Health Care Council Meeting
February 3, 2017
10 – 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self Introductions

2. California's Health Care Reform Recommendations

   Honorable Dave Jones, Insurance Commissioner
   California Department of Insurance

3. Action Items

   • Review of Advocacy Approach for the Year

     Samantha Beasley, Director of Public Policy
     Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

   • Discussion: 2017 Health Care Advocacy Agenda

4. Upcoming Events

   • March 28-29, 2017 – ACCESS: Sacramento
   • May 22-24, 2017 – ACCESS: Washington, DC

Next Council Meeting
March 3, 2017
10-11:30am
C. Duane Dauner, President & CEO
California Hospital Association
The Honorable Dave Jones  
Insurance Commissioner  
California Department of Insurance

Dave Jones is California's Insurance Commissioner.

He was first elected Insurance Commissioner on November 2, 2010 and re-elected November 4, 2014. Jones leads the California Department of Insurance and regulates the California insurance market. Insurers collect $259 billion a year in premiums in California, making it the nation's largest insurance market.

Jones served in the California State Assembly from 2004 through 2010, where he chaired the Assembly Health Committee, the Assembly Judiciary Committee and the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Named "Consumer Champion" by the California Consumer Federation, Capitol Weekly named Jones California's "most effective legislator" other than the Assembly Speaker and the Senate President Pro Tempore. The American Psychiatric Association awarded Jones its prestigious Jacob K. Javits Public Service Award in 2015 for his work on mental health parity. In addition, Jones received the Phillip Burton Award for Courage from the Orange County Labor Federation on April 23, 2015.

Jones began his career as a legal aid attorney, providing free legal assistance to the poor with Legal Services of Northern California from 1988 to 1995. In 1995, Jones was one of only 13 Americans awarded the prestigious White House Fellowship. He served in the Clinton Administration for three years as Special Assistant and Counsel to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno. Jones served on the Sacramento City Council from 1999 to 2004.

Jones graduated with honors from DePauw University, Harvard Law School, and Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He and his wife, Kim Flores, have two children, Isabelle and William.
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 in our region.

Los Angeles County has the highest number of people covered under Affordable Care Act (ACA) with about 1.5 million residents, 15 percent of the population, now insured either through Medi-Cal or a Covered California plan. And with nearly 600,000 health care jobs in the Los Angeles region, the industry is vital not only to the well-being of our residents, but to our businesses, workforce and economy.

In 2017, the Chamber will closely monitor proposed reforms to the nation’s health care system, and continue our advocacy for business-friendly health care policies that increase affordability, protect access to coverage and quality care, create health professional workforce opportunities and generally improve the health of all individuals and businesses.

**Monitor Influence Affordable Care Act/Health Care Reform Proposals**
The Chamber has been an advocate for implementation of the ACA, and will continue to influence proposed changes to the ACA in 2017 to ensure shared responsibility for health care financing, adequate access to health care providers and reduced overall financial burden on employers. The Chamber also supports realignments and innovations in delivery and financing models that strengthen the sustainability of the health care system and improve the quality of care.

**Advocate for Policies that Increase Affordability and Efficiency**
The Chamber will advocate for policies that control escalating health care costs and increase affordability for 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 Certainty in Health Care Reform**
As we navigate the new world of ‘health care reform’, the Chamber will encourage our leaders to use planning and predictability as cornerstones of their discussions. Regulatory vagueness and ambiguity can impede businesses success, and harm value-based care and the work of Los Angeles’ health care leaders in providing access to quality, affordable health care for individuals and employers.

**Support Adequate Access to Health Care Services**
The Chamber is committed to supporting broader access to health care services. Over the past several years, we have supported an expansion of Medicaid and fought for hospitals and providers to receive fair reimbursement rates. We will continue our work to protect and strengthen Los Angeles County’s health care safety net and certify quality care for all patients. The Chamber will also continue our efforts to promote initiatives aimed at enhancing
the health care infrastructure and behavioral health parody, including strengthening graduate educational programs and the workforce and enhancing facility accessibility for members of the community who are aging and disabled.

**Promote Integrated Health Systems and Innovative Strategies**
The Chamber supports a “whole-person” approach to wellness and care, and encourages considerations focused on the social determinants of health, such as the environments in which people are born, live and work. We also encourage innovative strategies and the development of proposals that advance the provision of integrated health care sectors including hospitals, provider health groups, health plans, health systems and federally qualified health centers.

**Promote Children’s Health**
The Chamber strongly supports preserving funding streams for children’s health programs. Health care coverage and prevention of chronic illnesses for children is critical to ensuring successful educational and physical development in children, and reducing health care costs for businesses and taxpayers. The Chamber will promote business-friendly options to combat obesity, address behavioral health, 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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Share your business perspective with California’s top decision makers as you join Los Angeles business and civic leaders on the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce’s annual advocacy trip to our state capital. Meet with key legislators and high-ranking officials to advocate for issues important to you and L.A.’s business community.

Previous ACCESS Sacramento speakers include Sacramento Bee’s Dan Walters, Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León, District 22, and Senator Ed Hernandez, pictured above.

Early-bird registration is $225.

After March 3, registration will increase to $250. Fee includes briefing materials, meeting arrangements and organized meal functions. ACCESS Sacramento is open to members of the L.A. Area Chamber and special guests. Space is limited. No refunds after March 20.

Event Accommodations

Hotel accommodations at the Citizen Hotel are not included in the registration price. A group rate of $285 per night is available. Call the hotel at 916.492.4460 to make your reservations and mention the group name “Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.” Room availability is limited.

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