The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held June 10, 2026

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

Attendance	
Len Finocchio	Executive Board – Co-Chair
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Michelle Morton	Member
Maximus Grisso	Member
Nicole Pfeil	Member
Joseph Eaton	Member
Amy Peeler	County of Santa Cruz, Chief of Clinics
Raquel Ruiz	County of Santa Cruz, Senior Health Services Manager
Julian Wren	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Services Manager
Jennifer Phan	County of Santa Cruz, Health Services Manager
Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm and concluded at 1:45 pm	

Excused/Absent:

Excused: Christina Berberich

1. Welcome/Introductions

2. Oral Communications:

3. May 13, 2026, Meeting Minutes – Action Required

The minutes from May 13, 2026, meeting were reviewed and recommended for approval. Marco motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Joseph seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

4. Introduction of the Health Center Manager

Cindy Ortega was introduced to the committee members as the new Health Center Manager for the Emeline Clinic. The committee welcomed Cindy to her new role.

5. Removal of Recuperative Care Center from Approved HRSA Sites - Action Item

Raquel reported this is an action item to remove the Recuperative Care Center- Salt Air Lodge from our Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Sites in Scope list (Form 5B). Modify Form 5A to change this service from Column 1 (Direct Service) to Column 3 (Referral Arrangement). Joseph made a motion to approve the changes to Form 5B. Nicole seconded the motion. All remaining committee members present voted in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Quality Management Update

Quality Management Committee: Raquel reported she will bring the quality management plan for 2026-2027 for approval at next months meeting. Raquel also reported that the Ryan White had reported on the HIV program metrics review.
Action Item: Mary to mail quality management plan ahead of time to Joseph, Nicole, and Marco and e-mail out to rest of commissioners.

Peer Review Committee: They reviewed 9 monthly peer review chart audits. The committee also reviewed the audit form for revision and had 3 episodic chart audits.

Follow Up Item: Raquel to follow up with JMac on AI and chart reviews.

7. Financial Update

Raquel reported on behalf of Julian. The actuals cover activity through March 31, 2026. Last year at this same point in time, clinics was running about $11.4 million in the red year-to-date. This year, their year-to-date gap is about $10.6 million. That's nearly $816,000 less of a shortfall compared to last year. Raquel reported on completed billable appointment comparison. Across all four sites combined, they have completed 71,555 visits through May of this fiscal year, compared to 69,921 at the same point last year. That's about 1,600 more visits. Two years ago, that number was only 58,874. The health center is reaching more individual community members than ever before, with 12,858 unique patients served through May. Raquel lastly reported the overall financial story this year is a positive one more patients served, near break-even financials, and growing demand signals that warrant attention heading into FY 2026-27 planning.

Follow Up Item: 1. Question was asked if IBH and Primary visits counted twice or one visit. Raquel to check with Julian
2. Sliding fee schedule what initiates to apply the fee schedule and how can we be proactive with patients billing.

8. CEO Update

Raquel reported that the budget hearing was held that morning and that the budget was approved by the Board.

Next meeting: July 8, 2026, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Meeting Location: In- Person- 150 Westridge Drive, Suite 101, Watsonville, Ca 95076 and 1080 Emeline Ave., Bldg. Clinic. Cruz, CA 95060. Commission will connect through Microsoft Teams Meeting or call in (audio only) +1 831-454-2222,191727602# United States, Salinas Phone Conference ID: **191 727 602#**

☐ Minutes approved ____ ___/___/____
(Signature of Board Chair or Co-Chair) (Date)