

Sacramento County Health Authority Commission General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2021, 12:00 – 2:00 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

Name	Attendance	Name	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	Marvin Kamras, MD	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ann Boynton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Michelle Monroe	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Debra Payne	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Patricia Sherrod	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Edwin Kirby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Phil Jackson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jerry Bliatout	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Ravinder Khaira, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Chevon Kothari	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Ryan Quist	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
John Landefeld, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Stacy Lorenzen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jonathan Porteus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Supervisor Patrick Kennedy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kim Williams	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent		
County Staff to SCHA			
Jenine Spotnitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent		
Consultants			
Lisa Chan-Sawin	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Sarabeth Zemel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Alexis Sabor	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent		

Agenda Item	Time
<p>1. Welcome/Opening Remarks and Updates – Eddie Kirby, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Vice-Chair Eddie Kirby welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 12:03 pm. He stated that today the Commission would review its accomplishments over the last year in a draft report to the Board of Supervisors and also discuss plans for next year. They will schedule a special meeting in January 2022 to approve the report. Next, the Commission’s focus will shift from procurement to its broader charge to strengthen our health care delivery system.</p>	12:00 – 12:05 pm
<p>2. Agenda Review – Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services</p>	12:05 – 12:08 pm

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<p>Jenine Spotnitz, SCHA staff, reviewed the agenda.</p>	
<p>3. Updates and Discussion</p> <p>A. Consumer Protection Committee – Kyle Stefano, Chair, and John Landefeld, Vice-Chair</p> <p>Consumer Protection Committee Chair Kyle Stefano gave a report out of the Committee’s current work. The Committee is reviewing the 14 goals for Medi-Cal in Sacramento County and determining which ones are most important for the Committee to address. The Committee is also trying to fill the vacant Medi-Cal beneficiary seat on the Commission. The Committee just reviewed and recommended an applicant who could be an excellent addition. This person has a lot of experience being enrolled and accessing Medi-Cal for herself and adult and minor children. The next step is for the recommendation to go to the Board of Supervisors in early 2022. Vice-Chair John Landefeld added that he was excited to address the CP issues in the coming year.</p> <p>B. Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Committee – Ravinder Khaira, Chair, and Chevon Kothari, Vice-Chair</p> <p>QIQA Committee Vice-Chair Chevon Kothari gave a report out of the Committee’s current work. The Committee is currently halfway through a discussion of the Commission’s goals and in process of refining them to determine what is a good fit for the Committee. There is some overlap between the CP and QIQA Committees, and it may work to divide the work based on method– qualitative data for CP and quantitative data for QIQA.</p> <p>C. Ad Hoc Committee – Jenine Spotnitz</p> <p>Jenine Spotnitz, SCHA staff, reported on the work of the Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee has appointed an expert reviewer panel and work is underway. The work is strictly confidential so she is unable to say more, but the process is going well. MCP interviews will be scheduled following this meeting.</p> <p>D. Department of Health Services Director’s Update – Chevon Kothari</p> <p>Commissioner Chevon Kothari gave an update on her presentation to the Board of Supervisors on December 8. Chevon Kothari asked Sarah Brooks, a consultant to the County, to present data that DHCS collects regarding managed care quality and performance. Chevon Kothari also presented the stakeholder engagement proposal to the Board. She is now developing a funding proposal to go back to Board in 2022. Chevon Kothari also stated that the Board shared some</p>	<p>12:08 – 12:30 pm</p>

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<p>concerns about the DHCS procurement process, so she drafted a letter to DHCS, and will refine it based on Board input. Commissioner Landefeld asked about the changes, and in response, Chevon Kothari read her proposed changes to letter.</p> <p>The Commission engaged in a discussion about Chevon Kothari's update, including the desire for more county-plan specific data in the state's survey, and a local process which the stakeholder engagement proposal addresses. She hopes to bring the idea back to the CP Committee and work with them to refine the engagement process further. A Commissioner noted that without incentives it may be hard to get people to participate in the County's engagement proposal.</p> <p>Commissioner Jackson asked about why MCPs do not submit data to IHA on an ongoing basis. Commissioners Santana-Chin stated that IHA's origins are commercial-centric, and the state has specifically defined measures that Medi-Cal managed care plans submit data on. There will be new health equity measures soon. The State needs to decide whether IHA or the state is going to track this. She stated that it might be a good discussion for the Commission to have with DHCS.</p> <p>Commissioner Ybarra returned to the issue of beneficiary incentives to participate in stakeholder engagement activities. He mentioned that the MCPs may be willing to collaborate and encourage their beneficiaries to participate. He was not sure the right amount, but it could be \$50 based on the COVID member incentive, which is \$50. They would need to check with their compliance officer.</p> <p>Commissioner Khaira asked if the Commission was discussing beneficiary evaluations at the point of care or participating in a committee. Chevon Kothari stated that they needed to finalize the design first, and it could be both. Commissioner Khaira noted a point of care evaluation that took place in his practice that was successful. The beneficiaries received a Target gift card, while the practice received input that fed into HEDIS measures for the health plans. Commissioner Porteus agreed and commented that there are many places from which the Commission needs data and information, including chronic conditions beneficiaries have and what the provider networks look like, among other data points. He would love to see experts who do this routinely design this aspect of the plan. Chevon Kothari suggested that an ad hoc committee could be created to draft an RFP for this work.</p>	
<p>4. Presentation, Discussion, and Action: Review of Commission Achievements in 2021 and Planning for 2022 – Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services</p> <p>Jenine Spotnitz reviewed the SCHA Commission's charge in the County ordinance, as well as the 14 Goals and priorities, and work</p>	<p>12:30 – 1:45 pm</p>

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<p>identified to date. She then moved to reviewing the accomplishments and work moving forward. She asked the Commissioners whether they had any additions to this work. This information would be incorporated in the annual report to the Board of Supervisors that the SCHA Commission is required to send.</p> <p>Commissioners discussed how to convey the impact and future intended impacts of the work, which is broader than procurement and includes health system delivery transformation. Commissioner Kothari asked whether the Commission should do more visioning and goal setting work in 2022. Commissioners Landefeld and Boynton expressed agreement.</p> <p>Commissioner Santana-Chin commented that the opportunities ahead are real chances to make meaningful differences in communities. She encouraged the Commission to make sure that DHCS is aligned with the County in all ways including health plan accountability. Commissioner Ybarra agreed and noted that CalAIM is a multi-year transformation effort. He pointed to one quotation in the Annual Report related to primary care access, noting that it seemed to blame primary care access problems on the Medi-Cal MCPs. He noted there is an overall lack of primary care providers in general. A Commissioner suggested taking out the sentence and finding another citation to point to primary care access challenges. The Commissioners further discussed the challenge, including DHCS Medi-Cal rates, which are low and contribute to access issues as well. Commissioners noted the need for better data as well in order to determine the real access bottleneck points in Sacramento County. The Commission returned to the specific quote in the Annual Report and how to change it. Two Commissioners felt the quote was fine as it is. Jenine Spotnitz invited Commissioners to send her any edits after the meeting.</p>	
<p>5. Public Comment – <i>One comment per person, limited to two minutes.</i></p> <p>Vice-Chair Eddie Kirby opened the floor for public comments.</p> <p>Aaron Starfire from Aetna commented that he is doing a lot of thinking about cause and effects of subpar plan performance in Sacramento County. He asked what the Commission’s plan for the MCP interviews are? Jenine Spotnitz stated that she plans to send an email to each plan this month to schedule the interviews.</p> <p>Samantha Kettle encouraged the Commission to think about the ideal state for Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the county. She asked what would each health plan and FQHCs have in terms of member/patient load, and encouraged the Commission to evaluate performance accordingly. She expressed fear of a “separate but equal system” in which Medi-Cal</p>	<p>1:45 – 1:55 pm</p>

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<p>beneficiaries receive care from FQHS and commercial insurance through MCPs</p>	
<p>6. Closing Comments and Adjournment – Eddie Kirby, Vice-Chair A. Next meeting: January 18, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 PM</p> <p>Vice-Chair Eddie Kirby stated that the next scheduled meeting is Jan. 18, but there will be a special meeting on Jan. 4 after 2 pm or Jan. 5 at 11 am or 12 pm. Jenine Spotnitz will send out Doodle poll to find the best time.</p> <p>Commissioner Khaira made a motion to end the meeting early and Commissioner Boynton seconded the motion. The motion carried. Vice-Chair Eddie Kirby adjourned the meeting at 1:39 pm.</p>	<p>1:55 – 2:00 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.