

Community Health Center Board of Ventura County Meeting
Minutes for January 28, 2021

Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2021
12:30 to 2:00 PM

CHC Board Members:

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RENA SEPULVEDA, District 1

ESPY GONZALEZ, District 2

RALPH REYES, District 3

AMY TOWNER, District 1

DAVID TOVAR, District 1

Call to Order

CHC Board Chair White Wood called the meeting to order at 12:34pm.

1. Roll Call

Susan White Wood –**Present via teleconference**

Renee Higgins- **Present via teleconference**

Manuel Minjares –**Present via teleconference**

Melissa Livingston- **Present via teleconference**

Espy Gonzalez- **Present via teleconference**

Rena Sepulveda, **Present via teleconference**

Ralph Reyes- **Present via teleconference**

Amy Towner- **Present via teleconference**

David Tovar –**Present via teleconference**

Roll call confirmed that a quorum was present.

2. Ventura County Staff Present

Theresa Cho, HCA Ambulatory Care

Lucy Marrero, HCA Ambulatory Care

Elizabeth Galway, HCA Fiscal

Jason Cavender, HCA Fiscal

Shasta Gereau, HCA Ambulatory Care

Dee Pupa, Ventura County Health Care Plan

Christina Woods, Ventura County Health Care Plan

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Public Present – Bob Rust

3. Public Comments -None

Action Item

4. **Agenda Review and Approval** – Board Secretary Minjares motioned to approve the agenda for January 28, 2021, seconded Board Member Livingston and motion carried.
5. **Approve Meeting Minutes for December 17, 2020** – Board Chair White Wood identified a grammatical error under item 13b. Board Member Reyes motioned to approve the minutes for December 17, 2020 with a correction to the grammatical error on item 13b, seconded by Board Member Gonzalez and motion carried.
6. **Review and Approve Policy on Legislative Mandates** – Board Chair White Wood introduced the policy and expressed concerns over the language that goes against the County of Ventura’s Health for All initiative, specifically around gun control and abortions. CHC Board Clerk reminded the Board that the language is specific to the use of federal funds. Board Chair White Wood asked that expressed concerns be shared with HRSA. After a brief discussion, Chair White Wood motioned to approve the Policy on Legislative Mandates, seconded by Board Secretary Minjares and motion carried.
7. **Approve Acceptance of the HRSA Supplemental Grant for Hypertension** –Board Chair White Wood reminded the Board that the CHC Board Clerk reviewed the grant objectives and budget at the last meeting. Board Member Towner motioned to approve the acceptance of the award, seconded by Board Chair Higgins and motion carried.
8. **Approve Provider Credentialing for December, 2020** – Dr. Cho presented and requested the approval of the FQHC providers completing credentialing for December of 2020. Board Member Gonzalez motioned to approve credentialed providers for December of 2020, seconded by Board Chair White Wood and motion carried.
9. **Nomination of Robert Rust to the CHC Board** – CHC Board Clerk confirmed that Mr. Rust has completed the vetting process to join the CHC Board. Board Chair White Wood motioned to nominate Robert Rust to the CHC Board, seconded by Board Chair Higgins and motion carried.
10. **Approve FQHC Clinic Integration** – Dr. Cho reviewed the current process and asked CHC Board to formally approve to move forward with the clinic integration. She reminded the Board that the discussion began with the PERB ruling that gave the clinic non-physician staff the right to be represented by SEIU and CNA. The physicians are represented by UAPD and the County is exploring the possibility of employing the physicians as well. The goal is to fully integrate by July 1, 2021. The team is currently working with ECG and several work groups have been developed to address various aspects of the integration. The ultimate goal is develop best practices to improve access and care. Board Member Reyes motioned to approve moving forward with the clinic integration including the change in staffing model, seconded by Board Member Sepulveda and motion carried.

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11. **Quarterly Fiscal Report** – Presentation is pending senior management review and was tabled for next meeting.
12. **Quarterly Quality Report** – Lucy Marrero provided a summary of the quarterly report and performance. She reviewed the COVID-19 adjustments to the quality programs. All adjustments had to undergo lengthy, formal approval through CMS. For calendar year 2020, county received approval for the proposed adjustment (the use of reporting period pre pandemic to adjust targets to 25th percentile). The health centers were able to tentatively pass more than the required 20 measures that adds up to about \$35.7million. Ms. Marrero shared the mitigation proposal that was presented to Gold Coast Health Plan. Additionally, Ms. Marrero shared metrics on UDS clinical measures as well as patient experience and grievances. Board Member Tovar, seconded by Board Member Towner and motion carried.

Presentation

13. **Patient Experience Surveys** – Shasta Gereau provided a presentation on patient experience surveys and results from the surveys. Received and Filed.

Discussion Items

14. **Continued Business**
 - a. Grants Update – CHC Board Clerk submitted quarterly reports on COVID-19 to HRSA. Most of the activities for the supplemental funding have been completed, but the fiscal team is currently reconciling expenses to draw down funds. She also provide an update on the preparation of the UDS report. The team continues to work on validating data to complete the UDS report. Preliminary numbers show a slight decrease of the overall patient population and a significant and concerning decrease in patients experiencing homelessness.
 - b. Board Composition – Newly nominated Robert Rust will join as a non-consumer member. Efforts continue to prioritize recruitment of a consumer member.
15. **CEO Update** – Dr. Cho explained that the team continues to address COVID-19 with weekly huddles to review changes in protocol, proper use of PPE, and most currently, vaccine distribution. Vaccines have not been allocated to the clinics because there are not enough vaccines allocated to the county and distribution from the state has been slow and inconsistent. Some staff have been working at the fairgrounds to assist and also learn the process to possibly mimic the workflow at clinic sites on a smaller scale.
16. **Board Comments** – Board Member Tovar informed everyone on current state legislation to make telehealth flexibilities permanent, including to keep services at the same reimbursement rate as an in-person clinic visit. Board Chair White Wood provided an update on the County's effort to count patients experiencing homelessness. Due to the pandemic, there won't be a traditional count on unsheltered individuals, but the count will continue at congregate settings.
17. **Staff Comments** – None
18. **Adjourn** – Meeting adjourned at 2:05pm.

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