



**Health Center (HC) Board Minutes
March 24, 2021**

The Health Center Board met via Go To Meeting.

Present: Consumer Members: Filipo Chappelle, Richard Osbourne, Cynthia Guerrero, Stephen Ferrara, Celia Lee.
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, Paola Hurtado, Dana Gamble, Michael Camacho-Craft, Elvira Briones-Arellano, Jeanette Gumber
Guests/Speaker: None

Agenda Items

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Chair Szymanski at 12:03pm.

II. Review and Approve Minutes from the February 24, 2021 Meeting

The February 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 and verified that a quorum was established.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Old Business: None

VI. New Business:

1. 2019-2020 Annual Health Center Report to Board Presentation to Board of Supervisors-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble provided a brief background about the annual health center report. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-2020 report was delayed in being presented to the County Board of Supervisors until the March 16th 2021 meeting. Former Board member, Judy Taggart assisted with the formatting of the report. Chair Szymanski noted errors with the list of the Health Center Board member names in the report for staff to correct and post online. The report does not require a Board vote and there were no public comments.

2. Health Center Board Executive Director-Chair Szymanski

Dr. Metz is due to retire from the Public Health Department on March 26 and Dana Gamble has been named Interim Deputy Director of the Public Health Department, effective March 22, 2021. The PHD Deputy Director position is inclusive of the Health Center Board Project Officer/Executive Director role and it is fitting that Mr. Gamble take this on, as he is well-known to the Board. The Board has reviewed Mr. Gamble's qualifications and has agreed to hire him as Executive Director. The Board members expressed their appreciation for the past five years with Dr. Metz. There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Barnard moved that the Health Center Board endorse and hire, in coordination with the County Board of Supervisors, Dana Gamble, as Executive Director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department Federally Qualified Health Centers effective March 27, 2021; Ms. Castellanos seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

VIII. Standing Reports:

1. February 2021 Monthly Financial Report Report-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble provided the monthly report in Ms. Jacobson's absence, and expressed his appreciation to her for providing the budget narrative. Chair Szymanski requested that the amount listed on the budget narrative for

February Expenditures be corrected, as it appears the numbers were transposed. The correct total is \$4,261,617. The Health Center project ended the month of February 2021 with a positive month-to-date financial impact of \$51,061 and a year-to-date deficit of -\$1,352,257. Revenue highlights include Medicaid and Medicare still below budget but continuing to show improvement. Positive variances in expenditures include salaries and benefits, due to clinic staff being directed to COVID response efforts. There were no comments from the public.

Ms. Geeb motioned that the Board approve the February 2021 monthly financial report; Mr. Chapelle seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

2. Policy Review –Ms. Casarez

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

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Provider Appointments-Dr. Baldwin

Dr. Baldwin reviewed the list of providers presented for re-appointment during March 2021 and each of their specialties and locations. There were no comments made by the public. Dr. Prystowsky motioned that the Board approve the providers listed for re-appointment; Ms. Castellanos seconded.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Quality Measures Report-Ms. Gomez

Ms. Gomez presented the quality performance measures for the month of February 2021.

Diabetes A1c: Screening for A1c continues to be the primary reason for the decline in diabetic blood glucose control as many visits were taking place remotely or being sent to outside laboratories. As it has now been a year since the pandemic began, patients who have not been tested in the past year are being contacted by health center staff to do so.

Hypertension: Steady decrease due to remote visits where patients were unable to be monitored. Cencal assisted the Lompoc Health Center in identifying over 90 patients who were overdue for their screening. Twenty-six of the twenty-eight patients scheduled for a visit kept their appointment and many had follow up and reconnection with specialists.

Depression w/Intervention: This measure, like many of the others, was showing huge improvement in compliance prior to the start of the pandemic. In past years there was a big push for screening in January and February, so many of those patients are now overdue for their annual screening.

Pediatric Depression w/intervention: decreased compliance as mentioned previously.

Breast Cancer Screening: Progress is slow, with 0.36% improvement.

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 is anticipating receiving the national averages of the other FQHC's sometime in May/June to see how the pandemic has affected the quality measures overall. There were no public comments.

5. Executive Director's Report-Dr. Metz

Dr. Metz started his final report with the notice that the annual UDS report was submitted and accepted by HRSA on February 15. The Carpinteria Health Center hosted a Saturday vaccination clinic for Carpinteria-area residents who were eligible for the COVID19 Vaccine and will host another clinic on 3/27. Dr. Metz reported that the Health Centers visit levels in February exceeded original pre-pandemic visits and 45% of overall visits are virtual. The no-show rate continues to be below the national average at 11% and the graphs presented show the weekly visits and visit types since 3/16/2020. There were no public comments.

6. COVID 19 Update-Mr. Gamble

Mr. Gamble began his update on a positive note, informing the Board that the County may soon meet the criteria to advance to the orange tier of the State's reopening plan. The Board members were encouraged to visit the community dashboard on www.publichealthsb.org to view the latest information. While vaccination efforts begin to increase and cases decrease, the Board members were reminded to stay vigilant in their personal safety and to get the vaccine if they are eligible.

VII. Member Announcements:

- Ms. Casarez announced that LVCHO has a bilingual health program coordinator/advocate position available and if anyone is interested in applying to contact the Lompoc Valley Medical Center Human Resources department.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:29pm.