

**SACRAMENTO COUNTY  
HEALTHY PARTNERS ADVISORY GROUP**

**Meeting Minutes**

January 4, 2017, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Primary Care Center (PCC)  
Community Room #2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
4600 Broadway  
Sacramento, CA 95820

<b>ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS</b>			
	DHHS – Sandy Damiano, PhD – Chair – <i>Excused</i>	X	FQHC (community) – Christy Ward (Cares)
X	DHHS – Marcia Jo	X	Employee Health Systems (EHS) – Anna Berens
X	DHHS – Jodi Nerell	X	Hospital – Liza Kirkland (Dignity Health)
X	Advocate – Kim Williams (BHC)		Hospital – Carol Serre (Kaiser)
X	Advocate – Amy Williams (LSNC)	X	SPIRIT – Myel Jenkins
	Advocate – David Ramirez (Sac ACT)	X	Physician – Glennah Trochet (SaLMA)
	Advocate – Kelly Bennett (Sac Covered) – <i>Excused</i>	X	Physician – Mark Henderson (UCD Internal Medicine)

Group Members in Attendance: 10

Public in Attendance: 6

Other Attendees: Steve Heath (Capitol Health Network), Griselda Zamora (Sacramento Covered), Magda Chavez (Wellspace Health), Peju George (Wellspace Health), Ian Kim (UCD School of Medicine).

Staff: Sherri Chambers

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TOPIC	MINUTES
<p>Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review &amp; Announcements – <i>Marcia Jo</i></p>	<p>Marcia Jo welcomed the members and other participants, facilitated introductions, and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Materials</u>: All members received a copy of the Agenda, Healthy Partners Dashboard, Health Center Patient Experience Report, and the Draft Budget Discussion Program Recommendations.</li> <li>▪ <u>All meeting materials are now posted</u> – See the Healthy Partners Advisory Group website. Link: <a href="http://www.dhhs.sacounty.net/PRI/Pages/GI-Healthy-Partners-Stakeholder-Advisory-Group.aspx">http://www.dhhs.sacounty.net/PRI/Pages/GI-Healthy-Partners-Stakeholder-Advisory-Group.aspx</a></li> <li>▪ <u>Announcements</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <u>Advisory Group Chair</u> – Sandy Damiano was not in attendance due to vacation. Marcia Jo facilitated the meeting, which was scheduled to include the FY 2017-18 budget discussion.</li> <li>○ <u>Chiefs of Staff Briefing</u> - was December 8, 2016. The attendees seemed responsive and did not have many questions. Next briefing is scheduled for March 9, 2017.</li> <li>○ <u>Healthy Partners Milestone</u> – The program celebrated its 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, having officially opened for business on January 4, 2016. <i>Many thanks to all partners!</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Staff Report – <i>Jodi Nerell</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>Enrollment</u>: Healthy Partners continues to operate at full enrollment. The current wait list has 218 individuals, of which 42 have been contacted to come in and enroll.</li> <li>▪ <u>Healthy Partners Dashboard</u> – Jodi reviewed the current dashboard (updated 12/23/16) – <i>Posted on website</i>. Includes data through 11/30/16. Key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nearly half of the referrals to the program are from family and friends.</li> <li>○ 94% of the enrollees report Spanish is their preferred language.</li> <li>○ 87% of the enrollees report ethnicity of Hispanic/Latino.</li> <li>○ 67% of the enrollees are female.</li> <li>○ Nearly half of the enrollees are in the 35 - 44 age group.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <u>Patient Experience Report</u> – <i>Posted on website</i>. Patient Satisfaction Surveys were administered September 2016. Data indicates a high degree of satisfaction with the program.</li> </ul>

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<p>Specialty Update – <i>Anna Berens, Myel Jenkins, &amp; Liza Kirkland</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <u>EHS Specialty</u> – Anna Berens reported that EHS will soon begin providing Physical Therapy (PT), ophthalmology, and possibly general surgery. It was noted that SPIRIT provides cataract surgeries, but there is a long wait list.</li> <li>▪ <u>SPIRIT</u> – Myel Jenkins reported that SPIRIT received over 700 referrals from Healthy Partners in CY 2016, which represented a huge increase over the number of referrals received prior to the start of the Healthy Partners program. The large increase in referrals explains the lengthy wait lists for some specialty services. Marcia noted that specialty care ramped up in the initial year of the program, but is expected to plateau.</li> <li>▪ <u>Hospital-based Surgeries</u> – Liza Kirkland reported that Dignity Health will be providing two surgeries per month at Mercy San Juan. This is in addition to surgeries already provided at Mercy Folsom.</li> </ul>
<p>Advisory Group Budget Recommendations-  <i>Marcia Jo (facilitation)</i></p>	<p>Marcia Jo facilitated a discussion regarding the Advisory Group budget recommendations for FY 2017/18. See <i>Budget Discussion: Program Recommendations, posted on the website</i>. During the December meeting, two recommendations received broad support from Advisory Group members (County staff abstained):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Eliminate enrollment cap and make adjustments based on funding.</u></li> <li>2. <u>Eliminate the upper age limit.</u> – <i>(While the majority supported this recommendation, a full consensus was not reached. The group reached consensus on the recommendation to eliminate disenrollment based on the upper age limit.)</i></li> </ol> <p>Marcia reviewed the recommendations and confirmed that all group members supported recommendation #1 as written. Members expressed the desire to further discuss recommendation #2. Some members indicated they were unsure whether the recommendation was to ask for more money or to plan for program parameters based on a fixed budget. Other members felt the group should recommend lifting the age cap because it was the right thing to do, and then ask for more money if it should be needed. Following a brief discussion, members suggested a revised recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 2. <u>Eliminate the upper age limit and review monthly.</u></li> </ul> <p>Upon subsequent polling, all members supported the revised recommendation.</p>
<p>County Staff Budget Recommendations-  <i>Marcia Jo</i></p>	<p>Marcia noted the County budget process for FY 17-18 has begun. There is uncertainty about how decisions at the federal level involving healthcare coverage might impact counties and the mandate for indigent care. At this time, staff plans to recommend the following (subject to change):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enrollees who reach age 65 while enrolled in Healthy Partners will be allowed to remain in the program, subject to a cap of 200 individuals age 65 years or older. This will not change the age criteria for new applicants.</li> </ol>

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	<p>2. Increase enrollment by 1,000 new members.</p> <p><u>Next Steps</u> – A Board Letter will be submitted in February or March 2017. The recommendation to increase enrollment will be submitted for consideration in the proposed budget.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> – Members asked whether staff would present Advisory Group recommendations in addition to staff recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. These will be included in the board item.</p>
Public Comment	<p><u>Griselda Zamora, Sacramento Covered</u> – There has been a decrease in Healthy Partners inquiries since the election. Families say they do not want to share their information because they are afraid. Ms. Zamora believes the program may not see significant numbers of new enrollees due to fears regarding immigration policy.</p> <p><u>Ian Kim, UCD School of Medicine</u> – Mayor Steinberg has affirmed Sacramento’s status as a sanctuary city, but the county has not announced any similar language in its policies. People may be more willing to enroll in Healthy Partners if the county made a similar declaration.</p> <p><u>Discussion</u> – Many Advisory Group members wanted to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to adopt language stating that the County would not release the names of Healthy Partners enrollees to immigration officials. Amy Williams suggested the following statement: “Sacramento County will refuse to disclose any identifying information of Healthy Partners Program applicants or enrollees for enforcement, detention, or any other negative immigration consequence or action.”</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn	<p>Marcia Jo thanked everyone for attending and participating in today’s meeting. With no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.</p>
Next Meeting	<p><b>Wednesday, February 1, 2017 / 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM</b>          Primary Care Center, Community Room 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95820</p>