

The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held March 1, 2023.

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

Attendance	
Christina Berberich	Chair Officer
Caitlin Brune	At Large Officer
Rahn Garcia	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Kim "Coach" Campbell	At Large Ex officio
Gidget Martinez	Member
Michelle Morton	Member
Maximus Grisso	Member
Amy Peeler	County of Santa Cruz, Chief of Clinic Services
Raquel Ramirez Ruiz	County of Santa Cruz, Sr. Health Services Manager
Julian Wren	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Services Manager
Mary Olivares	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Aide
Meeting Commenced at 4:02 pm and concluded at 5:01 pm	
Excused/Absent:	
Excused: Len Finocchio Excused: Dinah Phillips Excused: Tammi Rose	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
Amy welcomed new Commissioner Maximus Grisso. Introductions were done at this time.	
2. Oral Communications:	
Caitlin reported on the purchase of Watsonville Community Hospital. She stated the district, and the hospital are in the process of initiating a foundation that would be able to secure funds for programs that are offered through the district, and there will be opportunities to contribute to that organization.	
3. County of Santa Cruz Integrated Health Center Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).	
The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Health Center Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under Government Code section 54953(e)(3). The Commission makes the following findings in support of this authorization: (A) The Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and (B) The following circumstances exist: (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person. (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. Rahn made a motion that these findings be adopted, Marco second and the rest of members present all in favor.	
4. February 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Action Required	
Review of February 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Recommended for Approval. Rahn moved to accept minutes as presented. Coach second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.	
5. Future Virtual Meetings or In-Person Meetings	
Amy reported that CAO, Carlos Palacios has stated that all county boards and commissions must return to in person meetings. There was discussion with commission such as travel, traffic, location, date, and time. Amy stated if it's hard for commissioners to meet in person commission will reconvene to discuss hardships.	
6. Quality Management Update	
Raquel reported on the quality improvement projects they are working on. She stated there is a new updated template to document current projects that Clinics is working on. Raquel also stated they recently hired two Community Health Workers and they are continuing working on the hypertension project that is funded by HRSA, she stated they have another year on this project. Raquel also stated there was a new enhancement going into EPIC called book it. This will assist in scheduling provider appointments. Raquel also reported on Peer Review she stated there were 25 peer review chart audits this month. Raquel also reported that they had reviewed patient mortality, and that proper care was given.	
7. Social Justice	

Caitlin forwarded report/information from a group called Liberation Ventures a non-profit organization. They are trying to raise awareness for the various types of experiments and reparations on the impact of slavery of Black Americans in understanding the harm that continues to be done. Caitlin stated it is a large report to go through and next month she will bring an exercise for the commission.

8. Financial Update

Julian reported they are at half point in the budget cycle, and they will be submitting the proposed budget for next fiscal year tomorrow to the CAO. He stated if there are no changes, he will bring a presentation to the commission at the next meeting. He also reported that they are foreseeing challenges for next year's budget. Julian reported last fiscal year they were at 15.7 million and this year they are at 19.2 million he was happy to report the increase in revenue. Julian also reported on projections for the coming fiscal year and on grants that they will be receiving. He also reported on Days in A/R and stated they are currently at 41 days but shooting to get that down to 30 days.

9. CEO/COVID 19 update

Amy reported that they are receiving a grant to increase capacity for the Medication Assistance Treatment at the Homeless Persons Health Project(HPHP). She also reported that HPHP will be temporarily be moving over to the Emeline campus while their HVAC is being installed. Lastly she reported that they have a Health Center Manager vacancy and if anyone knew any applicants to send them her way.

Next meeting: April 5, 2023, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Meeting Location: In- Person- 1430 Freedom Blvd., Suite F, Watsonville, Ca 95076 and 1080 Emeline Ave., Bldg. D, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. Commission will connect through Microsoft Teams Meeting or call in (audio only) [+1 916-318-9542](tel:+19163189542), [500021499#](tel:+19163189542) United States, Sacramento Phone Conference ID: **500 021 499#**

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