

Sacramento County Health Authority Commission

General Meeting Minutes

May 11, 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

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
SCHA Voting Members			
Chet Hewitt, <i>Chair</i>	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Kyle Stefano	☒ Present ☐ Absent
Addie Hernandez	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Lisa Packard	☒ Present ☐ Absent
Ann Boynton	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Marvin Kamras, MD	☒ Present ☐ Absent
Debra Payne	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Michelle Monroe	☒ Present ☐ Absent
Edwin Kirby	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Patricia Sherrod	☒ Present ☐ Absent
Jerry Bliatout	☐ Present ☒ Absent	Phil Jackson	☒ Present ☐ Absent
Chevon Kothari	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Ravinder Khaira, MD	☒ Present ☐ Absent
John Landefeld, MD	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Ryan Quist	☐ Present ☒ Absent
Jonathan Porteus	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Stacy Lorenzen	☒ Present ☐ Absent
Kim Williams	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Supervisor Patrick Kennedy	☒ Present ☐ Absent
SCHA Non-Voting Members			
Janice Milligan	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Martha Santana-Chin	☒ Present ☐ Absent
Les Ybarra	☒ Present ☐ Absent	Thiru Rajagopal, MD	☒ Present ☐ Absent
County Staff to SCHA			
Jenine Spotnitz	☒ Present ☐ Absent		

Agenda Item	Time
1. Welcome/Opening Remarks – Chet Hewitt, Chair Chair Chet Hewitt convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. He welcomed the new Department of Health Services Director, Chevon Kothari, and Medi-Cal beneficiary, Patricia Sherrod, to their first meeting.	3:00 – 3:08 pm
2. Agenda Review – Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services	3:08 – 3:10 pm
3. Approval of Minutes – Chet Hewitt, Chair Dr. Ravinder Khaira moved to approve the minutes. Edwin Kirby seconded the motion. Motion carried.	3:10 – 3:15 pm

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4. Action: Elect Vice-Chair and Appoint Advisory Committees – Chet Hewitt, Chair Rick Heyer, County Counsel, provided an overview of the voting process. Lisa Packard moved to elect Edwin Kirby as the Vice-Chair. Edwin Kirby confirmed his willingness to serve as Vice-Chair. Debra Payne seconded the motion. Motion carried. Chair Chet Hewitt appointed the following members to the Consumer Protection Committee: Eddie Kirby, Dr. John Landefeld, Kim Williams, Kyle Stefano, Lisa Packard, and Patricia Sherrod. He appointed Kyle Stefano and Dr. John Landefeld as co-chairs, and they confirmed their willingness to serve. They expressed that they would like to consider further the requirements for Chair and Vice-Chair to determine who would be best in each position. Chair Chet Hewitt appointed the following voting members to the Quality Improvement and Assurance Committee: Addie Hernandez, Chevon Kothari, Debra Payne, Eddie Kirby, Dr. John Landefeld, Jonathan Porteus, Dr. Ravinder Khaira, Ryan Quist, Stacy Lorenzen; and Dr. Thiru Rajagopal as a non-voting member. Chair Chet Hewitt appointed Dr. Ravinder Khaira as Chair and Chevon Kothari as Vice Chair; both members confirmed their willingness to serve in these positions. Chair Chet Hewitt noted that Jenine Spotnitz would send a poll to schedule the Committee meetings, and draft workplans for the Committees to ensure their work is aligned with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) deadlines.	3:15 – 3:45 pm
5. Presentation and Discussion: DHCS Updates and 2021 Commission Calendar –Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services Jenine Spotnitz provided updates from DHCS, including the County Letter of Support process and that DHCS had announced that it would award a maximum of two contracts to Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans in Geographic Managed Care (GMC) Counties, including Sacramento. Many Commissioners expressed surprise at this decision and requested more information from DHCS regarding their rationale and process for arriving at this decision. Ann Boynton asked for confirmation that the two plans could subcontract with additional plans. Jenine Spotnitz presented the updated 2021 Commission Calendar. Martha Santana-Chin asked for further consideration and County Counsel advisement regarding the role of MCPs' and other nonvoting members' participation in the vetting process. Chair Chet Hewitt noted that this review is underway.	3:45 – 4:15 pm

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Martha Santana-Chin also noted that the MCPs' Model of Care for CalAIM submission in July is an initial draft, and that MCPs will work to develop this further as DHCS releases additional program guidance.	
6. Presentation: Brown Act Overview – Rick Heyer, Sacramento County Counsel Rick Heyer provided an overview of the Brown Act, which is designed to ensure transparency. Key points from the presentation include: ○ To avoid illegal meetings, including illegal meetings via serial communication that involve a quorum of the body, it is a best practice to not have conversations (including emails, text messages, or phone calls) about the subject matter of the body unless it is in an open, public formally agendized meeting. ○ It is important to avoid conversations about the subject matter of the body with other members when you see them. ○ The consequences for illegal meetings, whether intentional or unintentional, can be severe, including civil penalties and misdemeanors. Edwin Kirby noted that state officials file behested payments, and asked whether this body is required to follow that process if raising money from companies or organizations. Rick Heyer said he would review that matter.	4:15 – 4:40 pm
7. Public Comment Abbie Totten, Molina Plan President, noted that she has been a resident of Sacramento County for over twenty years. She stated, in response to DHCS' assertion that there would only be two plans operating in Sacramento County, that it was up to this body to make a determination about the appropriate number of plans. She recommended providing written comments and offered Molina's support to provide any recommendations or feedback. Paul Powell with Hope Cooperative stated that he reviewed notes from the previous meeting and agreed with many points that Mike Jaske made. He noted there is a considerable opportunity with CalAIM and asked how his group will have the opportunity to provide input about the types of services offered and speak to the needs that could potentially benefit from this initiative, particularly involving the formerly homeless and individuals residing in supportive housing. He added that housing program developers should be connected to CalAIM as an opportunity to provide services for those residents.	4:40 – 4:50 pm
8. Closing Comments, Next Steps, and Adjournment – Chet Hewitt, Chair Chair Chet Hewitt announced that the next general meeting would be held on June 14, 2021, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. He adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.	4:50 – 5:00 pm