Health Care Council Meeting  
February 6, 2015  
10 – 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self Introductions

2. Shaping the Future of California's Health Care System
   
   Dr. William Emmerson (for Mr. C Duane Dauner)  
   Senior Vice President of State Relations & Advocacy  
   California Hospital Association

3. Federally Qualified Health Centers and Serving through Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center
   
   Herb Schultz  
   President and CEO  
   Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center

4. Action Item
   • Review Proposed 2015 ACCESS Washington, D.C. Health Care Advocacy Agenda

5. Closing Remarks

Upcoming Chamber Events
• ACCESS Washington, D.C.: Monday, March 16th - Wednesday, March 18th

Next Council Meeting:
April 3, 2015, 10-11:30 a.m.
2015 Health Care Advocacy Agenda

Enhance the Capacity of Provider and Hospital Networks
Wide access to health care coverage and reduced costs cannot be achieved without full provider participation and adequate hospital preparedness. Promoting fair reimbursement rates for primary care and specialty providers will incentivize expansion of the networks for the millions who will gain coverage. Additionally, we urge Congress to increase funding for graduate medical education that will benefit both academic medical centers and children’s hospitals. Increased access to providers to meet new demand in L.A. will be essential to ensuring the promise of coverage under the ACA is made real.

Promote Innovations to Coordinate Care, Lower Costs and Improve Outcomes
We support innovations that encourage delivery of higher quality care while reducing costs - elements that will ultimately stimulate competition and innovation in the health care industry. Pilot programs such as the dual eligible integration demonstration and medical homes should move forward in Los Angeles County with adequate reimbursement rates and monitoring for quality in order to provide more streamlined care and improve health outcomes and savings.

Protect Access to Medicare Advantage Plans
The Chamber is committed to preserving the viability and continuity of trusted, meaningful coverage offered through Medicare Advantage (MA) plans for retirees. More than 40 percent of Southern California Medicare beneficiaries have selected a MA plan and many Southern California employers and individuals rely on MA plans for the additional value and protection from catastrophic health care expenses that such MA plans provide. Therefore, we urge the Centers for Medicare & Medicare Services to hold 2015 reimbursement rates steady to avoid undermining the health care coverage long-trusted and valued by millions of retirees and employers. Further cuts to MA rates would only jeopardize care for the millions of Americans and employers who now enjoy MA plans.

Maintain Medicaid as an Important Component of ACA
Successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) must include sustained support for Medicaid expansion. The Medicaid provider tax is a vital source of funds to ensure access to health care services for all Californians and must be protected.
Dr. William J. Emmerson
Senior Vice President of State Relations & Advocacy
California Hospital Association

Dr. William J. Emmerson has broad public policy experience spanning over 40 years, dating from his position as a legislative assistant in the California State Assembly in the early 1970s to his current position as senior vice president of State Relations and Advocacy for the California Hospital Association.

Dr. Emmerson has spent the majority of his professional career in the oral health field as a practicing orthodontist. After attaining a D.D.S. degree from Loma Linda University, followed by a M.S. in orthodontics, Dr. Emmerson was invited to participate in advanced orthodontic research with world-renown orthodontist and dean of the prestigious Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, after which he presented their findings to the European Orthodontic Society and the Foundation for Orthodontic Research. Their work was published in peer-reviewed publications, including the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedies, Italy’s University of Padova’s Opus Honorarium Benito Miotti, and the Foundation for Orthodontic Research.

During his 26 years of private orthodontic practice, Dr. Emmerson actively participated in organized dentistry at the state and local levels. He served as president of Tri-County Dental Society, chair of the California Dental Association’s Council on Legislation, and chair of the Association’s Political Action Committee.

Dr. Emmerson was elected to the California State Assembly in 2004, where he served on a variety of committees, including Business and Professions, Health, Appropriations, and the Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, as well as on committees dealing with transportation, water, and local government issues. He was selected by the Speaker of the Assembly to co-chair the Committee on Assembly Legislative Ethics.

Following his election to the California State Senate in a 2010 special election, Dr. Emmerson continued working on health policy as vice-chair of the Budget, Business and Professions, and Human Services Committees, and the Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services. In addition, he sat on the Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee and the Appropriations Committee, as well as policy committees focused on agricultural and educational issues. Appointed by the Senate President Pro Tempore, Dr. Emmerson served on the Rules Committee and the Little Hoover Commission, the independent state oversight agency, and chaired the Select Committee on California European Trade.

Dr. Emmerson resigned from the State Senate December 1, 2013. He assumed a position with the California Hospital Association in January 2014.
Herb K. Schultz was appointed as the President and CEO of Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center (EPFMC) as of August 18, 2014. He also serves as the President and CEO of the Pediatric & Family Medical Center Foundation, and works with Chair Rupert Grant and members to ensure that EPFMC has a continued strong base of resources to provide health care to those in need in Los Angeles County.

As a long-standing proponent of quality health and human services, Schultz has advocated on behalf of the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, Medicaid/Medi-Cal, HIV/AIDS, public health and prevention, women/children/families, and immigration reform. According to Kevin Rossi, M.D., Chair, Board of Directors of the Eisner Pediatric & Family Medical Center, “Mr. Schultz brings a vast background and extensive experience in health and human services policy and management in the public, non-profit, and private sectors to our Center.”

He is committed to strengthening Federally Qualified Health Centers, community clinics, and community health centers, such as EPFMC, in their quest for resources to expand quality health care to millions of Americans regardless of their ability to pay.

**Appointment by President Obama:** Appointed by President Obama, Schultz currently serves as Regional Director of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Region IX. In this role, he represents more than 50 million people across four states, Pacific jurisdictions, and more than 160 federally recognized tribal nations.

**Local Experience:** Passionate about serving vulnerable and underserved communities, Schultz has built coalitions and worked closely with a wide array of public officials and thousands of nongovernmental organizations and leaders across California and Los Angeles County.

Prior to his position with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Schultz was Senior Advisor to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Director of the California Recovery Task Force. In the latter role, he was responsible for the oversight and implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Previously, he served as the Senior Health Policy Advisor to the Governor during California’s 2006–2008 state debate on comprehensive health care reform.

Schultz also served in former Governor Gray Davis's cabinet as Acting Secretary and Undersecretary of the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency. Prior to this cabinet-level appointment, he served as Deputy Director of the then-new Department of Managed Health Care. Schultz came to Los Angeles in late 1998 to serve as Director of Government Affairs for AIDS Project Los Angeles after 18 years in Washington, D.C.
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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 150 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 $850 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.