

The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held December 4, 2024

TELECOMMUNICATION MEETING: Microsoft Teams Meeting - or call-in number +1 916-318-9542 – PIN# 500021499#

Attendance	
Christina Berberich	Executive Board - Chair
Len Finocchio	Executive Board - Co-Chair
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Michael Angulo	Member
Amy Peeler	County of Santa Cruz, Chief of Clinics
Raquel Ruiz	County of Santa Cruz, Senior Health Services Manager
Julian Wren	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Services Manager
Mary Olivares	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Aide
Miku Sodhi	County of Santa Cruz, Assistant Director/HSA
Meeting Commenced at 4:01 pm and concluded at 5:01 pm	
Excused/Absent:	
Absent: Tammi Rose Absent: Maximus Grisso Absent: Michelle Morton	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
2. Oral Communications:	
3. November 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Action Required	
Review of November 6, 2024, Meeting Minutes – Recommended for approval. Rahn motioned to accept minutes as presented. Dinah second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
4. HSA Billing FO Policy: adding payment plan guidelines – Action Required	
Julian presented HSA Billing FO Policy, stating he is adding payment plan guidelines to policy. Julian presented policy to commission staff. Rahn made motion to accept policy as staff recommends, Dinah second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
At this time of meeting Len stated in February he will do a presentation on what are some of the implications of the Trump administration taking over the health and human services and what their plans might be for Medicaid and Med-Cal programs.	
5. Annual Service Area Review – Action Required	
At this point of the meeting, it was decided to move January 1, 2025, commission meeting to a special meeting dated January 8, 2025.	
Raquel presented on the annual service area review she stated the goal is to define and review the boundaries of the catchment area to be served, including the identification of the medically underserved population(s). This is to ensure services provided are available and accessible to residents promptly and appropriately and to maintain compliance with the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA). Raquel presented data to commission and is seeking approval to remove zip codes 95017 and 95065. Dinah made motion to accept changes as recommended. Len second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
6. Prop 35 Overview	
Len presented an overview on proposition 35. Proposition 35 makes permanent the existing tax on managed care organizations (MCO), which provides revenues to pay for Medi-Cal health care services, voters approved Prop 35 68% Yes to 32% No. Medi-Cal uses the tax revenue to “draw down” federal dollars. MCOs with enrollments between 1.25 and 4 million will be taxed for each: Medi-Cal enrollee - \$274 and other enrollee – \$1.75 in 2024, \$2 in 2025 and \$2.25 in 2026. Len reported some of the key takeaways are: Santa Cruz HSA clinics will benefit from increased revenues, Some \$26.5 billion MCO tax revenue generated from FY2023-24 to FY2026-27, In 2025 and 2026 the tax revenues will support Medi-Cal health plans (like the Central California Alliance for Health) and nine broad categories for providers, workforce initiatives and general Medi-Cal program support, In 2027, revenues	

flow to 14 accounts to support specific providers, facilities and services through rate increases, payment methodologies, and other strategies, California must get federal approval for the tax rates and renew the tax for 2027, and The incoming Trump Administration puts all of this in question.

7. Quality Management Update

Raquel reported on Hazards Vulnerability Analysis (HVA). She reported this is systematic approach to recognize, identify, & rank top hazards that may significantly impact health center operations. Raquel reported that factors in human, property, & business impacts to assess risk factors and risks associated with each hazard are analyzed to prioritize planning, mitigation, response, and recovery activities, Raquel reported on the three health centers hazards. Raquel lastly reported now that they have identified their hazards they are reviewing & assessing their preparedness levels for hazards indicated they will Identify areas that need strengthening, leverage resources accordingly, drills & exercises as appropriate, and continue discussion & planning in clinics & agency leadership meetings.

8. Financial Update

Julian reported fiscal year 25/26 will be challenging, and current data shows they are in the deficit 7.4 million dollars. Julian reported their 25/26 budget is due on 2/6/25 and he will present to commission for approval in the next 1-2 months. Julian lastly reported The CAO instructions are to address challenges by reviewing their budget carefully, considering potential federal funding changes and exploring cost-saving measures while maintaining essential services.

9. CEO Update

Amy reported they have generated 1.5 million dollars this year compared to last year but salary cost have 1.1 million dollars more than last year.

Next meeting: January 8, 2024, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Meeting Location: In- Person- 150 Westridge Drive, Suite 101, Watsonville, Ca 95076 and 1080 Emeline Ave., Bldg. Clinic. Cruz, CA 95060. Commission will connect through Microsoft Teams Meeting or call in (audio only) [+1 831-454-2222,191727602#](tel:+18314542222191727602) United States, Salinas Phone Conference ID: **191 727 602#**

Minutes approved _____ / / _____
(Signature of Board Chair or Co-Chair) (Date)