



## Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 3:00 to 5:00pm  
Virtual Meeting Only via Teams

### Summary

A meeting of the Jackson Care Connect Board of Directors was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, Virtual Only via Teams.

**Board Members Present:** Craig Newton, Eric Hunter, Jacquie Jaquette, Jason Elzy, Laura Bridges, Lori Paris, Matt Hough, MD, Nora Leibowitz, Stacy Brubaker, William North

**Board Members Absent:** Maria Underwood

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Lind, Monica Martinez, Ratina Hagedorn

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### Call to Order

The JCC Board of Directors meeting was called to order by Lori Paris at 3:03 pm. A quorum was present.

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest** – Lori Paris presented an opportunity for Board members to declare any conflicts of interests in the discussions on the agenda. The following members declared a conflict of interest with at least one action item on today's agenda and will abstain when those action items are voted on: Craig Newton, Jason Elzy, Laura Bridges, and Lori Paris.

**Acknowledgement of Board Members Completing their JCC Leadership Service** – Jennifer shared that William North and Lori Paris will both be stepping off the board at the end of the month. William has completed three terms on the board and has been a tremendous asset. Lori has served two and a half terms and has provided tremendous leadership. Lori is retiring from Actions Recovery Center in February. Members shared appreciation to both William and Lori for their service commitment and expertise.

**Consent Agenda:** Board members reviewed the consent agenda for today's meeting, the minutes from the August 10, 2023, meeting, and the September 2023 financials.

Laura Bridges flagged a mistake on the original agenda, that Maria Underwood rather than Laura will be the Governance Chair going forward.

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously approved:**

- 1. RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors does hereby approve the consent agenda, minutes from August 10, 2023, and the September 23, 2023 financials as presented.**

### **Public Testimony**

Lori Paris

None Submitted

*(Public Testimony may cover any topic related to CCO, although CCO Board or staff may suggest a theme for public discussion. People interested in providing testimony must give prior notice and must adhere to a three-minute time limit. CCO Board members and staff are not required to respond to any testimony provided but may incorporate information in future decisions). Lori reported none submitted.*

**Clinical Advisory Panel** – Matt Hough, MD

**Recommendation from Clinical Advisory Panel to appoint the following:**

- Eric Webb, MD
- Ben Spence
- Cindy Konecne, DO
- Sommer Wolcott

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously approved (Lori Paris abstained from the vote):**

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors does hereby appoint *Eric Webb, Ben Spence, Cindy Konecne, and Sommer Wolcott to serve as members of the Clinical Advisory Panel.*

**Finance Committee** – William North

**Approve Edits to Investment Policy and Performance Review**

- The Finance committee recommends approval of the changes.
- The changes are primarily for language and clarification purposes.
- The changes put these funds at limited risk.
- Jennifer added that they got an update on the performance of the investments.

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously approved:**

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Edits to Investment Policy and Performance Review were approved.

**Governance Committee** – Laura Bridges

**a) Approve Edits to Clinical Advisory Panel Charter**

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously approved:**

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Edits to Clinical Advisory Panel Charter were approved.

**b) Appointment of Board Members with Terms**

- a) Laura Bridges, Behavioral Health Officer, La Clinica (renewing term 3 of 3)
- b) Molly Johnson, VP, Advantage Dental
- c) Hollie Schults, CEO, PrimeCare

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were unanimously approved (Laura abstained from the vote):**

1. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Directors do hereby appoint Laura Bridges for a third term and appoints Molly Johnson and Hollie Schults for a first term on the board.

**c) Appointment of Board Leadership**

- a) Chair: Craig Newton
- b) Vice Chair: Jason Elzy
- c) Finance Committee Chair: Jason Elzy
- d) Governance Committee Chair: Maria Underwood
- e) Network & Quality Committee Chair: TBD

**Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved (with both Craig and Jason abstaining from the vote):**

- 1. RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors do hereby appoint Craig Newton to Board Chair, Jason Elzy to Board Vice Chair, Jason Elzy to Finance Committee Chair, and Maria Underwood to Governance & Compliance Committee Chair.**

### **Executive Report** – Jennifer Lind

Jennifer provided an update on her Executive Report included in the board packet.

#### **a) OHP Redetermination Update**

OHA is redetermining eligibility on everyone on Medicaid. About two thirds have initiated or completed redetermination. JCC has lost 2,000 members during this time. OHA set up a temporary Medicaid expansion/OHP Bridge program in May 2023. The Medicaid bridge program is for members over the 138% up to 200% federal poverty level threshold. We will participate in the program under current contracts, and it is only eligible for CCOs. The most important thing to say is the state is working with us to design a new program to eliminate the complexities and make it seamless and invisible to members and providers. Anyone working with members should encourage them fill in their paperwork. People who lose eligibility due to not responding, will not automatically go into the bridge program. It is a real benefit to maintain their continuity of care and medical services.

A question was asked about Assisters for members to assure they have the help they need with the process. Jennifer will send the assister information out to the board and JCC staff shares the information at community events. Question asked what happens to members that do not qualify for the bridge. The thought is thought is that they would roll off because they no longer qualify due to making too much money. If they roll off due to not getting administrative work done, they would be uninsured.

#### **b) Health Related Social Needs Benefit Overview**

Oregon just completed the first year of a five-year waiver (2022-2027). The focus is on health equity, but also expands eligibility from one to two years. It guarantees coverage for ages 0-21 years and introduces health-related social needs “HRSN” Benefit that includes housing, food, and climate support. It will automatically be part of OHP benefit moving forward without going through an exception process.

- Climate benefit launches in March 2024
- Food benefit launches in January 2024
- Housing benefit launches November 2024

There will be specific criteria, not all 60K JCC members will be eligible. They must be an OHP member, Youth involved in Child Welfare, youth leaving foster care, or people experiencing homelessness. There is also a defined social or clinical health need. We can consider their requests, and even if they don't meet the eligibility, but still have a compelling need will can help with flex dollars.

Organizations will have to manage the privacy of data and financial infrastructure for coding requirements. JCC is going to start with a small network.

### **Health System Leadership Changes**

- Oregon Health Authority announced the Governor is appointing Dr. Sejal Hathi as OHA Director. Her first day will be on January 16.
- Addictions Recovery Center has shared the retirement of Lori Paris as its Executive Director. The board expects to announce her replacement in early 2024.
- Asante announced Tom Gessel as its first CEO to be hired from outside the health system since 1999. Tom started his role in the fall.

- AllCare announced Max Janasik will succeed Doug Flow as the new CEO in January 2024.

**CareOregon Update** – Eric Hunter/Nora Leibowitz

A HealthRight Group Update was provided in the board packet.

- The What and Why
- Regulatory Process
- Next Steps
- Input

**Adjourn** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:55pm.

**Next Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2023 on Microsoft Teams.

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