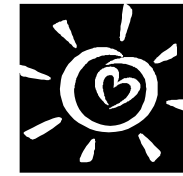


BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Children's Health Consultant Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes – November 17, 2020

1055 W. Seventh Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017



L.A. Care
HEALTH PLAN

Members

Tara Ficek, MPH, *Chair***
Linda Aragon, MPH**
Edward Bloch, MD**
Maria Chandler, MD, MBA**
Rebecca Dudovitz, MD, MS**
Rosina Franco, MD*

Toni Frederick, PhD**
Gwendolyn Ross Jordan*
Lyndee Knox, PhD**
James Kyle, MD**
Nayat Mutafyan*
Hilda Perez**

Maryjane Puffer, BSN, MPA**
Diana Ramos, MD**
Richard Seidman, MD, MPH**
Ilan Shapiro, MD, FAAP**
Diane Tanaka, MD*
**Absent **Via Teleconference*

Management

Katrina Miller Parrish, MD, FAAP,
Chief Quality and Information Executive, Health Services

California Governor Newsom issued Executive Orders No. N-25-20 and N-29-20, which among other provisions amend the Ralph M. Brown Act. Members of the public can hear and observe this meeting via teleconference and videoconference, and can share their comments via voicemail, email or text.

AGENDA ITEM/ PRESENTER	MOTIONS / MAJOR DISCUSSIONS	ACTION TAKEN
CALL TO ORDER	Tara Ficek, MPH, <i>Chair</i> called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. without quorum.	
APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA	The Committee reached a quorum at 8:40 a.m. The Agenda for today's meeting was approved as submitted.	Approved unanimously. 13 AYES (Aragon, Bloch, Chandler, Dudovitz, Ficek, Frederick, Knox, Kyle, Perez, Puffer, Ramos, Seidman, Shapiro)
APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES	The minutes of the August 18, 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.	Approved unanimously. 13 AYES
CHAIRPERSON REPORT	There was no report from the Chairperson.	
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT	Richard Seidman, MD, MPH, Chief Medical Officer presented his report (<i>A copy of the report can be obtained from Board Services.</i>).	

APPROVED

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Richard Seidman, MD, MPH	<p>COVID-19 Update At the time of this writing, close to 50 million cases of COVID-19 were reported worldwide with more than 1.2 million deaths. The number of new infections reported are at the highest levels worldwide and in the United States since the beginning of the pandemic, and cases are increasing at rates as high as during the peak of the summer surge. Los Angeles remains in Tier 1, the most restrictive tier of the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy. He stated that he will be providing a verbal update highlighting the most current numbers and trends during the upcoming Board and Committee meetings.</p> <p>Influenza (Flu) Update Dr. Seidman stated that the flu season in Los Angeles typically ramps up in October, peaks sometime in January, and tails off by the end of March. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH) recommends that everyone get their flu shot before the end of October. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year, it is widely recognized that the Fight the Flu efforts must be more effective than ever. The Department of Public Health has also noted the relatively light flu season in the Southern Hemisphere and the potential benefit of widespread masking and social distancing due to the COVID-19 pandemic. L.A. Care has successfully partnered with the DPH and other Medi-Cal managed care health plans in Los Angeles County to collaborate on efforts to Fight the Flu and lay the groundwork for successful COVID-19 vaccination efforts, once we have a licensed, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine. Collaborative projects include a co-branded vaccine hesitancy provider education material created by HealthNet, a flu myths buster video developed by L.A. Care, and a clinician’s flu guidance letter by DPH.</p> <p>Flu Vaccine Clinics After months of planning in collaboration with multiple stakeholders, drive through flu clinics got underway beginning in October to provide free flu vaccines to L.A. Care’s communities. The primary goal is to maximize flu vaccine uptake this year to reduce the number of flu cases and avoid the risk of overwhelming the health care delivery system with both influenza and COVID-19 at the same time. Free flu shots were provided to all members of the community who showed up, regardless of insurance status, or health insurance plan. As of early November 2, there have been 186 vaccines administered during our first seven events of the season, with two additional events currently scheduled and more being planned.</p>	

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	<p>Other interventions to remind members include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flu shot reminder postcards 2. Live-agent member calls 3. Instagram and Facebook campaigns <p>Member Maria Chandler, MD, MBA, stated that the Pfizer vaccine can be administered to people as young as 12 years of age. The monoclonal antibodies are tested to 12 years of age. She noted that the Valencia State Lab has opened for processing tests, and tests results are available in under 24 hours. Dr. Seidman thanked Member Chandler for her comment and stated that the Valencia lab has opened and is testing at capacity.</p>	
<p>L.A. CARE HEALTHY MOMS</p>	<p>Marina Acosta, MPH, <i>Health Equities Program Director II</i>, and Jacqueline Kalajian, MPH, <i>Health Education Program Manager II, Health Education</i>, Bettsy Santana, <i>Manager, Quality Improvement Initiatives, Quality Improvement</i>, gave a presentation on L.A. Care’s Healthy Moms and Babies Program (LAHMB) (<i>a copy of the presentation can be obtained from Board Services</i>).</p> <p>Disparities Leadership Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • L.A. Care is participating in national Disparities Leadership Program • The project is focused around a high-risk pregnancy program in order to address disparities in prenatal and postpartum care, as well as overall health outcomes like infant and maternal mortality • Presenting this information to get initial input and keep on this workgroup’s radar <p>The problem in Los Angeles County, is that Black babies are more than three times as likely as white babies to die before their first birthday. L.A. Care Black mothers and birthing parents have the lowest rates for timeliness of prenatal care and a postpartum visit compared to other races in the community.</p> <p>L.A. Care is unable to quickly identify high-risk pregnancy through standard data collection methods due to untimely reporting and lack of uniform assessment, making success difficult for early interventions and timely service provisions.</p> <p>A goal is to implement a high-risk pregnancy program to mitigate complications for high-risk pregnant L.A. Care members, ultimately addressing disparities.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify providers in high need and volume practices to implement program 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current target sites: DHS, MLK Hospital, CPSP provider network - Reach out to March of Dimes and First 5 LA for assistance • Solicit Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Solicit provider and community feedback on desired perinatal programs, resources, and ancillary services • Provider incentive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine incentive amount for provider participation in this program 	
MEMBERSHIP Richard Seidman, MD, MPH	Member Seidman presented the following motion for approval: <u>Motion CHC 100.1220</u> To appoint Susan Fleischman, MD, as member of Children’s Health Consultant Advisory Committee (CHCAC), for the L.A. Care Plan Partners seat effective December 3, 2020.	Approved unanimously. 13 AYES
ADJOURNMENT	Future potential Agenda items may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 5 Inaugural Report • LAHMB Black Babies Efforts Outcome • ACEs Aware Update The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.	

Respectfully submitted by:
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Linda Merkens, *Senior Manager, Board Services*

APPROVED BY:
Tara Ficek, MPH, *Chair*: _____

Date Signed: _____