



St. Jude CEO Fills Provider Seat on CalOptima Board

Lee Penrose, CEO at St. Jude Medical Center, was appointed on Tuesday by the Orange County Board of Supervisors to fill the open provider seat on the CalOptima Board of Directors. The vote was unanimous. Supervisor Pat Bates made the motion; Supervisor Janet Nguyen seconded it.

CalOptima is one of just two Medi-Cal Managed Care agencies in

the HASC region that does not have a designated seat for a hospital representative. HASC's member hospitals in Orange County overwhelmingly endorsed Lee for this appointment. Julie Puentes, HASC's regional vice president in Orange County, was appointed by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to serve on the selection committee that nominated candidates for the Board of

Supervisors' consideration, as the seat has traditionally been held by a hospital representative. HASC coordinated communications with the Board of Supervisors to make the case for ensuring that hospitals would be represented on the CalOptima board.

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Registration Open for Nov. 15 Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative Track III Meeting

Registration is currently open for the Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative Track III meeting on Nov. 15, focusing on Perinatal Safety.

Featured topics and speakers include:

- *Quantitative Progress - Reaching for our Goal!*

Julia Slininger, RN, BS, CPHQ, HASC

- *Reducing Maternal Morbidity and Mortality - Lessons from CMQCC and The Joint Commission*

Elliott K. Main, MD, Chair,
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- *Threat and Error Management - Beyond Havarti to High Reliability*

Larry Veltman, MD, FACOG, Risk Management & Patient Safety Institute

The panel discussion will focus on *Data Collection for the < 39 Weeks Measure*. An interactive discussion will focus on the topic *Achieving the Goal of 5% at < 39 Weeks: What Will It Take at Your Facility?*

SCPSC meetings are presented by HASC, Health Services Advisory Group and the National

Health Foundation, and take place at Pacific Palms Conference Resort, Industry Hills.

Partners for *Patient Safety First...a California Partnership for Health* include:

- Anthem Blue Cross
- The three regional hospital associations of California: Southern California, San Diego & Imperial Counties, and Northern & Central California
- The National Health Foundation

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PDS University Set for Nov. 15

PDS University offers monthly classes to help hospitals make critical decisions and develop strategies with PDS.

This month: *5 Ways to Use the Contract Revenue Analysis Report*.

This 20-minute interactive webinar will dig into the details of the Contract Revenue Analysis Report generated by PDS. The webinar is scheduled for Nov. 15, 1:00 p.m. Register online at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/411232266>.

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Dec. 5 Townhall Meeting Will Focus on Nursing and Health Care

The California Action Coalition is hosting a townhall meeting on Monday, Dec. 5 titled *Partner with Nurses for a Healthy California* to discuss methods to improve health care in California. The discussion will provide an opportunity for consumers to meet with nurses, health care leaders and policy makers.

The event is part of the effort to develop and implement long-term sustainable actions for nurses to improve health in California. The movement is a result of the *Future of Nursing* report the Institute of Medicine released in October. A blueprint to optimize the contribu-

tion of nursing to the health of the nation's population, the report includes eight recommendations that address a range of system changes. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, in partnership with the Center to Champion Nursing in America at AARP, appointed the California Action Coalition as one of 36 states to lead implementation of these recommendations. The coalitions are the driving force of the overall initiative to move key issues forward at local, state and national levels.

The three-hour townhall meeting will include lunch, a presentation by

nurses who promote health in communities and a panel discussion with a variety of the state's health care leaders to identify priorities to improve California's health. The event begins with registration and lunch from 11 to 11:30 a.m. followed by the townhall meeting from 11:30 to 2 p.m. at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

To RSVP, go to <http://events.SignUp4.com/future-ofnursingtownhallmeeting>.

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FEMA Webinar on Risks of Nonstructural Earthquake Damage Set for Dec. 13

FEMA will host a webinar titled *FEMA E-74: Reducing the Risks of Nonstructural Earthquake Damage*, to be taught live to the West Coast earthquake community on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. This training course is free and there is no need to pre-register.

This FEMA-sponsored webinar will describe the sources and types of nonstructural earthquake damage and effective methods to implement before the next earthquake to minimize future injuries and property losses from nonstructural risks. The course is geared toward emergency managers as

well as facility managers, engineers and small businesses on the West Coast.

For more information, please visit <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nehrp-webinar/>. If you have never used Adobe Connect Pro before, please test your connection prior to joining the webinar by clicking here: https://fema.connectsolutions.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm.

Audio for the webinar can be accessed via the following phone number: (888) 387-8686, Conference ID: 5416036. Audio

lines are limited to 300 participants only. Large groups can view the webinar together in a conference room and only use one to two audio lines so many others can join.

A copy of the presentation will be provided to participants and a recording of the webinar will be available in the future via www.FEMA.gov. For questions or additional information regarding this webinar, please email fema-nehrp@dhs.gov.

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November CalFresh Orientations Canceled

The CalFresh orientations scheduled for Nov. 9 and 15 have both been canceled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

The orientations are presented by HASC and the Los Angeles County of Department Social

Services, focusing on connecting Medi-Cal patients with access to the benefits of CalFresh, the new name for California's Food Stamp Program (also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP).

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