

The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held June 11, 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
Michelle Morton	Member
Nicole Pfeil	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	
Absent: Maximus Grisso	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
Introductions were done at this time, commissioners welcomed new member Nicole Pfeil.	
2. Oral Communications:	
3. May 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Action Required	
Review of May 7, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Recommended for approval. Rahn motioned to accept minutes as presented. Michelle second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
4. Motion to Rescind	
This item was tabled for next month.	
5. Quality Management Update	
Raquel reported that the Quality Management Committee met, and the Emeline Clinic reported on their cervical cancer screening quality improvement project. She reported on the outreach process, and they are utilizing a Medical Assistant in making phone calls to schedule patients. Raquel also reported that for July's meeting she will be bringing the Quality Management Plan Review for approval.	
Raquel reported on Peer Review & Risk Management Committee, she reported they are preparing for June 18 th all provider meeting. At this meeting providers will be working on themed chart reviews which include Diabetes and Obesity. She reported they are also working on the chronic pain management policy.	
6. PPS Rate Presentation	
Julian gave an overview on PPS (Prospective Payment System). Julian reported instead of billing for each individual service like in traditional fee-for-service, FQHCs receive a fixed payment for each patient visit. He reported it does not matter if the patient needs just a quick checkup or multiple services the payment is the same. This system gives health centers a more predictable income. There are three main factors that determine an FQHC's payment rate, what costs can be included, how many patients are seen, and the productivity standards that Medicaid expects providers to meet. Julian presented on revenue and expenses. He reported 15% comes from grants, 8% comes from state and local grants, and 77% from clinic revenue. He reported on expenses and stated 71% goes to salaries and benefits, 10% interfund transfers, .20% fixed assets, 19% services and supplies and .10% rents and leases.	
7. CEO Update	
Raquel reported on behalf of Amy. Raquel reported that the Sustainability Committee will be having a Retreat in August to focus on the following areas: 1. Prioritizing critical services and operations resulting in an Operational Plan for core services 2. Operational efficiency to improved productivity and 3. Long term fiscal stability, explore revenue enhancement strategies for Health Centers with a balanced budget. Lastly, Raquel reported the County Executive Office recommended restorations on the	

following: Laboratory services – 90-day extension, and the restoration of cut position- 1.0 FTE Vacant Sr MHCSI, and 0.75 FTE Locums Tenens Psychiatrists.

Next meeting: July 2, 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) [+1 831-454-2222,191727602#](tel:+18314542222191727602) United States, Salinas Phone Conference ID: **191 727 602#**

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