



HEALTH CARE CENTERS

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT
SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

Health Center (HC) Board Minutes February 24, 2021

The Health Center Board met via Go To Meeting.

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

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

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

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

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 reviewed by the Board and Chair Szymanski's suggested revisions were discussed. There was no public comment. Mr. Chappelle motioned that the revised minutes be approved by the Board; Mr. Herrington seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

III. Review and Approve Minutes from January 27, 2021 Meeting

The January minutes were reviewed by the Board and there were no public comments. Mr. Chappelle motioned that the Board approve the January meeting minutes; Ms. Castellanos seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

IV. Roll Call, Sign In and Quorum Established.

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

V. Public Comment: None

VI. Old Business: None

VII. New Business:

1. Proposed Board Member: Lauren Geeb

Ms. Geeb introduced herself to the Health Center Board, reviewing her credentials and extensive experience as the CenCal quality department manager and then logged off the virtual meeting for the Board vote. There were no public comments. Dr. Prystowsky motioned that the Board approve Ms. Geeb for membership; Ms. Casarez seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

[Ms. Geeb then rejoined the Board meeting at 12:18pm]

2. Annual Review of Health Center Board By-Laws

Mr. Gamble notified the Board that there have not been any significant changes from HRSA that require amendments to the Board By-Laws. There were no public comments. Mr. Chappelle motioned that the Board approve the annual review of the By-Laws; Mr. Gardner seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

VIII. Standing Reports:

1. January 2021 Monthly Financial Report Report-Ms. Jacobson

Ms. Jacobson began her presentation with a brief overview of the health center financial process for the benefit of the new Board member. While this time during the fiscal year cycle is often at a deficit for YTD, the month of January ended with a positive bottom line of \$118,216. Revenues are at 88.4% of the budget and expenditures at 92.4%. PHD expects to see additional Medi-Cal revenue in February due to the Pharmacy benefit manager catching up on payments that are in arrears. Self-Pay (HAP) revenues continue to be below budget as in-person collections have been reduced due to the increase of telehealth visits. HAP payment rates are lower when visits are performed by telephone, also contributing to the downward trend. Local and State funds are below budget as well and the goal is improve Medi-Cal revenues in order to use less local/state funds to make up for deficiencies at the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Jacobson reassured the Board that PHD is aware that the pandemic has greatly impacted patients' economic situations and that PHD does not aggressively pursue collections.

Ms. Geeb motioned that the Board approve the January 2021 monthly financial report; Ms. Guerrero seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Policy Review Committee-Policy Review Committee

Mr. Herrington informed the Board that the policy review committee had reviewed the policies presented and found policy number 18-C-634 be corrected to reflect the appropriate review date of February 2022. There were no public comments. Mr. Gardner motioned that the Board vote to approve the policies presented with the correction of the aforementioned policy; Mr. Herrington seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Provider Appointments-Dr. Baldwin

Dr. Baldwin reviewed the list of providers presented for re-appointment during February 2021 and informed them that these providers have been at the health center for some time and that there have not been any issues with any of them. There were no comments made by the public.

Dr. Prystowsky motioned that the Board approve the providers listed for reappointment; Mr. Herrington seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Quality Measures Report-Ms. Gomez

Ms. Gomez presented the quality performance measures for the month of January, and shared a brief overview of the goals for Ms. Geeb as the newest Health Center Board member.

Diabetes A1c: Screening for A1c continues to be the primary reason for the 1.1% decline in diabetic blood glucose control as many visits were taking place remotely or being sent to outside laboratories.

Hypertension: Steady decrease due to remote visits where patients were unable to be monitored.

Depression w/Intervention: There was a slight decrease in the past month after an overall improvement for 2020.

Pediatric Depression w/intervention: this measure is broken out of the previous measure and experienced a small decline <1% for the month.

Breast Cancer Screening: this measure has stayed somewhat stagnant for the month. Health Center staff continue to address the need for screening and to get patients scheduled, as many are now overdue for their exams.

Patient Satisfaction (Wait Time to see provider). This measure is reported out quarterly and has not changed in the past month. The next update will be provided at the April 2021 Board meeting. PHD has been approved for grant funding focused on behavioral health, maternal health and diabetic patients, which should result in improvements as mentioned at the previous Board meeting.

There were no public comments.
[Ms. Barnard left the meeting at 12:55pm]
[Ms. Geeb left the meeting at 1:08pm]

5. Executive Director's Report-Dr. Metz

Dr. Metz welcomed Ms. Geeb to the HC Board and provided some background about his role on the Board. Public Health was among 250 FQHCs nationwide chosen by HRSA to receive additional COVID19 vaccine allocation and the health centers have begun vaccinating patients who meet the vaccine tier criteria. February marked the 2nd month in a row that the Franklin Health Care Center had increased their daily patient visits. The no-show rate for patient visits countywide (11%) continues to be well below the national average (20%).

Dr. Metz concluded his monthly report with the announcement that he is retiring from Public Health on March 26 and that the March Board meeting will be his last. He expressed his admiration for the Board members' dedication and the Board members extended their well wishes and gratitude to Dr. Metz for his leadership over the past 5 years. There were no public comments.

[Dr. Prystowsky left the meeting at 1:12pm]

6. COVID 19 Update-Mr. Gamble

Due to time constraints, Mr. Gamble provided a brief update regarding the current status of COVID in Santa Barbara County. With the decrease in case rates, schools TK-6 can open after they have submitted their safety plans beginning the week of March 8. Mr. Gamble encouraged the Board members to sign up to receive the vaccine if they meet the current criteria and to continue to social distance and keep up other good practices to mitigate the spread of COVID.

VIII. Member Announcements:

- Mr. Ferrara invited staff and Board members to contact him if they are interested in joining his music livestream.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm.