



PASC Governing Board Meeting Minutes July 12, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Otero called the meeting to order. Mr. Castano called the roll:

Members present: Mr. Adler, Ms. Becker Kennedy, Ms. Belton, Mr. Castano, Dr. Davila-Castro, Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Magady, Ms. Navarro, Ms. Otero, Ms. Varga, Mr. Vasquez

Members absent: Ms. Argenta, Ms. Park

II. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The mission statement was read by Ms. Navarro, and a moment of silence was observed. Ms. Navarro asked that the moment of silence be observed for Anatoli Ilyashov and Harley Rubenstein, Mr. Castano for Geoff Gaertner, and Ms. Becker Kennedy for Hugh Hallenberg and Marilyn Holle.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IV. APPROVAL OF JUNE 7, 2010 MINUTES

Approved on motion of Mr. Castano, seconded by Ms. Becker Kennedy, by consensus.

V. CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thompson reported that he has been appointed to CAPA's Legislative Committee, and will attend a meeting with the Health and Human Services Network in Sacramento tomorrow.

1. MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mr. Thompson commended the teams at PASC and DPSS for an exceptional job, and distributed a list of recent meetings he has attended.

Mr. Adler's colleagues are working pro bono on PASC's application for nonprofit status, in order to obtain reduced postal and DOJ rates and pursue grant funding. **PASC authorized to expend approximately \$1000 for fees to achieve nonprofit status for auxiliary 501(c)(3) organization, on motion of Mr. Adler, seconded by Mr. Castano, by consensus with one abstention.**

PASC received 61,000 phone calls in June, a 20,000 increase over May. Prior to NPER implementation, PASC averaged 8000 phone calls per month. 20 staff members are dedicated to the NPER Call Center. 4000 new providers were scheduled for orientations in the month of June; 2100 providers have been scheduled so far for July.

Mr. Thompson, Mr. Golledge, Mr. Fisher, Mr. Hennemann, and Ms. Sinclair Douglas worked with DPSS on PASC's new contract with the county.

Mr. Thompson reported that the state recently informed providers who had not initiated the orientation process of the December 31st extension; however, the remaining 120,000 LA County providers who had begun the process were not notified.

Ms. Becker Kennedy suggested that DPSS send a letter to providers regarding the CBI process, and that PASC partner with the union to handle late pay calls. Mr. Thompson agreed to discuss these suggestions.

**VII. MAY 2010 FINANCIAL REPORT
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Presented by Mr. Golledge. **May 2010 Financial Report approved on motion of Mr. Castano, seconded by Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury, by consensus. May 2010 Financial Report – NPER approved on motion of Mr. Castano, seconded by Ms. Navarro, by consensus.**

In accordance with California Government Code Section 53646(b)(1), Mr. Golledge reported on interest income for May.

VIII. COUNTY CONTRACT – DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL

Ms. Otero presented Amendment No. 18, which was signed by Mr. Thompson.

Ms. Belton voiced her disagreement with the contract signing process. Mr. Thompson reported that the CAO's office confirmed that PASC would otherwise have had no means to operate the orientation process after June 30th. Mr. Thompson received a list of 14,000 LA County consumers whose providers had not initiated the process. Mr. Thompson reported that Article 10.1 of PASC's Bylaws allows for signing and ratification of the contract.

Amendment No. 18 ratified on motion of Mr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Navarro, by consensus, with one abstention.

IX. DPSS REPORTS

Naomi Tostado-Hernández reported that consumers whose providers had not begun the enrollment process were contacted by phone beginning June 17th; homecalls were conducted to those consumers who could not be contacted by phone. DPSS is compiling results of these surveys, and will share them with PASC when completed. CDSS mailed out a final notice on June 21st.

Ms. Tostado-Hernández reported that 406,889 providers statewide are in the enrolled and pending categories, with 128,567 remaining. CMIPS terminated 15,472 providers statewide on June 30th, 5164 in LA County.

Mr. Adler suggested that Ms. Otero and Mr. Thompson write a letter to DPSS, thanking Mr. Browning and Ms. Tostado-Hernández for their efforts; Ms. Otero agreed.

Mr. Davila-Castro requested hard copies of data presented at future meetings; Ms. Tostado-Hernández agreed.

Ms. Tostado-Hernández reported that the state's consumer fingerprinting pilot project was conducted from June 21st-24th through homecalls from the Pomona IHSS office.

Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury suggested that Mr. Browning ask the state for an extension for providers who have not participated in the orientation process.

X. PROVIDER ORIENTATIONS (DPSS/PASC)

1. NEW PROVIDERS

Mr. Hennemann distributed monthly data from the Back-up Program. 30 providers who had not participated in the orientation process were dropped from the Back-up Program on June 30th.

Mr. Hennemann reported that PASC has conducted 345 new provider orientations for 13,372 providers. Orientations were held at 11 locations through June, now four locations: Inglewood, Sherman Oaks, Lancaster, Pomona. In response to a concern from Ms. Becker Kennedy, **Ms. Otero recommended that PASC look into adding additional locations.**

Ms. Belton requested cost data on the Back-up Program at next month's meeting.

Mr. Hennemann reported that 121,580 providers have cleared the CBI; 113 have not cleared.

2. EXISTING PROVIDERS
XI. PASC ACTIVITIES AND ISSUES
1. OUTREACH COMMITTEE
2. LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
3. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mr. Hennemann called Board member's attention to the legislative report in the Board packet. The outcome of proposed IHSS cuts is still unknown, as the Budget Conference Committee has not yet addressed the issue.

Ms. Becker Kennedy expressed her concern over AB 342/SB 208, which would enroll seniors and persons with disabilities in four California counties in a Medi-Cal managed care pilot project. **Ms. Navarro requested that experts on this bill be invited to speak at a future meeting; Mr. Thompson agreed to invite the speakers recommended by Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury to next month's meeting.** Ms. Becker Kennedy disagreed with Ms. Heinritz-Canterbury's recommendation, and made additional recommendations.

Ms. Becker Kennedy suggested that PASC join a lawsuit stating that this bill is an ADA violation, and volunteered to provide information on this lawsuit to the Board's Executive Committee.

XII. UNION ISSUES

No union representatives were present.

XIII. MISSION MOMENTS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Varga reported that she was interviewed for a Daily News article on IHSS fraud; the article included statistics provided by the District Attorney's office, which Ms. Varga does not feel are accurate. **Ms. Varga requested that Mr. Thompson ask Mr. Browning to ask the Board of Supervisors to request an accounting from the District Attorney's office for IHSS fraud investigation funding, and data on investigations and indictments; Ms. Varga also requested that Mr. Thompson suggest to CAPA that all counties do the same. Mr. Thompson agreed.**

Mr. Thompson reported on a July 2nd IHSS Anti-Fraud Plan report to the Board of Supervisors; the report will be forwarded to all Board members.

Mr. Thompson reported that 0.095% of CBI reports read at PASC were not passed due to fraud; less than 1% of providers have not passed due to criminal convictions. Ms. Varga reported that 497 providers statewide have been disqualified by the CBI.

Ms. Varga urged PASC to issue a press release to counter the Daily News article. Ms. Becker Kennedy suggested that PASC issue a press release with CAPA and CWDA; Mr. Thompson agreed to discuss this with these organizations.

Ms. Belton reported that the legislature is currently considering a provider bed tax to be levied on seniors living in nonprofit skilled nursing communities, and distributed a flyer to all Board members.

Ms. Varga urged PASC to release the quarterly fraud statistics; Ms. Otero agreed to check into this. Ms. Navarro suggested that PASC post the statistics on its website; Mr. Thompson agreed.

Ms. Navarro invited Board members to the city's celebration of the 20th anniversary of the ADA on July 26th. Mr. Adler requested that Mr. Oliver send an email to all Board members with event details; Ms. Otero agreed.

Ms. Navarro requested information regarding waivers for IHSS consumers who become catastrophically ill; Ms. Otero agreed.

XV. CLOSED SESSION

None.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Yungsohn Park, PASC Board Secretary

Date minutes approved

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