



HEALTH CARE CENTERS

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Health Center (HC) Board Minutes October 28, 2020

The Health Center Board met via Go To Meeting.

Present: Consumer Members: Lee Herrington (Co-Chair), Filippo Chappelle, Richard Osbourne, Cynthia Guerrero

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

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

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

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 September 23, 2020 Meeting

Mr. Chappelle motioned that the minutes from the September Board meeting be approved by the HC Board; Ms. Guerrero seconded. No public comments were made.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

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:

1. Board Member Removal-Chair Szymanski

The Health Center Board by-laws make clear that members who have been repeatedly absent from meetings without communication require a Board resolution to dismiss those members. Chair Szymanski recommended that Christopher Hutton be removed as a Board member. The resolution has been corrected with the effective date of October 28, rather than October 22. There were no public comments.

A 2/3 vote for Board resolutions is required; however, the resolution was passed unanimously with all 8 members in attendance voting in favor of Mr. Hutton's removal as a Health Center Board Member.

2. Service Area Identification (SAC) Review-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble reviewed the Health Center's service area based on where current patient populations reside as documented by the ZIP codes reported on the health center's Form 5B: Service Sites. The service area is appropriate as per HRSA's expectations.

Mr. Chappelle motioned that the Board vote to approve the service areas identified in HRSA form 5B; Mr. Herrington seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

3. Board Self-Evaluation-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble reminded the Board that the annual Board member self-evaluation is due by the November 18 meeting. Members may return the form via email to Kendall, but she will also be making it a fillable form and sending it out to the members in a separate email. Those who cannot complete theirs electronically will receive a self-addressed stamped envelope in their November meeting packet to send the questionnaire back to PHD.

VIII. Standing Reports:

1. September 2020 Monthly and Quarter-End Financial Report-Ms. Jacobson

Ms. Jacobson began her presentation with appreciation to Mr. Gamble for providing the report at the September meeting. As of September 30, Public Health is at 91.9% of the total budget. Revenue highlights include being underbudget in Medi-Cal, State/local funds, and self-pay. There has been less pharmacy utilization and in-person visits but Ms. Jacobson stated that some of the pharmacy payments are tardy and should be captured in the next month or so. Health Center expenses are also underbudget, as some health center staff have been redirected to the COVID response and invoices from physicians being delayed. Ms. Jacobson addressed questions regarding the budget for COVID response as well as the rates that phone/virtual visits are paid at by Medi-Cal. The presentation ended with photos of the mass drive-thru vaccination site in Lompoc from last month and the COVID testing location in Santa Barbara targeted for essential workers.

Ms. Casarez motioned that the Board approve the September monthly and quarterly financial report; Ms. Guerrero seconded. No public comments were made.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Policy Review Committee

Mr. Herrington motioned that the policies presented in September be approved by the Board, Mr. Osbourne seconded. No public comments were made.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Provider Appointments-Dr. Baldwin

Mr. Herrington motioned that the providers listed for reappointment be approved by the Board; Ms. Barnard seconded. No public comments were made.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Quality Measures Report-Ms. Gomez

Ms. Gomez provided updates to the progress of the performance measures for calendar year 2020: **Diabetes Control/A1C:** Compliance continues to decline as many visits remain virtual and patients have not been having testing done.

Hypertension: Steady decrease in this measure, but CenCal is partnering with the Lompoc Health Center to provide at home blood pressure monitors.

Depression Screening: There has been a dip over the past few months, but as in-person visits resume and workflows improve, we should start to see improvement.

Pediatric Depression Screening and Intervention: Increase from previous month, most likely due to new pediatric providers coming onboard and teaming up to address this issue.

Breast Cancer Screenings: This measure continues to be affected by the pandemic, due to limited visits and cancelation of screening exams. There is now a backlog of patients needing to be screened and Health Center staff are continuing to work with those patients.

Patient Satisfaction (Wait time): Report unavailable; Ms. Gomez will present next month.

During the month of September, 22% of health center patients with visits had a current flu vaccination. That number has jumped to 48% as of last week.

5. Executive Director's Report-Dr. Metz

Dr. Metz began his report with the news that next month the Board will meet with Van Do-Reynoso for his annual performance review. Highlights from September include participation of staff from all the clinics in the mass drive-thru seasonal flu vaccination. The 340B Pharmacy program has been under

legislative attack in the past year and it appears that the County will not be receiving those funds beginning in January 2021. The Carpinteria Health Center saw a 13% increase in patient volume last month and Dr. Metz provided additional graphs showing the types of visits (phone, video, or in-person) in the Health Centers since the start of the pandemic.

6. COVID 19 Update-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble reminded the Board members to remain vigilant in their efforts to stay free of COVID19, even as numbers in the County seem to be stabilizing. Santa Barbara continues to be in the Red tier of the State's blueprint for reopening, but transmission of COVID remains substantial. PHD is seeing outbreaks and hot spots in the Isla Vista area and have set up Pop-up COVID testing to address those.

VII. Member Announcements:

- Ms. Casarez announced that the Route 1 Farmers Market is back and \$10 "Market Match" vouchers are being issued to promote healthy eating.
- Chair Syzmanski announced that the Santa Barbara City Housing Authority now has a food pantry once per month to help seniors and those in low-income housing to make healthy food choices.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:23pm.