

SCPS Government Affairs Committee Report to SCPS Council**April 9, 2021****Draft: 2021-04-08)****Follow-up report on GAC evaluation of PPAC compliance with contractual obligations prior to second payment.****Overview:**

The SCPS/PPAC contract conditions SCPS obligation for payment of the second instalment of the 2021 service fee upon sufficient evidence of compliance by PPAC with contract sections B-E.

Pursuant to a request by SCPS Council following GAC's initial report to Council, PPAC provided its current bylaws and additional operational description. This material was reviewed by the GAC as a foundation for a follow-up GAC report to Council regarding sufficiency of current evidence for compliance by PPAC with the obligations contained in the contract sections referenced above. Based upon this review, GAC reports its majority consensus regarding sufficient contractual compliance.

Contract Section B:

Sufficient evidence supporting compliance. Administrative and communication and coordination between PPAC and SCPS is developing well.

Contract Section C:

Sufficient evidence supporting compliance. PPAC has provided SCPS with contractually required PPAC operational description and associated corporate bylaws clearly specifying the way decisions regarding expenditure of PPAC advocacy funds are determined.

GAC analysis of PPAC operational description: Decisions regarding the expenditure of PPAC advocacy funds are made exclusively by the voting members of the PPAC Board of Directors, none of which are appointed by SCPS. SCPS input is solely advisory to the Board, but of consequence to PPAC. PPAC conformity with SCPS positions lends credibility to PPAC efforts to represent California psychiatry, and additionally enhances likelihood of future SCPS financial support.

Contract Section D:

Sufficient evidence supporting compliance. PPAC has provided SCPS with descriptions of PPAC committee structures and proceedings sufficient to establish contractually required SCPS participation in PPAC policy making and advisory committees.

GAC analysis of PPAC operational description: While SCPS members may serve on PPAC committees, those SCPS members are appointed by PPAC committee chairs, not SCPS, and have fiduciary duty to PPAC, not SCPS. PPAC grants SCPS permission to nominate, but not appoint, individual SCPS members to PPAC advisory committees. PPAC states that PPAC attendance at GAC meetings ensures that SCPS advisory positions are known to voting members of the PPAC Board of Directors, who have sole authority to determine PPAC policy positions. Therefore, while SCPS individual members may be appointed by PPAC to its advisory committees, SCPS as the contracting entity cannot directly advise PPAC through them. However, through PPAC attendance at SCPS committees and Council, PPAC at this point appears to sufficiently comply with the contractual requirement for purposes of payment of second installment.

Contract Section E:

Sufficient evidence supporting timely compliance. PPAC has not indicated any changes in contractual terms planned within 120 days.

MOTION:

That SCPS Council find PPAC in current compliance with Sections B-E of the SCPS/PPAC contract.

Items from GAC Meeting of April 6, 2021.

1. **Advisory input to PPAC: Prioritization of mental illnesses discussion with CA DPH:** As per SCPS Council motion, a Policy Briefing was developed and presented to PPAC, requesting that PPAC request that State Department of Public Health: 1) provide documentation of the manner in which the illness priority list for Covid-19 vaccination, which excluded schizophrenia, was developed, and 2) convene an external stakeholder process to develop a transparent process for developing future diagnostic priority lists for access to limited medical resources. (See PPAC response to operational questions and PPAC Bylaws documents).
2. **Advisory input to PPAC re SB 379 (Weiner).** This bill would prevent UC system from contracting with organizations that proscribe standard medical care based upon organizational beliefs. It was targeted at the UC contract with Dignity Health System, which proscribes care related to reproductive health, gender affirming procedures, and end of life care. PPAC has a current “watch” position, and CMA has an “opposed” position. PPAC was briefed regarding decision by SCPS Diversity and Culture Committee to refer the bill to SCPS LGBT Committee, and perhaps

other committees, for further analysis, which might result in subsequent request by SCPS to PPAC to change position to “support” or “support if amended.”

3. **Advisory input to PPAC re: selective partnering with other statewide advocacy groups:** SCPS reviewed with PPAC letters and communications from several behavioral statewide behavioral health organizations (e.g., NAMI, CBHDA) that considered and adopted support positions, in some instances jointly, for various legislative bills related to mental health provision of services, training, and social justice. SCPS suggested that PPAC consider enhanced efforts to proactively outreach to other organizations to team on social justice issues that are of concern to SCPS members. (See “Joint Behavioral Health” and “CHBDA” documents.)
4. **APA action paper re: Require a social justice analysis of Policy Platforms and leg position:** Supported suggestion by SCPS Diversity and Culture Committee that APA Assembly Reps work with that Committee to submit and action paper to APA like the motion adopted last month by SCPS Council to require that all policy positions include consideration of social justice implications of the position.
5. **Coordination with CSAP on statewide representation of California DBs at CMA:** Status of the implementation of the MOU was discussed, including the regular meeting of GAC representative from CSAP and SCPS, and potential work with CSAP on CMA position regarding SB 221 (establishing managed care timelines for access to non-psychiatric mental health services). Of note, CSAP changed its position from “support if amended” to “no position,” due to absence of input from SCPS regarding agreement with “support if amended.” PPAC has watch position on this bill.
6. **Addition PPAC state leg update:** Randall Hagar provided additional legislative overview and update on PPAC sponsored bills. (See PPAC Bill List).