



AT THE SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT

MINUTES

SOUTHERN NEVADA COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2024 – 2:30 p.m.

Meeting was conducted In-person and via WebEx Event
Southern Nevada Health District, 280 S. Decatur Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV 89107
Red Rock Trail Rooms A and B

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jose L. Melendrez, Chair – Consumer Member (*via Webex*)
Donna Feliz-Barrows, Vice-Chair – Consumer Member (*in person*)
Jasmine Coca – Community Member (*in person*)
Brian Knudsen – Consumer Member (*via Webex*)
Erin Breen – Community Member (*via Webex*)
Luz Castro – Consumer Member (*via Webex*)
Blanca Macias-Villa – Consumer Member (*via Webex*)
Sara Hunt – Community Member (*in person*)

ABSENT:

Scott Black – Community Member, City of North Las Vegas

ALSO PRESENT:

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Edward Wyner, Associate General Counsel

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Randy Smith, CEO

STAFF:

Tawana Bellamy, Andria Cordovez Mulet, Fermin Leguen, Cassius Lockett, Randy Smith, Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Kim Saner, Tabitha Johnson, Todd Bleak, Donna Buss, David Kahananui, Yin Jie Qin, Merylyn Yegon, Cassondra Major, Jonas Maratita, Jonna Arqueros, Justin Tully, Maya Holmes, Ronique Tatum-Penegar, Rubin Saavedra, Greg Tordjman, Randolph Lockett

I. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Southern Nevada Community Health Center (SNCHC) Governing Board Meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. Tawana Bellamy, Administrative Specialist, administered the roll call and confirmed a quorum.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Macia-Villa joined the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

- III. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT:** A period devoted to comments by the general public about those items appearing on the agenda. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Please clearly state your name and address and spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Ms. Bellamy provided clear and complete instructions for members of the general public to call in to the meeting to provide public comment, including a telephone number and access code.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed the First Public Comment portion.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING AGENDA *(for possible action)*

A motion was made by Member Feliz-Barrows, seconded by Member Castro and carried unanimously to approve the January 16, 2024 Meeting Agenda, as presented.

V. CONSENT AGENDA: Items for action to be considered by the Southern Nevada Community Health Center Governing Board which may be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board Member request before action. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

1. APPROVE MINUTES – SNCHC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING: December 19, 2023 (for possible action)

2. Approve Credentialing and Privileging of Providers Rubin Saavedra, MD and Josefina Ascano, APRN II; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary (for possible action)

A motion was made by Member Feliz-Barrows, seconded by Member Coca, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

VI. REPORT / DISCUSSION / ACTION

Recommendations from the January 10, 2024 Quality, Credentialing & Risk Management Committee

1. Review, Discuss and Approve the Fourth Quarter Quality and Risk Management Reports; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Randy Smith, Chief Executive Officer, provided an overview of the Quality report. Mr. Smith further advised that Cassondra Major, the Quality Management Coordinator, was promoted to Clinical Office Supervisor overseeing the front office staff and functions.

David Kahananui presented the CY23 Risk Management Report. Mr. Kahananui shared that he was working on the CY24 report and will share the results of that report at a future meeting.

A motion was made by Member Feliz-Barrows, seconded by Member Breen, and carried unanimously to approve the Fourth Quarter Quality and Risk Management Reports, as presented.

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2. Receive, Discuss and Accept the November 2023 Year-To-Date Financial Report; direct staff accordingly or take other action as deemed necessary *(for possible action)*

Donnie (DJ) Whitaker, Chief Financial Officer provided an overview of the November 2023 Year-To-Date Financial report as of November 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Member Feliz-Barrows, seconded by Member Breen, and carried unanimously to accept the November 2023 Year to Date Financial Report, as presented.

VII. BOARD REPORTS: The Southern Nevada District Board of Health members may identify and comment on Health District related issues. Comments made by individual Board members during this portion of the agenda will not be acted upon by the Southern Nevada District Board of Health unless that subject is on the agenda and scheduled for action. ***(Information Only)***

There were no board reports.

VIII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & STAFF REPORTS (*Information Only*)

- CEO Comments

There were no CEO comments.

- Overview of Medication Costs and 340B Program

Todd Bleak, Pharmacy Services Manager provided an overview of the 340B program and medication costs.

Further to an inquiry from Member Coca regarding Congress to decide on the legislation, Dr. Bleak shared that since 2010 there has been fifty different pieces of legislation introduced regarding changes to the 340B program and none of them have passed and he was not confident about federal changes any time soon.

- Highlights from the December 2023 Operations Report

Mr. Smith introduced the new Medical Director, Dr. Rubin Saavedra. Dr. Saavedra shared a brief summary of his work experience.

Mr. Smith provided some highlights from the December 2023 Operations report. Mr. Smith also introduced Tabitha Johnson as the new Behavioral Health Manager.

Mr. Smith further provided an overview of two additional goals for the Governing Board to consider for the Chief Executive Officer. Chair Melendrez commented that the goals looked great.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hunt regarding the payer mix, Mr. Smith advised that we have eligibility workers that are evaluating those that are uninsured to see if they are Medicaid eligible.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hunt, Mr. Smith shared that clients are referred for assistance in determining eligibility for the ACA insurance plans. Mr. Smith further shared that those clients are also eligible to be placed on the sliding fee schedule.

Further to an inquiry from Member Coca, Mr. Smith advised that patients are identified as uninsured at the time of the appointment, during the screening and if it is an established patient, we already have their information when we are checking them in.

Mr. Smith commented that it would be great to have Mr. Kahananui provide a presentation regarding how patients are identified as uninsured at a future meeting.

Further to an inquiry from Member Hunt regarding a new location at an existing or new site, Mr. Smith shared that there have been some initial conversations, and we have internal resources to help us with that.

Further to an inquiry from Member Feliz-Barrows regarding the HRSA grant opportunity, Mr. Smith shared if we were to pursue this opportunity, we would need to serve at least 75% of the existing unduplicated patients served by that service area. The existing number served there is about 8,000, which would mean that we would need to be serving an additional 6,000 patients and that the goal seem very much within the realm of possibility because we are already graphically in proximity to those patients. Mr. Smith further shared that he feels comfortable that we can do this.

Further to an inquiry from Member Coca regarding clinic hours, Mr. Smith shared that at Decatur the hours are Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and at Fremont, Tuesday to Friday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Mr. Smith advised that he is working with the team to increase access in the mornings that would allow us to open at 7 a.m.

Mr. Smith further advised that he would seek approval from the board to add the hours to both sites at the February meeting.

Further to an inquiry from Member Coca, Mr. Smith shared patients would be able to fill their prescription at either location, regardless of where they received the service.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Community Health Center (FQHC) December Operations Reports

X. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT: A period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussion of those comments, about matters relevant to the Board's jurisdiction will be held. Comments will be limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this may be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote.

Seeing no one, the Chair closed the Second Public Comment.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

Randy Smith
Chief Executive Officer - FQHC

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