Health Care Council Meeting
January 23, 2015
1 – 2:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Self Introductions

2. Section 1115 Waiver Renewal Update

   Wendy Soe, Senior Advisor for Policy Development
   California Department of Health Care Services

3. 2015 Priorities for the Senate Committee on Health

   The Honorable Ed Hernandez, O.D.,
   Chair, Senate Committee on Health


   • 2015 Legislative Agenda Discussion
   • Vote: Approve 2015 Health Care Council Agenda

5. Closing Remarks and Upcoming Events

Upcoming Chamber Events
• LA Chamber 2015 Inaugural Dinner: Thursday, January 29th
• ACCESS Washington, D.C.: Monday, March 16th- Wednesday, March 18th
  o Please note: We will discuss our proposed ACCESS Washington, D.C.
    Health Care Team agenda at our February HCC meeting.

Next Council Meeting:
February 6, 2015
10-11:30 a.m.

Special Guests: C. Duane Dauner, California Hospital Association, &
Herb K. Schultz, President and CEO of Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center
Los Angeles Area
Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D.
Senator
California State Senate

An optometrist and local businessman, Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D. was first elected
to the California State Senate in 2010, and was re-elected in 2014, after serving two terms
in the State Assembly. He is Chair of the Senate Committee on Health, a member of the
Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee, the Government and
Finance Committee, the Committee for Governmental Organization and the Senate
Insurance Committee.

Senator Hernandez grew up in La Puente and graduated from Bassett High School. He
attended both Rio Hondo and Mt. San Antonio Community Colleges before receiving his
B.S. degree in Biology from Cal State Fullerton. He received a scholarship to study
Optometry at Indiana University, which is also where he met his wife, Dr. Diane
Hernandez, O.D. After returning home, “Dr. Ed” and his wife setup their first practice in
his hometown of La Puente.

He is currently working on legislation to improve access to quality health care for all
Californians, and proudly represents the 22nd Senate District, which covers the majority
of the cities, county areas and neighborhoods of the San Gabriel Valley.
2015 Health Care Council Agenda

The Health Care Council of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) is a leader in providing the business perspective on key health care issues. The council supports reform efforts that promote shared responsibility for health care financing, expand access to coverage and quality care, and create health professional workforce opportunities.

In 2015, the Chamber will continue to advocate for health care policies that provide greater coverage, increase affordability, grow the health care industry, and improve the health of all individuals and businesses. **Strong health care policy is good for business.**

**Monitor implementation of affordable care act**

The Chamber has been an advocate for full implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and will continue to monitor implementation in 2015 to ensure shared responsibility for health care financing, adequate access to health care providers, adoption of efficient digital health technologies, increased cost transparency, and reduced overall financial burden on employers. The Chamber supports realignments and innovations in delivery and financing models that strengthen the sustainability of the health care system and improve quality of care.

**Control escalating health care costs**

The Chamber will advocate for policies that control escalating health care costs impacting employers and employees. We support options to help businesses manage health care costs and provide more flexibility for large and small businesses to join together to purchase quality coverage.

**Encourage business-friendly policies and education regarding Covered California**

Covered California’s launch has been hailed as a national model for State individual market health care exchanges. The Chamber will continue to engage with Covered California staff and board members to ensure a robust enrollment and education strategy for the Small Business Health Options Program (SHOP) as well. It is critical to provide small business owners with business-friendly policies and options for health care coverage. The Chamber will remain a partner in outreaching to its small business members to ensure those who would benefit from purchasing health care coverage for employees through the SHOP, will know how to do so.
Support adequate access to health care services
The Chamber is committed to supporting broader access to health care coverage and services. Over the past few years, the Chamber supported an expansion of Medi-Cal and fought for hospitals and providers to receive fair reimbursement rates. We will continue to advocate for adequate payments to health care providers to ensure the promise of coverage gained through the ACA is made real. These efforts will protect the local health care safety net, ensure proper care for the remaining uninsured and achieve planned systems alignments and cost efficiencies for long-term savings. To enhance provider/network adequacy and address the critical shortage of health care professionals, the Chamber will also continue our efforts to strengthen the health care workforce pipeline through collaboration with diverse stakeholders. Growth in this employment sector will provide career opportunities and incentives to remain in Southern California.

Promote children’s health
Health care coverage for children is critical to ensuring successful educational and physical development, and reducing health care costs for businesses and taxpayers. The Chamber will promote business-friendly options to combat obesity, increase quality oral health access, and focus on health education, exercise, and healthy foods to ensure our future generations are ready to learn and succeed.
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SAVE THE DATE:
MARCH 16-18, 2015

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with local government officials, business groups and chambers of commerce, leads an annual delegation of more than 200 business leaders and public officials to Washington, D.C. to advocate for Southern California. Participants meet with members of congress and the president's administration on key issues. The trip includes two breakfasts with high ranking congressional or administration leaders, a marquee reception and a delegation dinner.

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Price & Hotel Information

Early bird registration is $750 per person until Feb. 5. After that date, registration increases to $825 per person.

This fee includes all of the trip's scheduled events, as well as costs associated with meeting planning and delegate materials. Participants are responsible for their own travel and hotel arrangements.

The Willard InterContinental Washington, D.C. is the conference hotel and is offering a group rate of $389 per night. Space is limited, and the group rate expires Feb. 5. Please contact the Willard directly at 202.628.9100. Group name: “ACCESS DC.”

Scenes from ACCESS Washington, D.C. 2014:

2014 ACCESS D.C. Delegation

Senator Dianne Feinstein addressed the delegation.

Delegates had the opportunity to meet with Senator Barbara Boxer.

Delegates participated in one of 15 teams advocating for 36 priority issues.