National Council Board Meeting Actions – September 2019
Thursday, September 19, 2019
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, DC

- The Board met with senior executives from Optum to discuss efforts to broaden the reach and scope of value-based payment programs in behavioral health and how the company can work better with community based behavioral health organizations.

- Approved the Minutes from 8/15/19 Board of Directors video/teleconference.

- Approved the Finance and Administration Committee’s proposed National Council Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.
  - The FY 2020 budgeted revenue of $52m is a $2.5m decrease from the FY 2019 budget.
  - The FY 2020 budget features diverse revenue sources with approximately 90 different projects.

- Approved the Finance and Administration Committee’s proposal to move monies from the operating budget into the long-term investment portfolio by the end of the calendar year that will make the balance of the long-term investment portfolio 50% of total cash and investments.

- Based on the recommendation of the Audit Committee, approved the limited scope audit of the National Council’s 403 (b) retirement savings plan.

- Approved the Nominating Committee’s certification of the election of Carmen Heredia of Valle del Sol in Arizona to the remaining portion of Secretary-Treasurer Susie Huhn’s term as Regional Board Director from Region 8 until 6/30/21.

- Approved the Executive Committee’s recommended slate of Board members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Specifically, Randy Tate of NorthCare in Oklahoma and Brigitte Johnson of Care Plus New Jersey.

- Approved the Executive Committee’s recommendation that Willie Brooks of Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, Linda McKinnon of Central Florida Behavioral Health Network, and Susie Huhn of Casa de los Niños in Arizona serve on the Audit Committee.
The Membership Committee of the Board approved 175 new members since its June meeting, many of which came from the California Alliance of Child and Family Services, a new 100% association member. These new members bring the total number of National Council members to 3,326, an all-time high.