



Strategic Planning Committee

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Locations:

Partnership HealthPlan of California Offices

The Fairfield East Board Room (4665 Business Center Drive, Fairfield, CA)

Santa Rosa Huddle Room (495 Tesconi Circle, Santa Rosa, CA)

Redding Huddle Room 2 (2525 Airpark Road, Redding, CA)

Sue-Meg Conference Room (1036 Fifth Street, Eureka, CA)

1. Welcome & Introductions..... Dean Germano, Chair

2. Committee Member Comments:

At this time committee members may provide comments and announcements.

3. Public Comments:

At this time members of the public may address the Committee on any non-agenda item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee.

Members of the public will have the opportunity to address the Committee on a scheduled agenda item during the Committee's consideration of that item. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes.

4. Approval of Agenda (Decision).....Dean Germano, Chair

5. Review & Approval of 7/19/2023 Minutes (Decision)Dean Germano, Chair

6. CEO Update.....Sonja Bjork

7. Strategic Planning Discussion..... Rafael Gomez

8. Board Retreat Planning.....Sonja Bjork & Amy Turnipseed

9. Adjournment..... Dean Germano, Chair

Upcoming meetings: January 17, 2023

This agenda contains a brief description of each item to be considered. Except as provided by law, no action shall be taken on any item not appearing on the agenda.

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Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 19, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Members or designee: Dean Germano, Paula Cohen, Tim Rine, Alicia Hardy, Melissa Marshall, MD, Kathryn Powell, Doreen Bradshaw, Nancy Starck

Staff: Patti McFarland, Sonja Bjork, Amy Turnipseed, Dani Ogren, Wendi West, Dustin Lyda, Dr. Moore, Mark Bontrager, Naomi Gordon, Victoria Meyer, Kirt Kemp, Kathryn Power, Jessica Cifolelli

Topic	Lead	Notes	Follow-up
Updates / Introductions	Amy Turnipseed	Convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.	
Committee Member Comments	All	There were no committee member comments.	
Introductions	Amy Turnipseed	James from Gainwell Technologies was introduced to the committee as a guest attending the meeting.	
Public Comments	All	There were no public comments.	
Approval of the Agenda		The committee approved the agenda for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on July 19, 2023. <i>Doreen Bradshaw motioned to approve, and Melissa Marshall, MD seconded.</i>	
Previous Minutes Approval		The approval of meeting minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting on April 19, 2023, approved as written. <i>Melissa Marshall, MD motioned to approve, and Nancy Starck seconded.</i>	

PHC Update	Sonja Bjork	<u>Ms. Bjork gave the following updates:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• California State FY 23-24 Budget – The State budget passed just before the June 27 deadline. The budget includes a deficit of almost \$30 billion, however, there were not many cuts made to the Medi-Cal program. The Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax is a major component of the budget. The MCO Tax Proposal would bring in \$19.4B to increase Medi-Cal provider rates to at least 87.5% of Medicare for primary care, obstetric and non-specialty mental health providers. The increased rates will be retroactive to April 1, 2023.• Medicare D-SNP Readiness: Partnership is working with our finalist vendor to complete a statement of work, before beginning the D-SNP operational gap assessment. The assessment is expected to take 16 weeks to complete. Partnership is also working with a leading national actuarial firm to assess the financial feasibility of the D-SNP program in our region. Though the State completed its own D-SNP financial feasibility study about a year ago, we felt it was necessary to conduct our own, as it will give us estimates on possible enrollment and revenues at a county level.	
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<p>Legislation Update</p>	<p>Dustin Lyda</p>	<p><u>Mr. Lyda gave the following Legislative updates:</u></p> <p>Legislative Update-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 525 (Durazo) Minimum wage: health care workers. This bill would require a health care worker minimum wage of \$21 per hour from June 1, 2024 until June 1, 2025; and increased to \$25 per hour starting on June 1, 2025. Additionally, the bill would require, for covered health care employment where the employee is paid on a salary basis, that the employee earn a monthly salary equivalent to no less than 150% of the health care worker minimum wage for full-time employment in order to qualify as exempt from the payment of minimum wage and overtime. <p>Position: Watch</p> <p><i>Dean Germano noted that the increase in minimum wage is going to have an impact on the healthcare system.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB 719 (Boerner Horvath) Medi-Cal benefits [Transportation]. This bill would require the department to require Medi-Cal managed care plans that are contracted to provide nonmedical transportation or nonemergency medical transportation to contract with public paratransit service operators who are enrolled Medi-Cal providers for the purpose of establishing reimbursement rates for nonmedical and nonemergency medical transportation trips provided by a public paratransit service operator. Position: LHPC - Oppose unless amended <p>Position: LPHC- Opposes unless amended</p>	
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<p>CalAIM/ Five Year Timeline Review</p>	<p>Amy Turnipseed</p>	<p><u>Ms. Turnipseed gave the following updates:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New core system: Partnership is moving forward with replacing our current claims system, Amisys. Expect to go live with the new system in August 2023. CalAIM*: Additional populations of focus added to ECM – LTC, at risk of institutionalization, and nursing home residents transitioning to the community; children and youth populations of focus. • New benefits going live January 2023: Doula and Dyadic Care. • Transportation In-House: Partnership will end its contract with MTM and manage both NEMT and NMT benefits. This change is effective April 1. • Redeterminations: Congress passed the Omnibus bill, which included the requirement for states to begin Medicaid eligibility redeterminations by April 1, 2023, even if the public health emergency is still in effect. • Repapering of DHCS Contract: Effective January 1, 2024, health plans will operate under the new, rigorous MCP contract, to provide quality, equitable and comprehensive coverage for Medi-Cal managed care members. The new contracts require partnerships with local health departments, local educational and governmental agencies, and other local programs and services, including social services, child welfare departments, and justice departments, to ensure member care is coordinated and members have access to community-based resources. 	
<p>OB Services Access Initiative</p>	<p>Dr. Moore</p>	<p><u>Dr. Robert Moore gave the following updates:</u></p> <p>Dr. Moore shared that 8 hospitals in 8 years closed their maternity units in Partnership service areas. Hospitals providing OB services decreased from 32 to 24 (excluding Kaiser), with 25% of hospitals providing OB services closing their units. The rate of about 1 closure per year for 8 years or 3% per year. This is part of a nation-wide trend with half of all rural counties in the U.S. have no maternity services.</p> <p>Large geographic areas in the Partnership service area, with thousands of residents, are currently more than 1 hour away from the nearest hospital providing OB services. Women must now travel farther, potentially when</p>	<p>Action item: Jessica to send the PowerPoint slides to the committee.</p>

		<p>in labor or with a complication, due to this lack of access. This potentially could have adverse reactions for newborns and mothers when they are more than an hour from a hospital with a maternity ward.</p> <p>Hospitals are facing staffing challenges with reduced generalist training, less on-call expectations, and nurses lacking cross-training are not comfortable/confident in giving care in OB.</p> <p>Dr. Moore expressed ways to stem the loss of OB services (Listed below)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership activities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Communicating re-framing of current OB paradigms b. Making the issue more visible c. Build vigorous stakeholder engagement d. Policy advocacy 2. Align financial incentives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Raise State MediCal rates for OB b. Health Plan contracts with hospitals structured with financial disincentives to stopping OB. 3. Support staffing <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Workforce development b. Staff training and cross-training: robust and frequent c. Telemedicine in partnership with academic OB support <p><i>Dr. Moore noted the number of OB's training has been trending down lately.</i></p>	
Adjournment	Amy Turnipseed	<i>Ms. Turnipseed adjourned the meeting at 11.00 a.m.</i>	