

The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held April 1, 2021.

TELECOMMUNICATION MEETING: Microsoft Teams Meeting - or call-in number 831-454-2222: Meeting Code: 850702.

Attendance	
Christina Berberich	Chair
Len Finocchio	Vice Chair
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Michelle Morton	Member
Amy Peeler	County of Santa Cruz, Chief of Clinic Services
Mary Olivares	Admin Aide
David Pheng	Health Center Manager – Emeline Clinic
Joey Crottogini	Health Center Manager – HPHP Clinic
Meeting Commenced at 11:14 am and Concluded at 12:16 pm	
Excused/Absent:	
Absent: Gustavo Mendoza	
Excused: Caitlin Brune	
Excused: Raquel Ramirez Ruiz	
Excused: Julian Wren	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
Commissioners welcomed new patient commissioner Michelle Morton. Introductions were done at this time.	
2. Oral Communications:	
3. March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes - Action item	
Review of March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Recommended for Approval. Rahn moved to accept minutes as submitted. Marco second, and the rest of the members present were all in favour.	
4. Social Justice	
Each of the commissioners shared what their feelings and experience has been the last couple of months regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion issues. Some of the commissioners shared what they had learned and expressed their thoughts. One commissioner stated this was valuable to them for the patients that are served here at our clinics. Another stated they loved that this was happening and was made more aware in watching movies and certain phrases that are used. Another stated there is a very thin line about being “woke” and going overboard. This has been educational, frustrating, and sorry for the racism in this country and that it is the cancer in the American soul. It was stated from the commission they are glad they are continuing to do this work and thankful for Caitlin for taking the lead.	
5. Quality Management Committee Update	
Amy reported that Clinics is working with Public Health, Salud Para la Genta, and Santa Cruz Community Health. They are all collaborating to do a small pilot on 4/14 or 4/21 in helping our patients get signed up on MyChart either via text message or by phone. This is so they can help patients get scheduled for their vaccine appointments. Amy also stated that they had submitted the vaccine readiness and signed agreement to HRSA to enable Clinics to receive their own vaccines. Currently the vaccines that Clinics receives is through Public Health. The question was asked what percentage of patients had been vaccinated? Amy stated, that well over 75% of 75 and older, and 55% of 65 and older. Amy was also happy to report that 95% of her staff had been vaccinated. Lastly, Amy stated that Quality Management and Peer Review Committees did not meet this month and has no updates.	
6. Updates from Health Centers	
Joey Crottogini, Health Center Manager at HPHP Clinic gave an update on COVID-19 vaccines with people experiencing homelessness. He stated they have a higher priority than the general population because they do not have a place to shelter in place, and because they have higher health problems. He stated they are providing a lot of patient education and are trying to persuade their patients to get vaccinated. He stated there is a lot of collaboration with all the shelters. He stated there are three strategies: the vaccine clinic, mobile pop-up sites, and street medicine. Joey stated that some of the barriers are limited space, staffing, and community politics. Joey also reported	

that they had vaccinated over 1000 patients and health workers and that they are starting a patient advisory board that is scheduled to start on 4/16/21.

David Pheng, Health Center Manager at Emeline Clinic stated they had a drive through clinic on 3/20/21. He stated 300 patients were scheduled for their second Pfizer vaccine. He was proud to say his Medical Assistants, Physicians, Nurses and UCSC Volunteers were all on board and happy to do this, David shared pictures. He stated they will be continuing with the drive through process for vaccinations. Amy reported that the Watsonville Clinic had been the early leader and a majority of our patients who tested positive were in Watsonville. She was happy to report that the rate has drastically gone down. It was stated from the commissioners that it's great to hear from the Health Center Managers and it would be nice if they were invited to the commission meetings on a quarterly basis.

7. CEO/COVID-19 Update

Amy was excited to announce that HPHP had received the new medical van, she stated it had been a long time coming. Amy also reported that the candidate that was offered the Medical Director position had a last-minute job offer for a more senior position elsewhere and had taken that offer. She also stated that we received notice this week that we had received 3.4 million dollars from HRSA our federal oversight agency, this money came through the American Rescue Dollars. She stated it was an interesting formula. We received an amount for a flat \$500,000.00, then we received \$125.00 for every patient we reported to them in 2019, and \$250.00 for every uninsured patient we reported to them in 2019, at our next meeting she will have a proposal on how to use this money. Lastly, Amy reported that last week our Health Centers had given more vaccines combined than the other FQHC Clinics in our area.

Action items:

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Next Meeting: May 6, 2021 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting: 1080 Emeline, Santa Cruz, CA

Minutes approved _____
(Signature of Board Chair or Co-Chair)

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