The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held July 8, 2026

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

Attendance	
Christina Berberich	Executive Board - Chair
Len Finocchio	Executive Board – Co-Chair
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	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: Michelle Morton

1. Welcome/Introductions

Amy introduced potential new Commission member Mike Weatherford. Introductions were made at this time.

2. Oral Communications:

3. June 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes – Action Required

The minutes from June 8, 2026, meeting were reviewed and recommended for approval. Rahn motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Len seconded the motion. All members present voted in favor.

4. Quality Management Plan Approval - Action Item

Raquel presented the Quality Management Plan and reviewed the edits and updates that had been made. Nicole made a motion to accept the Quality Management Plan as presented. Len seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, with all members present voting in favor.

5. Quality Management Update

Raquel provided an update on the Quality Management Committee. She reported that, during this month's meeting, HPHP presented its Quarterly Report on Medication Management and Adherence. The committee also finalized the 2026–2027 Quality Management Plan and received a Ryan White (HIV Grant) program update. Raquel also presented the Central California Alliance for Health (CCAH) Care-Based Incentives (CBI) Quarter 1 Report. She reviewed the quality measures, plan benchmarks, performance goals, and improvement rates with the committee.

Raquel provided a Peer Review update. She reported that the organization has transitioned to a web-based application for chart reviews, replacing the previous DocuSign and paper-based process. She also reported that three monthly Peer Review chart audits had been completed, with no issues identified. Lastly, Raquel shared that a refresher training on Hepatitis C treatment will be scheduled soon. The training will be led by an infectious disease specialist and will be provided to all staff.

6. Financial Update

On behalf of Julian, Amy provided an update on the new California state budget and its impact on the organization. She reported that California nearly implemented significant cuts to community health center funding this year. Instead, state leaders deferred most of those proposed cuts for one year and identified additional funding to help maintain Medi-Cal stability. Amy also reported that this year's budget delays any reductions to acupuncture benefits by 12 months. If the related legislation is approved, acupuncture will become a more stable and reliable covered service for chronic pain management. Amy reviewed organizational financial and operational metrics, including completed billable appointments, unique patient comparisons, monthly total charge comparisons, and days in accounts receivable (A/R). In closing, Amy stated that the organization's overall financial outlook for the year is positive. She noted that more patients have been served, financial performance is near break-even, and increasing demand highlights the need

for continued planning as the organization prepares for Fiscal Year 2026–2027.
7. Succession planning
Amy reported that, under the organization's bylaws, commissioners serve four-year terms and may serve up to three consecutive terms, for a maximum of 12 years. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of removing term limits. The committee directed staff to review the applicable county code and determine whether there is any guidance or requirements in the organization's agreement with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Staff will report back with their findings at a future meeting.
8. CEO Update
Amy reported that her annual evaluation is due. The committee directed Mary to prepare a separate agenda for next month's meeting to allow the Executive Board to convene and conduct Amy's evaluation.

Next meeting: August 12, 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)