

The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

Minute Taker: Mary Olivares

Minutes of the meeting held September 2, 2021.

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

Attendance	
Christina Berberich	Chair
Caitlin Brune	Member at Large
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Amy Peeler	County of Santa Cruz, Chief of Clinic Services
Raquel Ramirez Ruiz	County of Santa Cruz, Senior Health Services Manager
Mary Olivares	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Aide
David Pheng	County of Santa Cruz, Emeline Clinic, Health Center Manager
Joey Crottogini	County of Santa Cruz, Homeless Persons' Health Project, Health Center Manager
Mireya Gomez-Contreras & Guillermo Lazaro	Esperanza Farms
Daniel Sanders	County of Santa Cruz, Physician Assistant
David Willis	Patient Guest
Carmen Gross	Patient Guest
Meeting Commenced at 11:04 am and Concluded at 1:05 pm	
Excused/Absent:	
Absent: Gustavo Mendoza Absent: Michelle Morton Excused: Len Finocchio Excused: Julian Wren	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
Amy welcomed Mireya Gomez-Contreras & Guillermo Lazaro from Esperanza Farms. She also welcomed potential commission members David Willis and Carmen Gross.	
2. Oral Communications:	
3. August 2, 2021, Meeting Minutes - Action item	
Review of August 2, 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 favor.	
4. Receta Vegetal, Esperanza Farms - Mireya Gomez-Contreras & Guillermo Lazaro	
Mireya Gomez-Contreras & Guillermo Lazaro gave a presentation and an overview of Esperanza Farms. They started the company started in 2017. Mireya stated that they harvest between June and October. Esperanza Farms delivers fresh fruit and vegetables directly to our patients' homes that are identified by our providers with a high BMI, prediabetes, or diabetes. She stated there are currently 125 patients enrolled in their program.	
5. Mobile Clinic Outreach Plan (focus on which areas the Mobile Unit will visit including zip codes-especially those furthest away from our health centers).	
Joey provided an update on the mobile clinic and the strategic planning for the Homeless Persons' Health Project (HHP). Joey stated at the initial roll out of COVID-19 vaccine people experiencing homelessness were prioritized for vaccination and HHP played a central role. Joey stated they vaccinated approximately 2,500 individuals which included people experiencing homelessness, formally homeless or currently housed, health workers, and first responders. Joey stated they continue provide a high volume of COVID testing. Joey stated there are using multiple strategies for the mass vaccine clinics. One strategy includes a mobile pop-up site at the Watsonville levy on Thursday mornings. Joey stated they collaborate with the Community Action Board and Salud Para La Gente for those efforts. They offer medical services in addition to COVID testing and vaccinations. They also provide food and clothing for the patients. Joey also gave an update on the street medicine he stated they meet people where they are. Joey also stated they had a big increase of homeless people dying on the street with fentanyl overdose. They have seen an increase of 17% this year compared to last year. Joey stated they are looking forward to their expansion next year in collaboration with Housing Matters. He stated Housing Matters is going to build a 5-story building on the same campus they are calling it the Harvey West Studios. There is going to be 2,500 square feet for HHP Clinic and 120 housing units we project a revenue of 2 million dollars.	

6. Quarterly update for the CCAH Corrective Action Plan. David Pheng, Health Center Manager
David reported back on the corrective action plan. He stated this audit is done every two years and this year's went from a physical audit to a virtual audit. David stated some of the findings that CCAH found were safety plans that we do on a yearly basis, how we present workflows, if staff understood call down for non-medical emergencies, up to date licenses, calibration of equipment and standardization. He presented workflows, and a digital presentation. He stated they are having virtual meetings with staff presenting information, training staff, and getting their feedback. David stated for 2022 they will be working on standardizing their live screenings, nutrition checks, and dental check.
7. Conflict of Interest Policy 640.15 - Recommended for Approval
Raquel reviewed and went over edits with the commission members the Conflict-of- Interest Policy 640.15. Rahn accepted as amended. Christina second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.
8. Credentialing and Privileging Policy 200.03 - Recommended for Approval
Raquel reviewed and went over edits with the commission members the Credentialing and Privileging Policy 200.03. Rahn accepted as amended. Marco second, and the rest of the members present were all in favor.
9. Quality Management Committee Update
Raquel stated the quality management committee met last month and that they are starting to go through the Clinic operational plan assignments. They are going to begin using Trello to track progress. She will report back more information on Trello at next month's meeting. Raquel also stated they are working on the staff satisfaction survey and that they had made some revisions to the survey. Raquel has no updates this month on peer review because they did not have a regularly scheduled meeting since the last commission meeting month.
10. Social Justice
This was addressed in the presentation from Mireya Gomez and Guillermo Lazaro, Esperanza Farms.
11. Board Recruitment
Amy stated we have two potential board members here today observe the meeting. She stated there are possibly another four interested patients to sit on our commission board.
12. Financial Update
Amy presented financials and the American Rescue Plan Act Proposal. She stated it is County policy that any grant funding or any unanticipated funding must go to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. This is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors on 9/28/21 but was postponed to October. It is a HRSA requirement that grant funding must be presented to the Integrated Community Health Center Commission as the Commission has budgetary oversight of the Clinic. We were awarded \$3,413,375.00 Project Period Start Date 04/01/2021 - End Date 03/31/2023. Allowable uses of the award: COVID-19 vaccination capacity, COVID-19 response, and treatment capacity, maintaining and increasing capacity, recovery and stabilization, infrastructure: minor alteration/renovation (A/R), mobile units, and vehicles.
13. CEO/COVID-19 Update
Amy reviewed the changes to potential findings from the HRSA VOSV. She also reviewed the COVID-19 outlook in Santa Cruz County which is currently good with a low reproductivity rate. Amy thanked the commissioners for the box of treats they provided to staff to thank them for their hard work.
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Next Meeting: October 7, 2021, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
Microsoft Teams Meeting: 1080 Emeline, Santa Cruz, CA

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