

MINUTES

Meeting Description: CAHIP-LA Board of Directors

Date and Time: June 12, 2025, 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Santa Anita – Day at the Races

Location: Zoom <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87236938727?pwd=SlX0gGqy1PYBaNeauQBW976Eo4DzH.1>

Requests to add agenda items may be presented under item II.

10:44 a.m. I. Welcome, Call to Order, Antitrust Reminder Dede Kennedy-Simington

Associations are subject to strict scrutiny under antitrust laws because an association is by its nature, a group of competitors joined together for a common business purpose. The antitrust laws require companies to make certain decisions by themselves, not in conjunction with competitors. Therefore, associations and their members must proceed with extreme caution in certain areas of activity to insure against violation of the antitrust laws. Discussions of current or future prices or commissions and refusing to deal with or boycotting any insurance carrier are among a number of areas specifically prohibited by antitrust and will not be permitted in today's meeting.

II. Adoption of Agenda of June 12, 2025

Motion made by Kerry Wright, seconded by Tiffany Cammarata. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 15, 2025

Motion made by Tiffany Cammarata, seconded by Elka Soussana. Motion carried.

IV. President's Report

Dede Kennedy-Simington

Dede spoke to upcoming NABIP Annual Convention and thanked the Board for their service and support over the past year. Dede made some additional outgoing comments and gave the Board a gift.

V. President Elect Report

Bruce spoke to strategic planning on June 19 and budget meeting preparations.

VI. Immediate Past President Report

Josh Kaufman

Josh made some outgoing comments and will continue to participate in the Past Presidents Council.

VII. Secretary Report

Bruce Benton

VIII. Governance Committee Report

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Bruce advised there was nothing report from a governance perspective at this time.

IX. Treasurer's Report

Tiffany Cammarata

May Financials

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Tiffany provided an overview of the Associations financials and projections. There was brief discussion relative to our Corporate Affairs structure and planning for te upcoming year. Motion to accept the May financials was made by Bruce Benton, seconded by Jonathan Edewards. Motion carried.

X. Membership Report

Naama Pozniak

No report

XI. Legislation Report

Patrick Snitchler

Patrick provided a brief written report (attached). Dede provided an overview.

XII. PAC Report

Kerry Wright

Kerry provided a PAC report and laid out a brief snapshot of his strategy for next year. In addition, the logistics to today's Day at te Races fund raising.

XIII. Medicare Report

Elka Soussana

Elka advised the Board of the upcoming Medicare Summit to be held on September 4 at the Odyssey. In addition, the ongoing strategy of producing quarterly Medicare Chats.

XIV. Professional Development Report

Christian Evans

Bruce welcomed Victoria Saucedo as the incoming Professional Development (Programs) chair.

XV. Communications Report

Jonathan Edwards

Jonathan reported out his continuing work to launch our newsletter shortly and to elevate our social media exposure.

XVI. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report

Rebecca Flemming

No report

XVII. Community Outreach Report

XVIII. Media Relations Report

XIX. Vanguard Report

Nimish Shukla

No report

XX. **Awards Report**

We will continue to use this agenda item as a reminder to document Board minutes with items relative to the Pacesetter award, and others.

XXI. Kapsher Report

No report

XXII. Old Business

At our last Board meeting Kerry Wright brought up an issue relative to UCLA patients losing access to Providence Tarzana and how CAHIP-LA might respond citing our Associations mission for advocating access to care. It was decided that Kerry would reach out to Faith Lane Borges for direction. There was no update. Kerry will circle back if need be.

XXIII. New Business

XXIV. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:27



Board Meeting Attendance Sheet: June 12, 2025, 10:30am to 11:30am

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Quorum = 7

Board of Directors	Title	INITIAL
Dede Kennedy-Simington	President	X
	President-Elect	
Josh Kaufman	Immediate Past President	X
Bruce Benton	Secretary	X
Tiffany Cammarata	Treasurer	X
	Awards Chair	
Jonathan Edwards	Communications Chair	X
	Community Outreach Chair	
Rebecca Flemming	Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Chair	Vacated
Patrick Snitchler	Legislation Chair	
	Media Relations Chair	
Elka Soussana	Medicare Chair	X
Naama Pozniak	Membership Chair	
Kerry Wright	PAC Chair	X
Christian Evans	Professional Development Chair	Vacated
Nimish Shukla	Vanguard Chair	Vacated
Michael Jujan	Member at Large	Vacated

Committee Vice-Chairs

Volunteers

Staff

Dave Sherrill (Kapsher)

Ashley Kapostins (Kapsher)

Guests

June Taylor

Victoria Saucedo

Subject: Re: CAHIP-LA Board of Directors Agenda Packet - June 12, 2025 (Please note location and time)
Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 4:22:18 PM Pacific Daylight Time
From: Patrick Snitchler
To: Dierdre Kennedy, Bruce D. Benton, RHU, REBC
Attachments: image001.png, Outlook-uvhb2ixd.png, Outlook-1fj11uaq.png, Outlook-z3n3neqb.png, Outlook-guhencnm.png, Outlook-1mahdond.png, Outlook-A person w.png, Outlook-A blue tex.png, Outlook-Logo Linke.png, Outlook-hvuarjnj.png, Outlook-r4llcbzj.png, Outlook-eklmivyk.png, Outlook-5rqgm5ln.png, Outlook-nvqyl0fw.png, Outlook-w34wjhue.png, Outlook-A person w.png, Outlook-A blue tex.png, Outlook-Logo Linke.png, Outlook-devzt2i2.png

I think it might be too messy to have me on FaceTime. If one of you wouldn't mind reading out my report, that'd be great. Here it is:

Much love from me to you all. I'm looking forward to this next year.

We have two bills that are very important. One we strongly oppose, the other we strongly support.

SB242 – Medicare Supplement Open Enrollment Bill. We strongly oppose this bill.

This bill would be catastrophic to Medicare Supplement premiums. It is currently on the Senate suspense file. CHBRP flagged possible insurer exit from the California market. While the bill could potentially die in Appropriations, it still has a high chance of making it out of suspense and back to the Assembly. This has been catastrophic in the state of New York.

We have likely not seen the last of this bill. Please keep an eye on your emails for a message from me, NABIP, or CAHIP. We may organize a legislator outreach campaign.

AB-280 - provider directories. We strongly support this bill.

Mandates annual verification and deletion of incorrect entries in health plan and insurer provider directories. Sets progressive accuracy benchmarks ending at 95% by July 1, 2029. This bill has a high likelihood of being passed by the Senate Health Committee (to be read there very soon). It then goes to Appropriations, then to the Senate floor. If there are no amendments to the bill as currently written, it has a high likelihood of being signed by the governor.



Patrick Snitchler

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