Approved Unanimously. 7 AYES
L.A. CARE’S COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESPONSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Executive Officer Update 	Member John Baackes and Member Seidman presented information on L.A. Care’s COVID-19 Response (<i>a copy of the presentation can be obtained from Board Services.</i>). <u>Policy Impacts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom on April 23 gives California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and managed care plans flexibility on deadlines and requirements for Medi-Cal 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CalAIM, the new Medi-Cal waiver proposal, put on hold indefinitely • Pharmacy carve out set to begin in 2021, will likely move forward • Covered California Open Enrollment extended to June 30 • Supreme Court ruled 8-1 that Congress must make ACA risk corridor payments to health plans <p><u>L.A. Care Legislative Advocacy</u> Taking a leading role in advocacy to preserve Medi-Cal benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Appropriation to keep Medicaid whole for two years - Postponement of Medicaid Fiscal Accountability Regulation - Presumptive eligibility at the time of enrollment - Suspension of the public charge rule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to advocate for vulnerable populations • Participation in 2020 Census <p><u>Funding Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care is providing nearly \$70 million to assist frontline healthcare providers and our most vulnerable member and community members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to \$35 million in accelerated claims payment to L.A. Care network hospitals. - \$21 million in advanced pay for performance incentive payments for individual providers and Federally Qualified Health Center clinics that serve L.A. Care Medi-Cal members. - \$7 million in accelerated grant payments to clinics and community-based organizations that are current grantees. - \$6 million in grant and targeted funding to support our most vulnerable members and community members, including individuals experiencing homelessness - \$6 million in grant and targeted funding covers: up to 75 additional recuperative care beds for L.A. Care members, Phones, tents, and hygiene kits for up to 1,000 individuals experiencing homelessness to support social distancing and to stay in touch with their providers. It also covers testing and telehealth support for members and other individuals in interim housing settings, legal aid for community members facing eviction, and meal deliveries for up to 750 homebound members. 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Medical Officer Update 	<p>Member Elaine Batchlor stated that funding distributed through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has mainly focused on Medicare populations. She asked Member Seidman if he knew if money would be distributed to the providers. She added it is hard to tell when providers will be receiving payment for new patients due to the unemployment increase. Member Baackes responded that L.A. Care had no indication that the government knew how to distribute the money. The funding has been appropriated for over a month. Banking information was requested to distribute funding to providers. He noted that L.A. Care may have to work with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) on a way to better distribute funding. Member Batchlor suggested that L.A. Care advocate that some funding reaches providers. She thanked Member Baackes for his support.</p> <p>Member Rishi Manchanda thanked Member Baackes for his support and his advocacy. He asked Member Baackes about the Department of Public Health working to connect Medi-Cal and L.A. Care to help providers report critical testing data. Member Seidman responded that about 5 weeks ago he and Member Baackes established weekly calls with the county and key public health leaders to discuss facilities and facility issues. Work groups were also established to focus on Skilled Nursing Facilities. Los Angeles County Medi-Cal managed care plans were recruited. The calls focus on Medi-Cal. The group also discusses expanding access to testing in a strategic manner.</p> <p>Member Elan Shultz stated things haven been moving fast at the County. He noted that he has been working on testing with the Department of Health Services. He would like to work with L.A. Care to transition some effort to support testing in regular sources of care.</p> <p>Member Seidman reported:</p> <p><u>High Risk Member Outreach</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Targeted telephonic outreach to over 250,000 members to inform them that they may be in a high-risk group, provide guidance, and refer them to resources • Care management is providing intensive outreach to over 1,600 of our most vulnerable members to ensure that they have food, medication and other needs covered, and connect them to resources as needed • Community Resource Center staff are further expanding our ability to support our members and combat social isolation by making “wellness check” calls to regular guests of our resource centers 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Addressing Disparities 	<p><u>Increased Use of Remote Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nurse Advice Line utilization increased 2 ½ times during March and is now coming back down, but remains elevated relative to baseline Mail order pharmacy increased Anti-anxiety, anti-asthmatic, and Hydroxychloroquine/Chloroquine prescriptions all increased Teledoc benefit was added in January and visits have increased Community Link, an online resource platform, is available to our staff, members, and providers, and helps link folks to needed services. There are four specific pages for COVID-19 emergency resources. <p>James Kyle, MD, MDiv, <i>Director, Quality</i>, reported about L.A. Care’s efforts to address disparities (<i>a copy of the presentation can be obtained from Board Services.</i>).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In response to the mounting evidence on the national and local level, L.A. Care leadership moved quickly to address racial disparity for COVID-19 infections and mortality in L.A. County L.A. Care has partnered with The California Endowment, the L.A. County Department of Public Health, the City of Los Angeles and local healthcare leaders L.A. Care is collecting member data and observing County data Key leaders within L.A. Care have volunteered to develop a plan to address this challenge Developing a social media and radio campaign to reach young individuals with tailored messages regarding prevention. We are looking to recruit entertainers and celebrities to produce public service announcement on our behalf. There is planning going forward for a virtual town hall with key community and political leaders to discuss a wider approach to COVID racial disparity. <p><u>COVID-19 L.A. Care Data</u></p> <p>As of April 23, 2020 L.A. Care data showed 1,093 total confirmed cases, 489 members hospitalized, and 53 reported deaths. He noted that L.A Care is collaborating with the L.A. County Department of Public Health modeling and data sharing to monitor the spread of COVID-19.</p>	
<p>CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTIONS</p>	<p>Member Seidman, Member Munoz, and Member Manchanda nominated Member Seidman as Chair and Member Flores as Vice Chair of the committee.</p>	

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	There were no other nominations. Member Richard Seidman were elected as Chair and Member Hector Flores as Vice Chair of the Committee.	Approved Unanimously. 6 AYES
ADJOURNMENT	The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> <small>DocuSigned by:</small>  <small>EE0CCE17AFFC442...</small> </div>

Respectfully submitted by:
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 Victor Rodriguez, *Board Specialist, Board Services II*
 Linda Merkens, *Senior Manager, Board Services*

APPROVED BY: _____
 Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, *Chairperson*

 Date Signed

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