

The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held May 7, 2025

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

Attendance	
Len Finocchio	Executive Board – Co-Chair
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Maximus Grisso	Member
Michelle Morton	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
Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm and concluded at 2:00 pm	
Excused/Absent:	
Excused: Christina Berberich	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
2. Oral Communications:	
3. April 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Action Required	
Review of April 2, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Recommended for approval. Dinah motioned to accept minutes as presented. Rahn second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
4. 2025/2026 Budget Review – Action Required	
Julian presented the proposed budget on FY 25-26. He reported there is a decrease intergovernmental revenue by \$192.9k, decreased misc. revenues by \$150.6k, reduced salaries and employee benefits by over \$1M an increased services and supplies by \$197.2k and increased intrafund transfers by \$273.9k. Julian also reported they will unfund approximately 11 FTE vacant positions. the 11.0 deleted positions are (vacant) positions, 8.0 deleted positions are (not vacant) positions, and are keeping 14 out of 35 extra help. Julian reported some of the reasons what is causing this deficit are revenue generating positions working less than 1.0 FTE, increasing human capital costs, declining federal funding, prospective payment system increases lagging inflation and costs significantly, inflationary squeeze and completed appointments improvements not matching the pace of increasing costs. Lastly Julian reported some of the success have been they were awarded sor 4 bridge funding, awarded SOR 4 funding for all three clinics (\$750k each), clinics has increased completed billable appointments by 21%, HPHP has increased completed Billable Appointments by 18% from CY 2023-2024, Emeline has increased completed Billable Appointments by 26% from CY 2023-2024, Watsonville has increased completed Billable Appointments by 18% from CY 2023-2024, and IBH has increased completed Billable Appointments by 19% from CY 2023-2024. There was discussion after the presentation and there was a motion to accept budget with a message to the Board of Supervisors to consider leaving the revenue generated positions unfunded not to be deleted. Amy will write up memo and send to commission to read and sign. Rahn motioned to accept budget as presented, Michelle second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
5. Letter of Support - Action Required	
Amy to compose a letter of support for our budget and have Christine sign it. Rahn motioned a recommendation for letter of support. Michelle second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
6. Central California Alliance for Healthcare Technology Grant Application- Action Required	
Raquel presented on the Central California Alliance for Healthcare Technology Grant Application. Raquel reported the program goals are to improve access, convenience, and care coordination for Medi-Cal members. The grant term is from 7/18/25 to 7/17/26, the awarded amount is \$50,000 total for all our Health Centers in which will be used for providing clinical equipment related to improving quality measures, and healthcare technology program grants to support the purchase and implementation of specific types of technology and infrastructure that expand capacity for organizations that serve the Medi-Cal population. Rahn made recommendation to move forward with grant as presented. Dinah second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	

7. Quality Management Update

Raquel reported that the Quality Management Committee met, and reported the Alliance had met with them to review data with staff on the consumer assessment of healthcare providers and systems (CAHPS) this is a clinician and group survey. Raquel reported this survey is completed by phone and mail, they survey adult and child populations and Spanish and English populations. Mary will send out survey results to commissioners. Raquel also reported that the Watsonville Health Center presented this month's quality improvement project, colorectal cancer screening outreach. She stated this is a new project and they started outreach last month. Raquel reported they are currently at 62% percentile their goal is to be above 70% percentile in the next 6 months. Raquel presented the workflow of the project, follow up information, and barriers to the committee. Raquel also presented the Central California Alliance for Health quarter 4 care-based incentives data to the committee, and reported the Ryan White Committee had sent out their survey and the response was low (11.6%) and they are working to do another push to get more consumer engagement. Lastly Raquel reported that the Peer Review and Risk management Committee had met, and they had two patient chart reviews that were discussed, and the Watsonville Health Center had presented on complaints and grievances and the workflow of how they are addressed.

8. CEO Update

Amy reported last date of budget hearings is 6/3/25.

Next meeting: June 4, 2025, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

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](tel:+18314542222), [191727602#](tel:+18314542222) United States, Salinas Phone Conference ID: **191 727 602#**

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