



## PASC Governing Board Meeting Minutes November 26, 2012

### I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Ms. Navarro called the meeting to order. Mr. Oliver called the roll:

Members present: Mr. Adler, Ms. Becker Kennedy, Ms. Belton, Mr. Davila-Castro, Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Magady, Ms. Miles, Ms. Navarro, Ms. Otero, Ms. Poole (by telephone)

Members absent: Ms. Argenta, Mr. Castano, Mr. Vasquez

### II. READING OF MISSION STATEMENT AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

The mission statement was read by Mr. Davila-Castro, and a moment of silence was observed for all requested intentions.

### III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Sawako Nitao from the LACCC announced that the Mental Health Commission's 2012 Annual December Meeting will be held in Lancaster; bus transportation sponsored by Supervisor Antonovich is available. **Ms. Navarro asked Mr. Oliver to send this information to Board members by email.**

In response to a question from Ms. Becker Kennedy, Mr. Thompson reported that PASC does not have a program specifically for consumers with mental health disabilities, but will look into more targeted outreach to this population.

### IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2012 MINUTES

Approved on motion of Mr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Belton, by consensus.

### V. SEPTEMBER 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2012 FINANCIAL REPORT – NPER

In accordance with California Government Code Section 53646(b)(1), Mr. Wagstaff reported on interest income for September 2012.

In response to questions from Board members, Mr. Thompson reported that PASC is discussing with the county PASC's future use of interest income and possible restrictions; Mr. Wagstaff clarified the interest rates and principal.

September 2012 Financial Report approved on motion of Mr. Adler, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, by consensus. September 2012 Financial Report – NPER approved on motion of Mr. Adler, seconded by Mr. MacDonald, by consensus.

### VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Navarro reported that she attended an LACare workgroup meeting. Mr. Thompson reported that he has been invited to participate in HealthNet's dual eligible stakeholder group, and will request that Board members also be invited.

#### 1. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Mr. Thompson praised Mr. Hennemann for his knowledge, reliability, initiative, creativity, and calm under pressure, and thanked him for his work for the IHSS community. The Board presented Mr. Hennemann with a Certificate of Recognition from Supervisor Yaroslavsky.

## **VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **1. MMR**

### **2. PASC OPERATIONS**

Mr. Thompson reported that PASC is currently completing its annual external audit; the final audit report should be ready for presentation to the Board in January.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Wagstaff are working with DPSS on a three-year PASC-DPSS agreement, which will attempt to consolidate all 24 prior amendments into one document.

PASC's phone systems will be upgraded, in order to better integrate the phone system with existing databases.

Mr. Thompson has been conducting interviews to explore ways to fill the gaps left by Mr. Hennemann's departure; Mr. Thompson requested that a discussion of the financial challenges involved in hiring new staff be agendaized for next month's closed session.

### **3. COMMUNITY FIRST CHOICE OPTION**

### **4. COORDINATED CARE INITIATIVE**

Mr. Thompson reported that the Maintenance of Effort Agreement between the State of California and CMS will not be finalized until the end of December or early January. CCI implementation has been officially delayed until June 2013. The state is still pushing for LA County to remain in the dual eligibles pilot project; however, CMS has questions about LA County's size.

In response to concerns from Mr. Adler, Mr. Thompson reported that he is not aware of any county efforts to argue against LA County's inclusion in the pilot project.

Mr. Thompson also announced that the CMIPS II Phase I roll-out has been delayed by two months.

**On motion of Mr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Becker Kennedy, by consensus, PASC will inform CMS that the Board opposes the inclusion of LA County in the dual eligibles pilot.**

Mr. Thompson reported that CMS is consistently stating that Medicare beneficiaries cannot be locked into managed care; however, the state is continuing to pursue a "stable enrollment period." The state recognizes that an on-the-ground education program will be necessary, and the health plans and the state are looking at media opportunities, such as public service announcements, television advertising, and marketing campaigns. Mr. Thompson participates in the state's consumer education and provider education groups.

Ms. Belton reported that a survey of in-home services is being conducted by the Department of Quality Assurance, and that consumers have been contacted to request in-home interviews.

## **VIII. PASC BOARD ELECTIONS**

On motion of Ms. Becker Kennedy, seconded by Ms. Poole, by consensus, the Board's current officers will serve in their same positions for another year.

## **IX. LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

## **X. DPSS REPORT – IHSS STATISTICAL FACT SHEET MONTH ENDING AUGUST 31, 2012**

Ms. Tostado-Hernández reported that the state has extended the CMIPS II pilot; it is not yet known how long this will postpone implementation in LA County and other counties.

In response to a question from Ms. Navarro, Ms. Tostado-Hernández clarified that the state sends a notice to DPSS when a consumer reaches 60 days with no timesheet activity; the social worker will then contact the consumer to refer them to PASC or other assistance in finding a provider if needed.

## **XI. MANAGED CARE COMMITTEE**

Ms. Becker Kennedy reported that the committee is reviewing a study of mandatory enrollment of Medi-Cal recipients into managed care, and proposing solutions for IHSS enrollees.

Ms. Becker Kennedy distributed a proposal for legislation to address discontinuity of care in the transition to managed care, aid paid pending, and the appeals process. **On motion of Mr. Adler, seconded by Ms. Becker Kennedy, the Board voted unanimously to support the proposed legislation.** Ms. Navarro suggested that PASC develop a coalition of organizations to work for this legislation.

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Ms. Becker Kennedy distributed a working paper proposing a three-month informational campaign beginning in June to inform consumers of their opt-out options. The committee has volunteered to draft a consumer ballot for Board review.

## **XII. IHSS CONSUMER UNION**

## **XIII. UNION ISSUES**

Manny Tapia from ULTCW reported that the union assisted in the recent passage of Proposition 30, defeat of Proposition 32, and reelection of President Obama. The union distributed voter guides to its membership, conducted phone banking and canvassing, and traveled to swing states.

## **XIV. MISSION MOMENTS**

Ms. Poole reported on the difficulty she experienced in obtaining a rental wheelchair from Kaiser's DME Department when her wheelchair recently broke down; she paid \$400 per month to rent a wheelchair.

Ms. Becker Kennedy reported on a senior who was sent to a facility two hours from her home for hyperbaric treatment; her condition was aggravated by her stay in a motel.

**Ms. Navarro asked that these and similar stories be collected for legislative communication; Mr. Thompson agreed. Ms. Becker Kennedy suggested that members of the public post stories directly to PASC's website; Mr. Thompson agreed to look into this.** Mr. Magady suggested that visitors to the website also be encouraged to submit positive stories.

## **XV. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Miles suggested that those employees who have reached 10 years of service with PASC be honored at a special presentation during a Board meeting. Mr. Thompson emphasized that all

employees are recognized and receive a gift at their 10-year anniversary. Board members agreed to discuss this further at a later time.

## **XVI. CLOSED SESSION**

Ms. Navarro reported from the closed session that the Board approved:

1. Amendment 24 Provider Health Plan County Premium increase
2. PASC SEIU ULTCW Collective Bargaining Agreement
3. PASC Executive Director Pay increase

## **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

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Approved by

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Date minutes approved

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