



HEALTH CARE CENTERS

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Health Center (HC) Board Minutes January 27, 2021

The Health Center Board met via Go To Meeting.

Present: Consumer Members: Lee Herrington (Co-Chair), Filipino Chappelle, Richard Osbourne, Cynthia Guerrero, Celia Lee, Wm Darrel Gardner.

Community Members: Emily Casarez, Skip Szymanski (Chair), Jason Prystowsky, Arianna Castellanos, Sylvia Barnard

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

Staff: Kendall Johnston, Jeanette Gumber, Polly Baldwin, Melissa Gomez, Ralph Barbosa, Elvia Lopez,

Guests/Speaker: None

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Szymanski at 12:01pm.

II. Review and Approve Minutes from the December 16, 2020 Meeting

The December minutes were accidentally omitted from the Board packet provided to the members for the January 2021 meeting. This item will be tabled to the February 24 Health Center Board to ensure that all members have the opportunity to review.

III. Roll Call, Sign In and Quorum Established.

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

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business: None

VIII. Standing Reports:

1. December 2020 Monthly and Quarterly Financial Report Report-Ms. Jacobson

Ms. Jacobson provided the Board with the monthly and quarterly financial reports ending 12/31/20. The bottom line YTD reflects a deficit of \$1.5 million, which is a vast improvement from the previous month. Medi-Cal revenues are below budget for health center and pharmacy operations due to the impacts of the pandemic. Expenses are on track at 93% of the total budget, and salaries and benefits remain underbudget due to the redirection of County staff to the COVID response efforts. The Health Centers are looking at ways to increase in-person and telehealth visits.

Mr. Chapelle motioned that the Board approve the December monthly and quarterly financial reports; Mr. Herrington seconded. No public comments were made.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Policy Review Committee-Policy Review Committee

Mr. Herrington and Ms. Casarez informed the Board that they had reviewed the policies presented in January and all of them appear to be accurate.

Mr. Herrington motioned that the policies presented be approved by the Board, Ms. Casarez seconded. No public comments were made.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Provider Appointments-None

4. Quality Measures Report-Ms. Gomez

Ms. Gomez presented the quality performance measures for the full calendar year 2020:

Diabetes A1c: This measure has declined 5.58% from the previous calendar year, with a total of 2998 patients monitored. The decline is primarily due to the pandemic causing in-person visits for testing to drop dramatically.

Hypertension: Steady decrease in compliance due to increase in telehealth visits were patients were unable to be monitored. CenCal has begun their outreach project to obtain home monitoring equipment for their clients with uncontrolled hypertension.

Depression w/Intervention: Although there was a slight dip mid-year, this measure has improved by 2.17%.

Pediatric Depression w/intervention: this measure is broken out of the previous measure and began monitoring it in June 2020 where there was a slight dip. Ended the year at 59.61% compliance, slightly under the goal of 60%. PHD will be working hard the next year to meet the benchmark of 71.61%.

Breast Cancer Screening: Overall this measure was heavily impacted by the pandemic, which resulted in limited visits, cancellation of screening tests and now a backlog of patients needing screening. This measure ended at 0.63% from the previous year.

Patient Satisfaction (Wait Time to see provider). Overall decrease of 2.4% from the previous year. New protocols at the health centers regarding social distancing may be a factor in this decline, but PHD is hopeful to see improvement in the near future.

PHD has been approved for grant funding focused on behavioral health, maternal health and diabetic patients, which should result in improvements. Although the pandemic has affected the majority of the measures being tracked, Dr. Baldwin made it clear that PHD will not be lowering the standards and goals for these measures and efforts to improve these will continue.

There were no public comments.

5. Executive Director's Report-Dr. Metz

Dr. Metz began his report by expressing gratitude for the Board members being consistent with their attendance and ensuring a quorum each month. PHD is waiting to hear back on new legislation that may provide local health departments with additional CARES funding. Many of the front line staff at the health centers have received their first dose of the vaccine. The Santa Maria Health Center began using EyePacs for diabetic patient retinopathy screening and the Santa Barbara pharmacy loaned a freezer to the clinic to store the COVID19 vaccine.

The patient volume report showed a 6% decrease of daily patients from the previous month.

However, the December patient visits per day amounted to 434, which is approximately 96% of the pre-COVID average and 85% of original target.

6. COVID 19 Update-Dr. Metz

Dr. Metz provided a brief update on the Public Health Department's COVID19 response efforts. Dr. Metz referred the Board to the online dashboard that the Epidemiology unit maintains daily. The dashboard contains information such as case counts, Covid-related deaths, ICU capacity and information regarding the vaccine distribution. Ms. Barnard expressed her appreciation to the C19 Response team and their responsiveness to the needs at Good Samaritan Shelter and Chair Szymanski echoed the comments as they pertained to the Housing Authority.

VII. Member Announcements:

- Dr. Metz wanted to clarify with Ms. Castellanos if the January meeting would be her last as she is no longer with CenCal, but will have to follow up with her privately later.
- Dr. Prystowsky provided the zoom link for Under-served Medicine course he teaches at UCSB on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

<p>Tuesday 5pm Lecture You are invited to a Zoom webinar. When: Jan 5, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Topic: INT 75 - Underserved Medicine Seminar (Tuesday Lecture) Register in advance for this webinar: https://ucsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_WLW9R0FRTj--hOVVBqelgQ</p>	<p>Thursday 5pm Lecture You are invited to a Zoom webinar. When: Jan 7, 2021 05:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada) Topic: INT 75 Underserved Medicine Seminar Lecture (Thursday Lecture) Register in advance for this webinar: https://ucsb.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PQzT2LukQ96Or5RaA2ST1A</p>
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VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:07pm.