

# The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

**Minute Taker: Mary Olivares**

Minutes of the meeting held February 1, 2023.

**TELECOMMUNICATION MEETING:** Microsoft Teams Meeting - or call-in number +1 916-318-9542 – PIN# 500021499#

Attendance	
Christina Berberich	Chair Officer
Len Finocchio	Co-Chair Officer
Caitlin Brune	At Large Officer
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Kim "Coach" Campbell	At Large Ex officio
Tammi Rose	Member
Amy Peeler	County of Santa Cruz, Chief of Clinic Services
Raquel Ramirez Ruiz	County of Santa Cruz, Sr. Health Services Manager
Mary Olivares	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Aide
Jennifer Herrera	County of Santa Cruz, Health Services Agency Assistant Director
Lynn Lauridsen	County of Santa Cruz, Health Services Manager
<b>Meeting Commenced at 4:02 pm and concluded at 5:01 pm</b>	
Excused/Absent:	
Excused: Gidget Martinez Absent: Michelle Morton	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
2. Oral Communications:	
3. County of Santa Cruz Integrated Health Center Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under AB 361 and Government Code section 54953(e)(3).	
The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Health Center Commission will meet via teleconference as authorized under Government Code section 54953(e)(3). The Commission makes the following findings in support of this authorization: (A) The Commission has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and (B) The following circumstances exist:	
(i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.	
(ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.	
Rahn made a motion that these findings be adopted, Coach second and the rest of members present all in favor. Rahn stated we will need advice from County Counsel to see if virtual meetings will continue once COVID ordinance ends.	
4. January 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Action Required	
Review of January 3, 2023, Meeting Minutes – Recommended for Approval. Rahn moved to accept minutes as presented. Len second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor. Christina abstained as she was not present at this meeting.	
5. CalAIM Update	
Jennifer Herrera and Lynn Lauridsen presented a broad overview of the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) program. They stated CalAIM is a long-term commitment to transform and strengthen Medi-Cal, making the program more equitable, coordinated, and person centered to help people maximize their health and life trajectory. They presented information over the Public Health framework for reducing health inequities. Jennifer stated California is the first state who is going to be providing Medi-Cal services for people who are currently incarcerated, in the past this has been a carved out so when people are incarcerated they are no longer eligible for Medi-Cal, which results in disjointed care. A very informative presentation about CalAIM was presented to the commission.	
6. Quality Management Update	
Raquel reported on Quality Improvement Projects she stated Dr. Sarkarati had created a power point template for the health centers to document their quality improvement projects and this will be done on a quarterly basis. Raquel stated they had received new funding from Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for COVID-19 vaccinations. The amount of the funding is \$174,595.00 through the months of 12/1/2022-5/31/2023. Raquel stated the funding	

will be used for supplies; training; staffing; outreach and education via media campaign. She stated they will be working closely with Public Health who already has a strong social media campaign. This funding is all strictly to promote Covid vaccines.

Raquel reported on the next award they had received was from the California Department of Health Care Services State Opioid Response (SOR) III Funding. The total of the funding was \$1,196,580, broken down by clinics Watsonville Health Center: \$200,200; Santa Cruz Health Center: \$324,940; and Homeless Persons Health Project: \$671,440 through 1/1/2023-6/30/2024. Raquel stated this was much more reduced than past years but was happy to receive it.

Raquel also reported that the Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) had reached out to them to partner with our Homeless Persons Health Project to provide street outreach and provide mobile outreach. The incentive amount is \$806,836 from January 2023 - February 2024.

Raquel lastly reported she had submitted a Provider grant to the Central California Alliance for health. The grant award will be announced on April 26, 2023 and the amount requested is \$91,857.

#### 7. Social Justice

Cailin stated today is the first day of Black History Month. She will forward a newsletter to commission for resource.

#### 8. Financial Update

Amy reported that compared from last year we are 2.7 million dollars in the positive. She also reported that Clinics has 37 vacancies and that some of those vacancies are money generating positions. Amy also reported on the visits at all three Clinic sites which appear to be increasing.

#### 9. CEO/COVID 19 update

Amy reported that January's storm was rough on our County and that she was deployed for most of the month. Amy also reported that the new commissioner will be appointed 2/14/23. Amy also stated we have a bit of improvement on parking at the Homeless Persons Health Project (HHP) and that the city has agreed to give us two nonmetered, two-hour parking spaces. Amy also reported that the State - Clinic Workforce Stabilization Retention Payments is giving money to health workers and that 240 of Clinics employees may be eligible to receive up to \$1000.00. Lastly Amy showed a new design for the HHP mobile van, commission members gave some feedback but were pleased with the new design.

Next meeting: March 1, 2023, 4:00pm - 5:00pm

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Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ / / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Board Chair or Co-Chair) (Date)