

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY HEALTH COMMISSION

September 25, 2024

Health Plan of San Joaquin – Community Room

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Greg Diederich, Chair

Brian Jensen, Vice-Chair

Paul Canepa

Ruben Imperial

Jay Krishnaswamy

Matthew Minson, MD

Christine Noguera

Terry Woodrow

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lauren Brown-Berchtold, MD

Michael Herrera, DO

Sandra Regalo

Terry Withrow

John Zeiter, MD

STAFF PRESENT:

Lizeth Granados, Chief Executive Officer

Betty Clark, Chief Legal and General Counsel

Sunny Cooper, Chief Compliance Officer

Dr. Lakshmi Dhanvanthari, Chief Medical Officer

Evert Hendrix, Chief Administrative Officer

Liz Le, Chief Operations Officer

Michelle Tetreault, Chief Financial Officer

Victoria Worthy, Chief Information Officer

Tracy Hitzeman, Executive Director – Clinical Operations

Kirin Virk, Deputy County Counsel

Sue Nakata, Executive Assistant and Clerk of the Health Commission

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Diederich called the meeting of the Health Commission to order at 5:05 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were forthcoming.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Diederich presented three consent items for approval:

1. August 28, 2024 Health Commission Meeting Minutes
2. Community Reinvestment Committee – 9/11/2024
 - a. August 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Grant Application Approval Requests
 - i. Lead Screening for Children Initiative Grants Program
 - o Livingston Community Health: \$7,000
 - ii. Standard Data Sharing Health Information Exchange (HIE) & Non-HIE Grant Programs
 - o Cameron Park Physical Therapy: \$165,000
 - o Community Medical Centers: \$165,000
 - o Rural Health Network: \$165,000
 - iii. General Grant Program
 - o Housing Authority County of San Joaquin – Stockton Project: \$323,000
 - o Housing Authority County of San Joaquin – Tracy Project: \$1,500,000
3. Finance and Investment Committee – 9/18/2024
 - a. August 19, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - b. SameSky Health, Inc. Contract
 - c. Ring Central, Inc., Contract

ACTION: With no questions or comments, the motion was made (Commissioner Canepa), seconded (Commissioner Jensen) and unanimous to approve the three consent items as presented (8/0).

INFORMATION ITEMS

4. CEO Update on Proposition 35

Lizeth Granados, CEO provided an update on Proposition 35 – Managed Care Organization (MCO) Tax Authorization Initiative, noting that Prop. 35 makes permanent an existing tax that provides funding for Medi-Cal, helping to preserve safety-net services during state budget deficits.

The Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that the MCO tax is expected to generate between \$7 billion and \$8 billion annually for the state. Under Prop. 35, MCO tax funds are strictly designated for

Medi-Cal and cannot be redirected for other purposes, ensuring ongoing support that protects and expands access to care and without Prop. 35, funding for Medi-Cal services may remain vulnerable to the fluctuations of the state budget process.

Prop 35 aims to secure dedicated funding to improve healthcare, enhance access to safety-net services, and support workforce development, among other priorities. The MCO tax also establishes funding to increase reimbursement rates and provide additional supports for healthcare providers serving Medi-Cal members.

Upon reviewing Ms. Granado's report, Chair Diederich asked if HPSJ is opposing Prop 35. Ms. Granados responded that the plan cannot make formal opposition, however, there is an input from providers to submit formal opposition to ensure the increase in access. Based on status, there is only one entity that is opposing, with concerns of funding being allocated towards deficits; deficit will continue with reallocation.

5. COO Report on Dignity Hospital Contract

Liz Le, COO provided an update on Dignity Hospital contract, noting that HPSJ and Dignity has come to an agreement to reinstate the contract to replace the terms as of 9/25/2024 from 11/1/2025.

She noted that maintaining member care is HPSJ's primary focus and the plan is collaborating with Dignity to complete the negotiation and execute the contract as soon as possible. HPSJ has an extended Letter of Agreement in place to allow hospital access for members who have continuity of care needs or have pre-scheduled services/procedures.

HPSJ will continue to meet with Dignity clinical leadership weekly to discuss care coordination and address any potential service needs.

Commissioner Canepa thanked the Executive Team on continuous updates and kept commissioners apprised of the negotiation. He is happy to hear that both parties agreed to continue the partnership for the benefit of the community.

6. Behavioral Health Update

Tracy Hitzeman, Executive Director of Clinical Operations provided an update on Behavioral Health (BH), noting that the transition to managing BH in-house will take effect, October 1, 2024. Preparation for transition date is going smoothly with good coverage and a large number of contracted providers. For Applied BH Analysis (ABA) providers, HPSJ is contracting with existing network providers to avoid access issues; currently at 99%.

Upon Ms. Hitzeman's report, Vice-Chair asked, how many providers are not participating. Ms. Hitzeman responded that there are two providers that did not participate but does not have much impact as there are no caseload significant.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No reports were forthcoming.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No comments were forthcoming.

EDUCATION/TRAINING SESSION FOR HEALTH COMMISSION

7. Regulatory – *Sunny Cooper, CCO + Liz Le, COO*
8. Finance – *Michelle Tetreault, CFO + Evert Hendrix, CAO*
9. Medical Management – *Dr. Lakshmi Dhanvanthari CMO + Tracy Hitzeman, Executive Director – Clinical Operations*
10. Information Technology – *Victoria Worthy, CIO + Betty Clark, Chief Legal & General Counsel*
11. Organization Excellence – *Lizeth Granados, CEO*

The Health Commission went into Closed Session at 7:12 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

12. Closed Session – Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Government Code Section 54957
Title: Chief Executive Officer

The Health Commission came out of Closed Session at 7:22 pm.

ACTION: Based on an overall performance review rating of Exceeds for Lizeth Granados, CEO of HPSJ, the Human Resources Committee proposed a base salary increase of \$60,000 to \$585,000, effective October 1, 2024.

A motion was made by (Commissioner Canepa), seconded by (Commissioner Noguera) and unanimous to approve the CEO's base salary increase to \$585,000 as presented (8/0).

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Diederich adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Health Commission is scheduled for October 30, 2024.