



**Health Center (HC) Board Minutes
September 22, 2021**

The Health Center Board met via Go To Meeting.

Present: Consumer Members: Filipino Chapelle, Cynthia Guerrero, Richard Osbourne, Wm Darrel Gardner
Community Members: Skip Szymanski (Chair), Emily Casarez (Co-Chair), Sylvia Barnard, Jason Prystowsky
Non-Voting Member: Dana Gamble, Health Center Executive Director
Staff: Elvira Briones-Arellano, Michael Camacho-Craft, Paola Hurtado, Jeanie Sleigh, Jeanette Gumber, Ralph Barbosa,
Guests/Speaker: Dr. Antony

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Szymanski at 12:04pm.

II. Roll Call, Sign In and Quorum Established.

Chair Szymanski requested the virtual attendees do a roll call prior to the call to order and verified that a quorum was established.

III. Review and Approve Minutes from the August 25, 2021 Meeting

The August 25 Board meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board and there were no public comments. Mr. Chapelle motioned that the minutes be approved by the Board; Ms. Guerrero seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Old Business:

1. Patient Satisfaction Discussion

Mr. Gamble expressed his appreciation to the Board for the robust discussion at the August Board meeting. It was a new way to engage the conversation and the Board member's input is valued. Chair Szymanski offered time for the board members to make additional comments and reiterated how important customer service is for the engagement of patients and clinical staff.

VI. New Business:

1. Santa Barbara Health Care Center Internal Medicine Clinical Performance Measures-Dr. Antony

Dr. Maya Antony is the supervising physician for the internal medicine residency program at the Santa Barbara Health Center and shared a comprehensive report on the audit findings of her program from December 2020-April 2021. There were 359 patients audited and 32 first, second, and third year residents. The measures audited were Diabetes, Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia, Colon Cancer Screening, Osteoporosis Screening and Screening for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm. There were no public comments. Chair Szymanski expressed his appreciation for Dr. Antony's concise and detailed presentation.

[Dr. Prystowsky joined the meeting at 12:14pm]

2. HRSA Change in Scope-Mr. Barbosa

Mr. Barbosa informed the Board that the Public Health Department is obligated to update HRSA with any changes to services. Upon review of the current services, it was found that gynecological services needed to be added as a column II service, as there is now a contractor OBGYN at the health centers. There were no public comments.

Ms. Guerrero Motioned that the Board vote to approve the submission of a change in scope to HRSA to add gynecological services as a column II service; Mr. Gardner Seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

VIII. Standing Reports:

1. August 2021 Monthly Financial Report-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble presented the monthly financial report in Ms. Jacobson's absence. The Community Health Center financial results for August 2021 reflect a negative month to date financial impact of -\$148,710 and a positive year to date net financial impact of \$206,099. It is still quite early into the fiscal year, with revenues at 85.2% percent of budget and expenditures at 83.1%. Provider and staff vacancies in the health centers, along with delays for invoices from contractors contribute to the overall positive bottom line. Medicaid and Medicare revenue is below budget but should be improving in the coming months as positions are filled and visits are increased. Pharmaceutical costs are over budget due to the delay in the Medi-Cal pharmacy transition from the State, which has allowed the Health Care Centers to still receive higher reimbursement from CenCal Health.

There were no public comments. Mr. Gardner motioned that the Board approve the August financial report; Ms. Guerrero seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Policy Review Committee –Ms. Casarez

Ms. Casarez informed the Board that the policy review committee had reviewed the policies presented in September 2021 and they appeared to be correct. There were no public comments.

Ms. Casarez motioned that the Board vote to approve the policies presented; Mr. Chapelle seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Provider Appointments-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble informed the Board that Mr. Herrington and Dr. Baldwin had met to discuss the list of providers prior to Dr. Baldwin's transition from Medical Director to supervising physician. Mr. Gamble shared that Dr. Dillon had been with the Santa Maria Health Center for a few years, Dr. Dodds was returning as a substitute pediatrician and Dr. Thomas is a Locums Tenens or "Traveling" physician and is returning to the Lompoc Health Center to assist until the provider vacancies there are filled. There were no public comments.

Dr. Prystowsky motioned that the Board vote to approve the providers as presented; Mr. Gardner seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously

4. Quality Measures Report-None this Month

5. Executive Director's Report-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble began by informing the Board that this and future reports would contain more current information than previous reports as he wishes to keep the Board up to date with the latest information. Mr. Gamble will be reviewing the Health Center Board By Laws to ensure compliance around HRSA's

nepotism clause and will be bringing that change before the Board next month. PHD is still waiting for HRSA to announce the approval and amount of the capital improvements grant discussed and approved of by the Board previously. Mr. Gamble shared highlights from each of the Health Center Administrators on what made them feel proud, amazed or happy in the last six weeks. The patient visit trend for August shows a 5% increase in visits at all of the health centers. Due to the Delta variant of COVID-19 surging during the month of August, there was a drop in in-person visits and an increase in telehealth visits. There were no public comments

6. COVID 19 Update-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble shared with the Board that overall cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are on a slight decline from previous weeks. Public Health is taking every opportunity to get the community vaccinated as it is the best bet against developing complications or severe illness if infected. Recently the FDA announced that COVID-19 booster shots would be recommended for persons aged 65+ and Public Health is planning for mass and homebound vaccinations in October.

Mr. Gamble announced that the rules for holding meetings according to the Brown Act are being changed, which may impact the way that the Health Center Board holds its monthly meetings. Mr. Gamble will meet with the County Attorney and notify the Board with any changes that need to be made regarding resuming in-person Board meetings. The consensus from the Board is to continue virtual meetings until safe to meet again in person. There were no public comments.

VII. Member Announcements:

- Chair Szymanski thanked Ms. Casarez for previously advertising the back-to-school event in Lompoc. The Housing Authority was able to hold a similar event and coordinated with Santa Barbara Neighborhood Clinics to fully vaccinate 40 individuals.
- Chair Szymanski highlighted an article in the LA Times recently regarding Addiction Medicine that he thought the Board may be interested in.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:16pm.