



HEALTH CARE CENTERS

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Health Center (HC) Board Minutes April 22, 2020

The Health Center Board met via Go To Meeting.

Present: Consumer Members: Lee Herrington (Co-Chair), Stephen Ferrara, Filippo Chappelle, Wm. Darrel Gardner, Cynthia Guerrero

Community Members: Skip Szymanski (Chair) Emily Casarez, Sylvia Barnard

Non-Voting Member: Douglas Metz, Health Center Executive Director

Staff: Kendall Johnston, Paola Hurtado, Dana Gamble, Elvia Lopez, Jeanette Gumber, Suzanne Jacobson, Polly Baldwin, Melissa Gomez, Elvira Briones-Arellano

Guests/Speaker: None

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Szymanski at 12:10pm.

II. Review and Approve Minutes from the March 31, 2020 Meeting

There were no requested revisions to the March meeting minutes. There were no public comments.

Mr. Chappelle motioned that the minutes from the March 31 meeting be accepted by the Board; Mr. Gardner seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

III. Roll Call, Sign In and Quorum Established.

Chair Szymanski verified that a quorum was established and requested that the agenda item numbers be corrected for Item VII.2 and VII.3 as the coversheets do not match the agenda.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business: None

VIII. Standing Reports:

1. March 2020 and 3rd Quarter End Financial Report-Ms. Jacobson

Ms. Jacobson began her PowerPoint presentation with reviewing the breakdown of revenue and expenditures by program for March 2020, resulting in an overall deficit for the county at over \$1.3 million dollars. Medi-Cal revenues for the health centers have shown improvement, especially for March, but the COVID19 pandemic will impact future reports. Other revenue highlights include being overbudget in Medicare, self-pay/HAP, and ADAP while Medi-Cal, State/local funds and the Federal 330 Grant show as being underbudget. Physician fees, salaries & benefits and other office expenses are showing as being overbudget for expenditures while pharmaceuticals and indirect costs are underbudget by a combined \$1.5 million.

The 3rd quarter for FY 19-20 ended with revenue being below budget at 94.4% and expenditures being on track at 97.5%. Ms. Jacobson ended her presentation with a photo of Salud Carbajal in the Public Health DOC and she expressed appreciation to our elected officials for their support with PHD's COVID response.

Mr. Herrington motioned that the HC Board approve the March 2020 and quarterly financial reports; Mr. Gardner seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Policy Review Committee

There were 17 policies for review during the month of April.

Mr. Herrington motioned that the policies presented in April be approved by the Board; Mr. Gardner seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Provider Appointments-Dr. Baldwin

Dr. Baldwin briefly reviewed the list of providers that she and Mr. Herrington had reviewed this month. Danette Brown's paperwork was not received in time for Mr. Herrington to review, so her appointment will be tabled until next month.

Mr. Herrington motioned that the Board approve the providers listed for re-appointment with the exception of Danette Brown; Mr. Ferrara seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Quality Measures Report-Tabled

Ms. Gomez shared her PowerPoint presentation for the performance measures during the month of March 2020:

Diabetes A1c Control: extremely close to the goal of 71%, sitting at 69.22%

Asthma with controller medication: This measure has consistently seen progress each month and is no longer part of the grant, although the clinics will still be looking at these numbers internally.

Hypertension: This measure is difficult to obtain and Ms. Gomez is working with specific teams at each clinic to help identify obstacles to reporting the data.

Depression Screening and Intervention: This measure has made huge strides over the last few years, starting at just 39% and currently standing at almost 55%

Breast Cancer Screening: This measure saw a drastic dip due to COVID19.

Patient Satisfaction (Wait time): This measure is reported quarterly and new data will be presented at the May HC Board meeting.

Ms. Gomez shared that the Medical Quality Committee will review the updated measures that HRSA will be looking at for the 2020 grant, identify new measures and make any needed changes to the annual performance improvement plan.

5. Executive Director's Report-Dr. Metz

Dr. Metz referred the attendees to his monthly executive report. Public Health has received some monetary assistance from HRSA for the health centers to manage COVID. Up until March 10, all signs pointed to improved patient volume statistics and then COVID hit. The healthcare centers are currently at 75% of their normal volume, and 66% of visits are either by phone or telehealth visit. Dr. Metz shared a graph (not included in Board packet) showing the visit types by week from March 9 through April 20 and expressed his appreciation for the clinic staff for their response. Dr. Metz reminded the Board that the Health Centers are open for business and those who are sick and need an appointment can still be seen.

6. COVID19 Update-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble, who is actively working in the COVID Departmental Operations Center (DOC) reviewed the latest statistics for Santa Barbara County and gave a brief update about how the DOC operates. There are currently 429 COVID19 cases, with 183 fully recovered and 5 deaths. Hotel rooms are available for vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness and referrals are available from homeless service providers.

VII. Member Announcements: None

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:04pm