

# Sacramento County Health Authority Commission Consumer Protection Committee Meeting

## Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2026, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

## Meeting Invitees

- Committee Members
- General Public

## Meeting Location

4600 Broadway, Community Room 2651, Sacramento, CA 95820

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
<b>SCHA Voting Members</b>			
Eddie Kirby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Margarita Dodatko	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kim Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Nicholas Capistrano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kirti Malhotra, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent		

Agenda Item
<p><b>1. Welcome, Agenda Review, and Updates – Dr. Kirti Malhotra</b></p> <p>Dr. Malhotra convened the meeting at 1:37pm.</p>
<p><b>2. Action: Approve 1/16/26, 12/19/25, and 11/21/25 Meeting Minutes – Dr. Kirti Malhotra</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> Approve minutes from 1/16/26, 12/19/25, and 11/21/25 with addition of attendance and correction of date.</p> <p><b>Public comment:</b> Chair called for public comment; none received.</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Commissioner Eddie Kirby</p> <p><b>Second:</b> Commissioner Margarita Dodatko</p> <p><b>Vote:</b> A roll call vote was taken.</p> <p><b>Outcome:</b> Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>3. Discussion: Review and Discuss DHA’s Responses to CPC Questions – Dr. Kirti Malhotra</b></p> <p>Commissioners reviewed and discussed the responses that the Department of Human Assistance provided to the CPC’s questions. The CPC requested that DHA attend the next meeting to discuss their responses in more detail. Key discussion points included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There are gaps in guidance currently, including defining exemptions especially medically fragile. CMS should release additional regulatory detail in June.</li> <li>- Cristina from Kaiser Permanente scheduled a meeting with DHA and all MCPs to reaffirm MCP’s commitment to uniform messaging and align with County</li> </ul>

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messaging, timeline, etc. They hope to understand and discuss opportunities for coordination and alignment.

- Commissioners noted that 2 months isn't long enough in advance for renewal packets; if possible to send renewal packets 3-4 months because may be away on holiday. Abbie Totten clarified that the timeline is 2 months plus the month of redetermination, so it is a full 90 days of time to submit the renewal paperwork.
- Commissioners noted that a primary barrier for providers to support their clients with applications/accessing Medi-Cal account information is the need for the case number and Medi-Cal ID numbers, which are difficult to retrieve as they can only be accessed via a phone call to DHA or via mail that the client may have lost (or not received if they are homeless). The CPC and providers requested County leadership engage in advocacy to the state to allow individuals (or their providers) to lookup their cases using other identifiers such as Social Security numbers, BIC numbers, or date of birth combined with another identifier.
- A member of the public noted that there is a section on the DHCS HR 1 implementation plan in this slide deck (starting on slide 18), and there is also information on texting. <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/02-25-2026-SAC-and-BH-SAC-Meeting-Deck.pdf>

#### **4. Discussion & Action: SCHA Advocacy Planning, Identifying Policy Principles, CPC Roles and Next Steps – Dr. Kirti Malhotra**

The CPC discussed the following items related to advocacy:

- County staff confirmed that the County lobbyist can submit the SCHA letter that was approved at the last meeting to the Governor and County legislators.
- Commissioners referenced the strategic plan and goals to develop policy principles in real time, which the appointed ad hoc body can reference that to inform comments submitted to the state or federal government, and report back to SCHA if the timeline did not allow them to share it with the SCHA in advance of their submission.
- Commissioners noted that the document can serve as a “principles for advocacy and public comment response guide.”

**Action:** Recommend that SCHA establish an ad hoc committee to make comments on behalf of SCHA to federal, state and local governments using policy guidance document from SCHA.

**Public comment:** Chair called for public comment; none received.

**Motion:** Commissioner Eddie Kirby

**Second:** Commissioner Nicholas Capistrano

**Vote:** A roll call vote was taken.

**Outcome:** Motion carried.

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### **5. Public Comment** – *One comment per person, limited to two minutes.*

Cristina Pena from Kaiser Permanente requested information about the Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> SCHA General Meeting and the proposed MCP report out so they be prepared. She noted that she will be out of office but could coordinate for another representative to attend.

- Commissioners decided to agendaize the MCP presentation for 6/1, and Jenine Spotnitz would serve as the DHS point of contact to confirm the presentation time and receive slides.

Griselda Zamora asked to invite the Sacramento County School District to the next CPC meeting in order to provide education regarding Medi-Cal redeterminations so they can support the families they work with.

- Commissioner Kim Williams offered to provide a presentation at the upcoming CPC meeting for them.

### **6. Next Steps and Adjournment** – *Dr. Kirti Malhotra*

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm. DHS staff will add all resources provided by DHA to the SCHA website.

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 [SCHA@sacounty.gov](mailto:SCHA@sacounty.gov). 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](http://SacramentoCountyHealthAuthority.com).