

The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held January 3, 2023.

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

Attendance	
Len Finocchio	Vice Chair
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Caitlin Brune	At Large Officer
Kim "Coach" Campbell	Member
Tammi Rose	Member
Gidget Martinez	Member
Amy Peeler	County of Santa Cruz, Chief of Clinic Services
Minoo Sarkarati	County of Santa Cruz, Clinic Physician
Julian Wren	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Services Officer
Mary Olivares	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Aide
Meeting Commenced at 3:06 pm and concluded at 4:14 pm	
Excused/Absent:	
Excused: Christina Berberich Absent: Michelle Morton	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
Rahn stated under bylaws the executive commission is authorized to do Amy's evaluation. The executive commission sent evaluation to commission members for any further comments or suggestions before finalizing evaluation. Len will send a follow up e-mail to the commission members and then the executive commission will schedule a date and time to go over evaluation with Amy.	
2. Oral Communications:	
Potential commission member Michael was introduced at today's commission meeting.	
3. County of Santa Cruz Integrated Health Center Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).	
The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Health Center Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under Government Code section 54953(e)(3). The Commission makes the following findings in support of this authorization: (A) The Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and (B) The following circumstances exist: (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Rahn made a motion that these findings be adopted, Dinah second and the rest of members present all in favor.	
4. December 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Action Required	
Review of December 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes – Recommended for Approval. Coach moved to accept minutes as presented. Marco second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
5. Quality Management Update	
Dr Sarkarati reported on the following Quality Management Committee Projects.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment of Clinical Quality Measures 2023 – Dr. Sarkarati reported they had asked clinics to prioritize their QI projects to align with the QI metrics that overlap with UDS, as well as the Alliance Care Base Metrics. Committee also reviewed the new Alliance metrics for this coming year. • Quality Improvement Projects – Clinics also presented their updates on clinical QI projects such as increasing vaccination rates across all sites, improving performance on accurate blood pressure measurements, and pediatric improvement work. • Creating a Shared Pool (inbox)- The EHR Analyst will be working with clinical leadership to develop a shared portal to help facilitate sending questionnaires in advance. • Countywide Operational Plan Objectives – Committee also discussed the county wide plan objectives and a few areas of focus for this coming year. • Bulk Ordering of Mammograms – Dr. Sarkarati stated they will be working on bulk ordering of mammograms to facilitate access. 	

Adverse Childhood Experience Screening (ACES) – This is a grant funded project that started this past year. They will be initiating this work with a pilot, a group of Emeline Physicians. Dr. Sarkarati reported that screening for ACES can help connect patients to interventions, and trauma informed care to counteract the stress responses. They will be working with pilot teams to optimize workflows around screening for ACES and plan to expand this project across all clinics.

Hypertension – Dr. Sarkarati reported they have enrolled over 350 patients in the remote blood pressure monitoring program which connects patients with blue tooth monitors. Clinic wide the Providers and MA's are working together to improve accurate blood pressure readings by instituting work flows. Overall, Blood Pressure control rate has increased to 52%, prior to the starting of this project the rate was 35%.

Pediatric Task Force – We have a pediatric task force that meet on a monthly basis to focus on QI efforts around pediatrics. Currently early childhood development screening includes general development screening and autism spectrum disorder screening. Emeline has fully launched this in both areas. Watsonville Health Center is currently piloting with a two-clinician team for both areas.

6. HRSA Expanded COVID Vaccine Funding – Action Required

Julian stated he is asking the commission to ratify and approve accepting and appropriating (ECV) grant funds. The funds are to provide additional access to COVID-19 vaccinations and keep up the demand. Julian stated this is a onetime fund of \$174,595.00 and have until May 2023 to spend it. He stated they want them to expand what they are doing and that Julian and staff are putting a plan together to expand outreach education, hiring extra help staff, pay for supplies, and expand on training. Julian stated he will be going to the Board of Supervisors on February 28, 2023 for approval, Julian stated he will send out the plan to commissioners. Rahn moved to ratify and approve accepting and appropriating grant funds. Marco second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.

7. New Meeting Date and Time

Commission members discussed a new date and time. Commissioners agreed on the first Wednesday of the month, from 4:00pm-5:00pm, beginning February 1, 2023.

8. Nomination of Officers - Action Required

It was asked if any of the current commissioners are interested in the duties of chair, co-chair, or at large executive member. Dinah made a motion to move with existing officers and add Coach as an at large officer. There was a brief discussion that bylaws would need to be amended and ordinance updated, it was then decided by the commissioners that they would add Coach in the role of Ex officio. Rahn asked to amend motion to incorporate the position as Ex officio. Dinah moved to retain Christina as Chair, Len as Co-Chair, Caitlin as At Large, and Coach as At Large Ex officio role. Tami second and the rest of members present all in favor.

9. Social Justice

Caitlin opened discussion and asked commissioners to share anything they are putting forward this coming year on new learning or new action as it relates to racial equity and racism. Cailin stated she is continuing to resume volunteering as a meditation instructor at Soledad State prison, she will report back in 6 months. A few other commissioners shared their stories. At this point Rahn made a motion to extend the commission meeting another 15 minutes. Coach second and the rest of members present all in favor.

10. Financial Update

Julian reported that he had just turned in the first version of the proposed budget and he will bring back to the commissioners when it is at final stage. Julian also stated estimate actuals are due at the end of this week, he stated these are the projections on what the revenue and expenditures are going to be. Julian stated as of November 30 they are at about 13 million in revenue 17 million expenditures. Julian stated some of the things that are affecting us are Psychiatrist and Clinician vacancies. Julian also presented a month to month report on revenue and expenditures and stated some of the areas where we are looking to increase in revenue is on our Saturday clinic that will be opening up really soon.

11. CEO/COVID 19 update

Amy gave an update on the upcoming storm and that she had been deployed to the EOC.

Next meeting: February 1, 2023, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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