

Community Health Center Board of Ventura County Meeting
Minutes for January 23, 2020

Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2020
12:30 to 2:00 PM

Ventura County Medical Center
300 Hillmont Avenue
Ventura, California 93003
Large Auditorium

THERESA CHO, MD
Ventura County Ambulatory Care
Chief Executive Officer/Medical
Director
CHC Executive Director

JOHN POLICH
County of Ventura Assistant
County Counsel

LIZETH BARRETTO
Ventura County Ambulatory
Care
CHC Co-Applicant Board Clerk

CHC Board Members:

MELISSA LIVINGSTON, District 4
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Vice Chair

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Secretary

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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 Melissa Livingston called the meeting to order at 12:49pm Thursday, January 23, 2020.

2. Roll Call

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

Renee Higgins- HCA Medical Examiner-**absent**

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. – **present**

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

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

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

Roll call confirmed that a quorum was present.

Ventura County Staff Present

Christina Turner, Ventura County Health Care Plan

Elizabeth Galway, HCA Ambulatory Care

Martin Hahn, HCA Ambulatory Care

Robert Bravo, Ventura County CEO's Office

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Matthew Tufte, HCA Ambulatory Care
Erik Cho, Ventura County Health Care Agency

Public Present - None

3. **Public Comments** – None

Action Item

4. **Agenda Review** – Board Secretary Minjares motioned to approve agenda with a change to move item 8, Specialty Services presentation by Dr. Underwood, to the beginning of the agenda, seconded by Board Member Towner and motion carried unanimously.
5. **Meeting Minutes** – Meeting minutes for December 19, 2019 were reviewed. Board Secretary Minjares motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Board Member Towner and motion carried unanimously.
6. **Amend June 27, 2019 Minutes to Reflect Approval of Amy Towner’s Appointment to the CHC Board** - CHC Board Clerk explained the discrepancy between the agenda and the minutes for June 27, 2019. The action item to appoint Amy Towner to the CHC Board was on the agenda and the CHC Board voted Ms. Towner into the CHC Board, but the minutes did not reflect this action. Board Member Gonzalez motioned to amend the June 27, 2019 minutes to reflect approval of Amy Towner’s appointment to the CHC Board, seconded by Board Member Reyes and motion carried.
7. **Approve and Ratify Behavioral Health Integration Grant Application to Gold Coast Health Plan** - CHC Board Clerk summarized the objective of the Behavioral Health Integration Grant and funding amounts. The grant provides an expansion and enhancement of the community health center clinic’s behavioral health services in a primary care setting. Ms. Lucy Marrero took the lead in the application process, and the team anticipates hearing back from Gold Coast in March of 2020. Board Member Surber motioned to ratify and approve the grant application, seconded by Board Member Sepulveda and motion carried.

Presentation

8. **Specialty Services** – Dr. Underwood provided a presentation on specialty services provided at the community health center clinics.
9. **Medi-Cal Healthier California for All (Formerly CalAim) Program Overview**– Erik Cho provided an overview of the program and efforts to prepare for the upcoming changes and possible opportunities.

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Discussion Items

10. **Quest Laboratory Update** – Martin Hahn provided an update on the on-going project to provide laboratory services through Quest Diagnostics. He shared some challenges with the interface between Quest and Cerner, which slowed down the implementation. Implementation started in August of 2019 and will go through March of 2020.
11. **PERB Ruling** – Dr. Cho updated the CHC Board on the PERB ruling impacting the community health center clinic staff. A copy of the ruling was provided.
12. **Grants Update** – CHC Board Clerk, Lizeth Barretto
 - a. Appointment of New HRSA Project Officer – Kimberly Range has now been appointed the new HRSA Project Officer for County of Ventura’s HRSA grant. Ms. Range has extensive experience with Federally Qualified Health Centers. An introductory conference call has been set up to review grant updates and pending questions on CHC Board bylaws.
 - b. Behavioral Health Integration – To better prepare for ongoing efforts in implementing behavioral health services within the primary care setting, technical assistance has been offered by HRSA. The county will have a kick off call with the HRSA behavioral health integration coach within the next couple of weeks for an overview of the assistance program.
13. **Board Comments** - None
14. **Staff Comments** – None
15. **Adjourn** – The meeting adjourned at 1:56 pm.

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Minutes submitted by: Lizeth Barretto, CHC Board Clerk