Health Care Council Meeting  
September 5, 2014  
10 – 11:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self Introductions

2. Business Health Options in 2015 and Beyond

2015/16 ACA Overview for Small Size Employers and Public Health Care Exchanges
   Hector De La Torre, Executive Director, Transamerica Center for Health Studies

2015/16 ACA Overview for Medium-Large Size Employers and Private Health Care Exchanges
   James Garrison, President, Pacific Federal Insurance Corporation

The Importance of Wellness in the Workplace
   Rick Hecht, Director of Consulting and Customer Support for Healthworks and Kaiser Permanente of Southern California

3. Audience Q&A

4. Informational Items/Legislative Update
   Samantha Beasley, LA Chamber Health Care Council Policy Manager

5. Closing Remarks and Upcoming Events
   - ACCESS Los Angeles City Hall - September 30, 2014
   - Principal for a Day - October 6-10, 2014
   - Special Meeting of Health Care Council - October 22, 2014

Next Meeting:  
“Addressing the Health Care Needs of Los Angeles’ Homeless Population”  
Wednesday, October 22, 2014, 10-11:30 a.m.
Hector de la Torre
Executive Director
Transamerica Center for Health Studies

Hector De La Torre is the Executive Director of the Transamerica Center for Health Studies, a nonprofit focused on helping consumers and businesses navigate the health care landscape. De La Torre was chosen to lead this new initiative because of his private and public sector experience, particularly his leadership role on health care and advocating for consumers and businesses. Among his accomplishments as an elected official were expanding access to doctors in underserved communities, consumer protections against retroactive cancellation of health insurance, and supporting facilities improvements at Children’s Hospitals.

“I feel that the Transamerica Center for Health Studies is a public service—consumers and businesses are looking for help as they try to navigate the shifting health care landscape,” said De La Torre. “We at TCHS are committed to helping them better understand their options to make good health care decisions.”

De La Torre is also a member of the Board of Trustees at Occidental College in Los Angeles and serves on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) as a gubernatorial appointee. De La Torre served as a State Assemblymember for California’s 50th District from 2004-2010. Prior to that, he was Mayor and Councilmember in his hometown of South Gate. De La Torre was also a Manager at the County of Los Angeles Superior Court and served as Manager at Southern California Edison. Previous to those positions, he was Assistant/Chief of Staff to the Deputy Secretary at the U.S. Department of Labor.

De La Torre has a bachelor’s degree in Diplomacy and World Affairs from Occidental College and attended the Elliot School of International Affairs at The George Washington University.
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James Garrison
President
Pacific Federal Insurance Corporation

Jim Garrison is President of Pacific Federal Insurance Corporation (PFIC), which is headquartered in Glendale, California. Pacific Federal is one of Southern California's largest privately owned employee benefit companies. The company specializes in the administration of Private Exchanges, labor Taft-Hartley Health Plans and corporate ERISA Plans.

Jim has worked continuously in the health insurance industry for more than 30 years. He has been recognized, as a healthcare industry expert, in the design and implementation of regional and national “Preferred Provider Organization (PPO)” plans. He co-founded one of the nation’s first PPOs, which was the first to establish relationships with national insurance carriers.

Among his many professional endeavors, Jim serves on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce where he is co-chair of the Chamber’s Healthcare Council. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the Loyola Marymount University, Center for the Study of Los Angeles. Jim is a past Board Member of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA).

A past member of the Electoral College, Jim represented California in the 2000 presidential election. He is a past member of the California Democratic Party Finance Council.

Jim and Rachel Garrison are past recipients of the March of Dimes Premiere Parents Award. Jim was honored with Golden Hands Award from the Boys & Girls Club of San Fernando Valley and the Teamsters National Hispanic Caucus Community Award.

Jim and Rachel Garrison reside in Glendale, California. Together they have four grown children. He is a private pilot and enjoys boating, fishing and skiing.
Rick Hecht
Director of Consulting and Customer Support
Kaiser Permanente of Southern California/Healthworks

Rick Hecht is the Southern California Director of Consulting and Customer Support for Kaiser Permanente’s HealthWorks, a division committed to bringing Workforce Health and Worksite Wellness programs to KP Customers. Rick and his team of Wellness Consultants provide assessments and strategic planning to employers with a focus on creating a sustainable culture of health at the worksite, with an emphasis on getting people to eat better, move more and manage their stress.

Rick has over twenty-five years of strategic leadership in the health care industry, with extensive experience in behavioral health and wellness. He is a licensed clinician (MFT) and holds a Master’s degree in Psychology with post-graduate certification in Gerontology, and Chemical Dependency. Rick also holds a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) and Faculty-status certification from the Wellness Council of America (WELCOA).
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Educators »
Develop relationships with business and community leaders who are interested in investing time, energy and resources into local schools. Participation in Principal for a Day can be the first step to lay the foundation for future partnership opportunities.

Principal for a Day
Shadowing »
Week of Oct. 6-10

Culmination Luncheon »
Friday, Oct. 10
Noon - 2 p.m.

Location »
The L.A. Hotel Downtown
- A Hyatt Affiliate Hotel
333 S. Figueroa St.
Los Angeles, CA 90071

Please mark your calendar to attend. For registration information, please visit lachamber.com/pfad.

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