



**Health Center (HC) Board Minutes  
June 23, 2021**

The Health Center Board met via Go To Meeting.

**Present: Consumer Members:** Filipo Chappelle, Lee Herrington, Cynthia Guerrero, Celia Lee, Richard Osbourne,  
**Community Members:** Skip Szymanski (Chair), Emily Casarez (Co-Chair), Lauren Geeb, Sylvia Barnard, Jason Prystowsky

**Non-Voting Member:** Dana Gamble, Health Center Executive Director

**Staff:** Kendall Johnston, Polly Baldwin, Melissa Gomez, Elvira Briones-Arellano, Jeanie Sleigh, Suzanne Jacobson, Ralph Barbosa, Jeanette Gumber, Paola Hurtado, Michael Camacho-Craft, Elvira Briones-Arellano.

**Guests/Speaker:** Joy Kane

**Agenda Items**

**I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chair Szymanski at 12:02pm.

**II. Review and Approve Minutes from the May 26, 2021 Meeting**

The May Board meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board and there were no public comments. Mr. Chappelle motioned that the minutes be approved by the Board; Ms. Lee seconded.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**III. 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.

**IV. Public Comment: None**

**V. Old Business: None**

**VI. New Business:**

**1. HRSA Vaccination Presentation-Ms. Kane**

Joy Kane, senior epidemiologist for Public Health presented the findings from demographical analysis of the COVID-19 vaccines that were allocated from HRSA. A total of 30,104 individuals received vaccinations at the HRSA PODs (Points of Distribution) between April 2 – May 8<sup>th</sup> and data was collected regarding migratory/seasonal worker status, homelessness, living in public housing and persons with limited English. Of those vaccinated, 40% were in HRSA's target groups: 6,500 people with limited English proficiency, 4,500 migratory/seasonal workers, 700 people living in public housing and 200 people experiencing homelessness. It is important to note that the HRSA PODs vaccinated 25% of all migratory/seasonal workers in the County and 6.7% of all persons of Hispanic ethnicity in the County. Overall County demographic information can be found on the community [dashboard](#). As of June 18, 47.8% of the entire county has been fully vaccinated with either the single Janssen dose or the multiple dose series of Moderna or Pfizer. There were no public comments.

[Ms. Barnard joined the meeting at 12:10pm]

**VIII. Standing Reports:**

**1. May 2021 Monthly Financial Report-Ms. Jacobson**

Ms. Jacobson began the financial report by announcing that the month of May ended with a ~~surplus~~ positive variance of \$218,612. The YTD impact shows a deficit of \$545,982, showing real improvement from previous reports. The HRSA grants that the Board approved at the May meeting are expected to help fill budgetary gaps due to ongoing COVID response efforts including redirected health center staff as well as provider vacancies at the health centers. Revenue for Medicaid and Medicare, Self-pay/HAP, and local/state funds are below budget while the Federal 330 grant funds showing as above budget. Because of the HRSA grants, PHD will not need to use as

much out of the state and local funds to balance the budget at the end of next month. For expenditures, professional services and physician fees are below budget due to the fact that the invoicing is generally 1 month behind. The County also billed PHD for data processing costs early for the entire year in May, which shows a large variance on the monthly report but not on the yearly report. Ms. Jacobson is confident that the budget will be balanced at the end of the fiscal year.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Guerrero motioned that the Board approve the May financial report; Mr. Herrington seconded.

**Motion Carried Unanimously.**

## **2. Policy Review Committee –Ms. Casarez**

Mr. Herrington informed the Board that the policy review committee had reviewed the policies presented in June 2021 and found them all to be accurate. There were no public comments. Mr. Herrington motioned that the Board vote to approve the policies presented in May 2021; Ms. Casarez seconded.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **3. Provider Appointments-Dr. Baldwin**

Dr. Baldwin briefly reviewed Dr. Chelsea Dean's reappointment this month. Dr. Dean has at least 5 years-experience at the Santa Barbara Health Center, with this being her 2<sup>nd</sup> year as an employee after she completed her residency.

There were no public comments. Mr. Herrington Motioned that the Board vote to approve Dr. Chelsea Dean for reappointment; Ms. Guerrero Seconded.

**Motion Carried Unanimously**

## **4. Quality Measures Report-Ms. Gomez**

Ms. Gomez reviewed the list of performance measures for the Board, highlighting that HRSA will soon be publishing the 2020 national averages. As the health centers continue to reopen and schedule more in-person visits, staff are working towards improved compliance on all measures.

**Diabetes A1c:** this measure increased slightly over the previous month. Both Franklin and Carpinteria Health Centers have specialty diabetes clinics with FHCC scheduling this clinic 2 days per week. All of the HCC are able to refer patients to Santa Barbara where they are assessed for serious mental issues and diabetes for care management in coordination with behavioral health to address their needs.

**Hypertension:** This measure saw almost a 2% increase from the previous month. Lompoc and Santa Maria continue to work with CenCal in obtaining home monitoring devices for their patients.

**Depression w/Intervention:** This measure shows a 2.26% increase from May and there has been an upward trend in the past few months. The women's health department at each health center is involved in a project to increase depression screening during and after pregnancy, which should lead to improved compliance.

**Pediatric Depression w/intervention:** This subset saw a continued spike in compliance as more patients are coming in for preventative care visits.

**Breast Cancer Screening:** This measure is making slow progress and health center staff at Franklin, Santa Barbara and Carpinteria are working to contact patients who are overdue for their annual exam.

**Patient Satisfaction (Wait Time to see provider).** This measure is reported quarterly; updates will be provided at the June 2021 meeting.

There were no public comments.

[Dr. Prystowsky joined the meeting at 12:42]

## **5. Executive Director's Report-Mr. Gamble**

Mr. Gamble associated his monthly executive report with Ms. Kane's presentation by highlighting the success of the HRSA vaccination PODS. Because of the special relationship between HRSA and the Health Centers, PHD was able to vaccinate 46,673 persons at a time when other counties in California could not get enough vaccine. This has been a significant step forward in the fight against COVID. Mr. Gamble reviewed the highlights from each health center and ancillary programs. The Healthcare for the Homeless program worked with the team collaborating on the People's Park in Isla Vista. Carol Millage, the Pharmacy director obtained her APEXUS Advanced 340B operations certificate. The clinical laboratory closure and transition is expected to be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Franklin and Carpinteria Health Centers retained their PCMH recognition. The patient volume report showed positive improvement

from the previous month despite having less clinic days and while the no-show rate increased to 13%, it is still well below the national average of 15%. There were no public comments.

#### **6. COVID 19 Update-Mr. Gamble**

Mr. Gamble discussed the recent changes to restrictions being lifted for fully vaccinated persons. Masks are still required in the Health Centers, regardless of vaccination status. Individuals arriving that the health centers will be asked to self-attest to screening questions at check-in. Mr. Gamble encouraged the attendees to get vaccinated if they have not done so already. There were no public comments.

#### **VII. Member Announcements: None**

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.