



Health Care Services Review Project Committee

Minutes

San Joaquin County
Health Care Services Review Project Committee
Minutes of Wednesday, January 17, 2024 8:30 a.m.

Procedural Items

1. Call to Order

Assistant County Administrator Brandi Hopkins called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Ms. Hopkins stated that at least a portion of this Health Care Services Review Project Committee meeting is conducted pursuant to California Code Section 54953, in that Committee member Kris Zuniga is at the alternate location of 4860 Eldorado Drive, La Verne, California. Committee member Zuniga is participating via Microsoft Teams. In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, each alternate location has been identified in the notice and agenda for this meeting.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Paul Canepa, District 2 Supervisor

Brandi Hopkins, Asst. County Administrator

Ed Kiernan, County Counsel

Quenny Macedo, Deputy County Counsel

Kris Zuniga, CFO of San Joaquin County Clinics

Jennifer Van Steyn, Sr. Deputy County Administrator

Rick Castro, CEO of San Joaquin General Hospital

Abe Nunez, CFO of San Joaquin General Hospital

Greg Diederich, Interim CEO of San Joaquin County Clinics,

Director of Health Care Services

Not Present:

Steven J. Ding, District 4 Supervisor

Jay Wilverding, County Administrator

Jeff Woltkamp, Auditor-Controller

Action Items

3. Approve Minutes from December 20, 2023

Motion to approve the Minutes as listed on the Agenda. Approved.

RESULT: ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]

AYES: Canepa, Hopkins, Van Steyn, Kiernan, Macedo, Diederich, Castro, Nunez, Zuniga

ABSENT: Ding, Wilverding, Woltkamp

Information and Discussion Items

4. Present 2023 Financial Results through November for County Clinics

San Joaquin County Clinics (SJCC) CFO Kris Zuniga remotely presented financials through November. There were no questions from the Committee.

5. Present 2023 Financial Results through November for San Joaquin General Hospital

San Joaquin General Hospital (SJGH) CFO Abe Nunez presented financials through November. Mr. Nunez and San Joaquin General Hospital (SJGH) CEO Rick Castro responded to questions from the Committee regarding budget and sick leave usage. Mr. Castro provided additional comments on the reduction of travel nurses. Mr. Castro requested an absenteeism policy and ability to flex SJGH nursing staff.

6. Establishing the SJ Health Liaison Committee

Mr. Diederich provided an update on the SJ Health Liaison Committee. The Liaison Committee will be working to determine recruitment efforts such as looking at a CEO vs. Project Director or COO vs. Director of Operations. This will also involve a discussion between both Boards to determine internal or external recruitment efforts.

The SJ Health Liaison Committee consists of five members and includes Supervisor Canepa, Supervisor Ding, SJ Health Board members Brian Heck and Karen Lee, and Mr. Diederich as Interim CEO. Mr. Diederich asked for clarity from County Counsel if this Liaison Committee should be a Brown Act meeting. Mr. Castro requested to be involved with the Liaison Committee on an informational perspective level. The Committee members agreed that a partnership with SJGH and the Clinics would be beneficial.

7. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Closed Session

8. There were no closed session items scheduled for this date.

Committee Comments

Ms. Hopkins introduced Annette Rivas to the Committee. Ms. Rivas joined the County Administrator's Office and will assist with meetings going forward.

Mr. Diederich informed the Committee of the upcoming HRSA visit scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2024 through Thursday, January 25, 2024. There were mock onsite visits in December in preparation of the HRSA visit. An agreement was signed with Community Medical Centers (CMC) to provide scope of dental services at the French Camp Clinic. The goal is to bring some of the scope in house. A chiropractor agreement is being finalized to bring in chiropractor services to the French Camp Clinic.

Mr. Diederich introduced Ruben Pettiford, interim COO to the Committee. Mr. Diederich expressed his enthusiasm that this will provide an opportunity to streamline and improve customer service aspect in the Clinics.

Adjournment

At 9:40 a.m., Assistant County Administrator Hopkins adjourned the meeting to February 21, 2024, at 8:30 a.m.