

Partnership HealthPlan of California's Whole Child Model Family Advisory Committee (FAC) Charter

Purpose:

The Whole Child Model FAC is a Member Advisory Group to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and staff of Partnership HealthPlan of California (Partnership), providing input, review and recommendations on policies and issues that affect children and their families served through the Whole Child Model (WCM) program.

The WCM FAC is intended to promote open communication between families with children who have special health care needs, health plan leadership, California Children's Services (CCS) agencies, and local family support providers. It serves as a mutual learning forum for committee members and health plan staff to make a positive difference in the care the health plan provides to CCS beneficiaries.

Authority and Responsibility:

SB 586 (Hernandez, 2016) established a WCM program, under which managed care plans served by a county organized health system or Regional Health Authority in designated counties would provide CCS services to Medi-Cal eligible CCS children and youth. This legislation also required each Medi-Cal managed care plan participating in the WCM program to establish a family advisory group for CCS families (WIC 14094.17(b)(1)).

The WCM FAC may make recommendations to the CEO, based on member and community input and feedback.

As this is an Advisory Committee to the CEO, the Brown Act does not apply.

Membership:

Membership status is reviewed and approved by a committee of Partnership leadership.

Membership includes:

- WCM CCS Member and/or family member – Family representatives from each PHC county (Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, and Yuba). Equal representation (two representatives) from each county is sought but not required.¹
- Local Consumer Advocate – maximum of one (1) local consumer advocate representing CCS families.
- Local Providers - maximum of one (1) representative from each Partnership region, including CCS County staff, Parent Advocacy groups or CCS paneled

¹ Please note, if there are not enough CCS family members to fill both positions on the WCM FAC, Partnership will allow a county representative from that county to fill that position.

providers. This provider must be serving Partnership Members in Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Solano, Sonoma, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yolo, or Yuba County.

Committee Staff

- Partnership employees will serve as support staff to the WCM FAC.

Terms:

WCM CCS Member and/or family member will be appointed to a two-year term. At the end of the term the member may be reappointed to a subsequent two-year term.

Local Consumer Advocate will be appointed to a two -year term. At the end of the term this position will be open to other applicants in the region. If there is no other applicant the advocate may be reappointed to a subsequent term.

Local CCS County Representative will be appointed to a two -year term. At the end of the term, this position will be open to other applicants from other counties in the region. If there is no other applicant the county representative may be reappointed to a subsequent term.

FAC Chair and Vice Chair:

The FAC shall select a Chair and Vice Chair. The Chair and Vice Chair shall be a CCS Member or family representative selected by the voting members of the FAC.

The role of the Chair is to provide meeting facilitation and direct the meeting process through the agenda. The Chair will guide and lead discussion to ensure all participants are provided equal opportunity for participation.

The role of the Vice Chair is to preside at the meetings of the FAC in the absence of the Chair.

If both Chair and Vice Chair are absent, the WCM FAC members present will select one member to act as Chair for the meeting.

The FAC shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair for a two-year term.

Meetings:

The WCM FAC shall meet four (4) times per year (i.e., quarterly).

These meetings will be on the 3rd Tuesday of every third month. This time can be changed at any time by a vote of the Committee.

These meetings will be located at Partnership offices, and remotely. Partnership will provide technical support for remote meeting access. When feasible, meetings could be held at alternative locations with prior approval by the organizers.

Meeting Compensation:

Appointed Members are eligible to receive a stipend for meeting attendance.

Agendas, Minutes, Reports:

Partnership staff will work in collaboration with the Committee, to develop the agenda for each meeting.

Partnership staff are responsible for agenda and meeting material production and distribution.

Partnership staff will record minutes of meetings which will be approved by the FAC members at each subsequent meeting.

Review of Charter:

The FAC shall review this charter as needed. Any proposed changes shall be submitted to the CEO for approval.

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