

**October 4, 2019  
Member Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:**

**Members Absent:**

**Excused:**

**Guests:** None

**Staff:** Sean Dongre, Anoeil Eilia, Yves Gibbons, John F. Grgurina, Jr., Valerie Huggins, and Sumi Sousa

**1. Welcome, Introductions and Roll Call:**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

**2. Approval of Agenda & Minutes:**

The agenda was approved and the minutes from September 6, 2019 Committee meeting were approved as written.

**3. Committee Reports:**

**Chair & Governing Board Report-Maria Luz Torre & Irene Conway**

Ms. Torre reported that the Governing Board did not meet. Ms. Torre reported that she and Irene Conway attended the Provider Dinner on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the San Francisco City Club.

The next scheduled Governing Board meeting is November 6, 2019.

**Quality Improvement Committee (QIC) Report-Ed Evans and Irene Conway**

Mr. Evans reported that the Quality Improvement Committee did not meet. The next scheduled QIC meeting is October 10, 2019.

**Staff Report:** John F. Grgurina, Jr., CEO

Mr. Grgurina reported the Health Plan is getting ready for a sizeable expansion for 2021, in addition, Mr., Grgurina shared one thing he is grateful for, and that is meeting with the Members Advisory Committee on a monthly basis.

Mr. Grgurina answered several of the Committee's questions.

**4. Discussion:** Community Health Resource Sharing

The Committee shared health care experiences with each other.

**5. Discussion:** HEDIS/CAPHS Scores

San Francisco Health Plan staff member, Yves Gibbons attended the Committee meeting to discuss HEDIS/CAPHS scores. Mr. Gibbons reviewed all the measures and answered most of the Committee's questions.

The Committee thanked Mr. Gibbons for attending their meeting.

**6. Discussion: Access to Acupuncture and Massage (Information /List of Vendors that Accept Medi-Cal)**

San Francisco Health Plan staff members; Sean Dongre and Anoeil Eilia attended the Committee's meeting to present on one of the Committee's goals, access to acupuncture and massage. Mr. Dongre provided a handout to the Committee on what is covered and treatment.

The Committee thanked both Mr. Dongre and Elia for attending their meeting.

**7. Discussion: Public Charge; What is it, and Why Does it Matter; Sumi Sousa, Officer, Policy Development and Coverage Programs**

Ms. Sousa attended the Committee meeting to give an overview of "Public Charge".

What is "Public Charge"? A person who is likely to become primarily dependent upon the Government to live.

Why does it matter? Anyone considered a public charge may be:

- Denied admission to the U.S (a visitor visa).
- Denied ability to gain legal permanent status ("green card") for themselves and their relatives.
- Deported for becoming a public charge within five years of entering.

Things to know:

- Rule begins October 15, 2019.
- Exempts CHI, pregnancy-related Medi-Cal, children enrolled in Medi-Cal, WIC, Covered CA subsidy, school based lunch, and local programs like Healthy San Francisco.
- Benefits received by a family member don't count.
- Income of 125% FPL or below will now be "heavily weighted" as a negative factor
- Income above 250% FPL to be "heavily weighted" as a positive factor.

Ms. Sousa answered several of the Committee's questions. The Committee thanked Ms. Sousa for attending their meeting.

Lastly, Ms. Torre also shared what she learned from a training that was provided at the San Francisco Public Library by lawyers– that public charge does not apply to people seeking naturalization or adjustment of status and are already in the country.

**8. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**9. Calendar Items for Next Meeting**

No items to be calendared.

**10. Announcements**

The announcements were shared under Community Health Resource Sharing.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3pm.

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Maria Luz Torre and Irene Conway, Co-Chairs