

Sacramento County Health Authority Commission General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Meeting Location

In compliance with County, State, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention directives related to the COVID-19 public health emergency, this meeting was held remotely via webinar and conference call.

Attendance

SCHA Voting Members					
Chet Hewit, <i>Chair</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Kyle Stefano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Addie Hernandez	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Lisa Packard	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ann Boynton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Marvin Kamras, MD	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Debra Payne	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Michelle Monroe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Edwin Kirby, <i>Vice Chair</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Patricia Sherrod	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jerry Bliatout	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Phil Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Chevon Kothari	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Ravinder Khaira, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John Landefeld, MD	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Ryan Quist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jonathan Porteus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stacy Lorenzen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kim Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Supervisor Patrick Kennedy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
SCHA Non-Voting Members					
Janice Milligan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Martha Santana-Chin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Les Ybarra	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Thiru Rajagopal, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Abbie Totten	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent			
County Staff to SCHA			Consultants to SCHA		
Jenine Spotnitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Lisa Chan-Sawin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
			Sarabeth Zemel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
			Dawn Hawkins Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Agenda Item	Time
<p>1. Welcome/Opening Remarks and Updates – Edwin Kirby, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Vice Chair Eddie Kirby convened the meeting at 3:05 pm. He noted that the Sacramento Bee published a great article on the Health Authority in which they interviewed Chet and Chevon, which Jenine Spotnitz will send to the Commission.</p>	3:00 – 3:08 pm
<p>2. Agenda Review and Health Authority Commission Updates – Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services</p> <p>Jenine Spotnitz reviewed the agenda and noted that the CPC Consumer and Provider Survey has been launched. Eddie Kirby requested that Commissioners distribute it amongst their networks, and that they are aiming to receive</p>	3:08 – 3:20 pm

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responses by August 4, 2021.

Jenine Spotnitz described the following responses from DHCS regarding the Commission's questions:

- DHCS cannot provide additional time for Sacramento County to review proposals prior to providing a Letter of Support to Plans interested in operating as an MCP in Sacramento County. DHCS would expect that the Sacramento County Health Authority follow the same Letter of Support requirements that all other counties are required to follow. This would mean that the Letter of Support would need to be provided to a Plan in time for them to submit their final Proposal to the department based on the Final RFP due date.
- DHCS would have concerns with the Sacramento County Health Authority publicly posting Final Managed Care Plan proposals prior to awards being issued. As noted in the RFP, all materials submitted in response to this RFP will become the property of DHCS and, as such, are subject to the California Public Records Act (PRA)(GC Section 6250, et seq.). Upon posting of a Notice of Intent to Award, all documents submitted in response to this RFP and all documents used in the selection process (e.g., review checklists, scoring sheets, letters of intent, etc.) will be regarded as public records under the California Public Records Act (Government Code Section 6250 et seq.) and subject to review by the public. However, these documents shall be held in the strictest confidence until the Notice of Intent to Award is posted. Being that DHCS would only provide Final Proposal documentation through a PRA and not until after the Notice of Intent to Award, DHCS would expect that the Sacramento County Health Authority not post documentation ahead of the Notice of Intent to Award being posted. In addition, even after the Notice of Intent to Award is posted, the Sacramento County Health Authority should seek the advice of their own legal counsel to determine if there are any legal restrictions on the public disclosure of the specific information contained in the final MCP Proposal.
- DHCS understands the impact of the MCP procurement, in particular, on the transition of members into and out of MCPs that will either begin operations or cease operations as of January 1, 2024. DHCS teams are considering transition scenarios and the need to ensure that clear transition protocols are in place including, but not limited to ensuring compliance with continuity of care requirements. DHCS will work closely with the MCPs to provide guidance and technical assistance as needed.

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3. Presentation, Discussion and Action: Managed Care Plan (MCP) Assessment Process – Lisa Chan-Sawin, Transform Health

Lisa Chan-Sawin presented questions for the Commission’s consideration regarding the Managed Care Plan (MCP) Assessment Process. She noted that the Commission’s responses to these questions will be used to develop the framework for the Assessment Process, in consultation with County Counsel, and the Commission will review a more detailed timeline and additional decisions at upcoming meetings.

Jenine Spotnitz stated that County Counsel weighed in on the proposed options for the scorers and scoring process. Given DHCS’ concerns with publicly posting any RFP content that plans will submit prior to awards, their expectation that the Sacramento County Health Authority not post documentation ahead of the Notice of Intent to Award being posted, and the possibility that SCHA questions may overlap with RFP content, she stated that County Counsel recommends the following:

- Create an ad-hoc committee (less than quorum, so up to 9 commissioners may be appointed) to review the full RFQ responses.
- Invite external experts to score the plans using the Commission’s criteria/rubric
- The ad-hoc committee will review the external experts’ scores, ask questions and dissect information as needed, and then ratify the experts’ scores. They recommended this process rather than Commissioners scoring directly to avoid any perception of impropriety.
- The ad-hoc committee shares the aggregate scores with full Commission, which ratifies the scores.
- Material used during this process is all confidential, and expert reviewers’ identities will be kept confidential.

All Commissioners could indicate their interest in serving on the ad hoc committee members through a survey, and provide recommendations for expert reviewers and the expertise desired in expert reviewers. Potential expert reviewers would complete comprehensive conflict of interest assessments. The goal is to finalize the selection of expert reviewers and the ad hoc committee in September.

One member of the public, Stephanie Ramos, commented that she hopes the Commission also considers individuals who have personal experience as Medical recipients as experts. She stated that many advocates in the county do a good job bringing people with lived experience into leadership roles, and that process should be used for the RFP.

Jonathan Porteus motioned to approve the condensed timeline, draft RFQ, and action to develop a survey to identify nominations for ad-hoc and experts

3:20 –
4:20 pm

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<p>(hybrid model). Supervisor Patrick Kennedy seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>	
<p>4. Discussion and Action: Health Authority Commission Goals for Medi-Cal in Sacramento County – Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services</p> <p>The Commission discussed the goals, which will be the foundation for the Commission’s initial draft questions for the RFQ that are Sacramento County specific. Debra Payne motioned to approve these goals. Kim Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>	<p>4:20 – 4:40 pm</p>
<p>5. Public Comment – One comment per person, limited to two minutes.</p> <p>None.</p>	<p>4:40 – 4:50 pm</p>
<p>6. Closing Comments, Next Steps, and Adjournment – Edwin Kirby, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Eddie Kirby announced the next meeting on August 17, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 pm. He adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm.</p>	<p>4:50 – 5:00 pm</p>

Members of the public are encouraged to attend. Public comments are accepted during designated time. Electronic or hard copies of documents are available upon request. To request documents, or if you wish to attend and need to arrange for an interpreter or a reasonable accommodation, please contact Jenine Spotnitz at SpotnitzJ@saccounty.net or (916) 216-1782. Electronic copies of documents will be emailed upon request and hard copies of documents may be picked up at 7001-A East Parkway, Sacramento, CA 95823. For more information regarding the Sacramento County Health Authority Commission, please visit our website at Sacramento County Health Authority.