

Community Health Center Board of Ventura County Meeting
Minutes for March 26, 2020

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County Counsel

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CHC Co-Applicant Board Clerk

Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2020
12:30 to 2:00 PM

Ventura County Public Health
Administration Building
2240 E. Gonzales Road Suite 200
Oxnard, California 93036
Admin. Office,
(805) 981-5101

CHC Board Members:

MELISSA LIVINGSTON, District 4
Chair

RENEE HIGGINS, District 3
Vice Chair

MANUEL MINJARES, District 3
Secretary

RIGOBERTO VARGAS, District 1

RENA SEPULVEDA, District 1

ESPY GONZALEZ, District 2

TABIN COSIO, District 5

MICHELE SURBER, District 4

RALPH REYES, District 3

AMY TOWNER, District 1

SUSAN WHITE WOOD, District 5

1. Call to Order

CHC Board Chair Livingston called the meeting to order at 12:40 pm Thursday, March 26, 2020.

2. Roll Call

Melissa Livingston- Human Services Agency – **present via teleconference**

Renee Higgins- HCA Medical Examiner-**present via teleconference**

Manuel Minjares – City of Fillmore – **present**

Rigoberto Vargas- HCA Public Health Director – **absent**

Espy Gonzalez- Human Services Agency- **present**

Rena Sepulveda, Turning Point Foundation – **present**

Tabin Cosio – Ventura County CEO's Office, HR – **absent**

Michele Surber-Telecare Corp. – **absent**

Ralph Reyes- Interface Children and Family Services- **present**

Amy Towner- CEO Health Care Foundation for Ventura County-**absent**

Susan White Wood – Ventura County Behavioral Health - **present**

Roll call confirmed that a quorum was present.

Ventura County Staff Present

Christina Turner, Ventura County Health Care Plan

Dee Pupa, Ventura County Health Care Plan

Martin Hahn, HCA Ambulatory Care

Public Present – April Rosser

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3. **Public Comments** – None

Action Item

4. **Agenda Review** – Board Member Sepulveda motioned to approve the agenda for March 26, 2020, seconded by Board Member White Wood and motion carried unanimously.
5. **Meeting Minutes** – Meeting minutes for February 27, 2020 were reviewed. Board Secretary Minjares motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Board Member White Wood and motion carried unanimously.

Presentation - None

Discussion Items

6. **Sliding Fee Discount Program Update** – Dee Pupa provided an update on the status of the Sliding Fee Discount Program and explained that the updated policy and the rates will be going to the Board of Supervisors for approval on April 7, 2020. Board Member White Wood explained that the updated policy would need to be reviewed the Community Health Center Board before presenting to the Board of Supervisors. After a brief discussion, Board Chair Livingston recommended a special meeting be held before April 7, 2020. It was determined that the special meeting will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2020.
7. **COVID-19 Operations and Response** – Dr. Cho provided an update on clinic operations and response of the Covid-19 pandemic. All health centers remain open and all urgent care sites are providing screening and testing for Covid-19. In addition to providing screening and testing to their health center patients, two sites, Sierra Vista in Simi Valley and Las Islas in Oxnard, are providing drive up screening and testing for members of the community that do not have a primary care provider. All health centers are reviewing schedules to prioritize visits and providing telehealth services to their patients. Additionally, Health Care for the Homeless and various agencies within the county and community have collaborated to provide safe shelter, screening, and testing to community members experiencing homelessness. Board Member Minjares asked if there are plans to expand hours of operations, specifically for Santa Clara Valley area. At this time, the health centers are keeping current hours, except for the drive up sites that have expanded evening and weekend hours. This may change depending on the community need. Board Member White Wood asked if HRSA funding has been received. Board Clerk and Dr.Cho confirmed that HRSA awarded \$120,000 for COVID response. Staff is reviewing the award and will update the CHC Board at the next meeting. Further funding is anticipated.
8. **Board Comments** - Board Chair Higgins inquired about the ad hoc committee for the upcoming strategic plan. Chair Livingston explained that it will be included in April's regular meeting.
9. **Staff Comments** – None
10. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.

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Minutes submitted by: Lizeth Barretto, CHC Board Clerk