

Sacramento County Health Authority Commission General Meeting

Meeting Notes

November 27, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Meeting Location

Sierra Health Foundation, Bannon Island Conf. Room, 1321 Garden Highway,
Sacramento, CA 95833

Name	Attendance	Name	Attendance
SCHA Voting Members			
Ann Boynton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Marvin Kamras	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Chet Hewitt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Michelle Monroe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Darrell Lake	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Phil Jackson	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Edwin Kirby	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Phyllis Baltz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Joann Alston	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Ravinder Khaira	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jerry Bliatout	<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 Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kirti Malhotra	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	April Ludwig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kyle Stefano	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Tim Lutz	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
SCHA Non-voting Members			
Banafsheh Siadat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Vidya Iyengar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Amber Kemp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Katie Andrew	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Beau Henneman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Venu Kondle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
County Staff to SCHA			
Jenine Spotnitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Yevgeniy Kurdyumov	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Gina Patterson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Wendy Huynh	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent

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<p>1. Welcome/Opening Remarks – Chet Hewitt, Vice Chair</p> <p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt convened the meeting and provided introductions with a brief welcome message at 3:07 p.m.</p>	3:00 – 3:10 pm
<p>2. Agenda Review and Updates – Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services, Commissioners</p> <p>Jenine Spotnitz presented the agenda for the meeting.</p> <p>Jenine introduced two new members who have been nominated to serve on the Commission. She introduced Katie Andrew, the Director of Government Affairs at Liberty Dental, who was nominated for the position of Medi-Cal Dental Seat. Jenine next introduced Vidya Iyengar, the Vice President of Medicaid Operations at Kaiser Permanente.</p>	3:10 – 3:15 pm

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<p>3. Presentation and Discussion: Medi-Cal Redeterminations Update – <i>Gina Patterson, Department of Health Services, and Yevgeniy Kurdyumov, Department of Human Assistance</i></p> <p>Gina Patterson presented Medi-Cal redetermination data for August and September 2023, provided by the Department of Healthcare Services. Yevgeniy Kurdyumov was available for questions on the redeterminations process and how data is tracked at the Department of Human Assistance (DHA).</p> <p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt stated that we should look at data from other counties that are outperforming Sacramento, specifically Alameda County. Commissioner Beau Henneman asked if the County is following up on any data that the state has published from previous months, e.g., to see if more individuals have been enrolled? Yevgeniy said that this is tracked.</p> <p>Vidya Iyengar asked whether detailed data is tracked for discontinued cases, including the breakdown for the uninsured, commercial plan, etc. Yevgeniy stated that DHA doesn't track that, and there is an opportunity to ask whether the state tracks that.</p> <p>Commission Vice Chair Edwin Kirby noted that there are more Latino/Hispanic discontinuances (i.e., 23% due for renewal, 27% discontinued). He requested more data to understand why, and asked whether there are partners to support with outreach. Commissioner Kyle Stefano, who works at Community Health Works, noted that she could follow up about outreach to Latino populations. Yevgeniy said that the data exists, but it will take longer for the County to analyze this. The state may be able to provide this. Commission Chair Chet Hewitt asked County staff to follow up with DHCS to see the breakdown for the other category to inform interventions and know what is causing people to be discontinued (e.g., if it is due to applications partially completed, or not submitted). Commissioner Michelle Monroe recommended to convene collaborative partners to address disparities we see from the data and be proactive to prevent them from getting worse.</p> <p>Commissioner Darrell Lake asked about data the is county using to auto-verify (ex parte), and how redetermination dates are determined. He said he was auto-enrolled in Medi-Cal redetermination, but thinks he now has too much income and was concerned he would owe the county and state for Medi-Cal services.</p> <p>Commissioner Ann Boynton said she appreciated the data and all constraints, and requested the actual numbers to be presented in the future, in addition to the percentages. For the discontinued, she noted that suddenly missing data appears as 8%, but we didn't see that previously and numbers would be helpful to see the magnitude. County staff said they will include numbers in the future.</p>	<p>3:15 – 3:35 pm</p>

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<p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt voiced concern around transference to the new data system, CalWIN to CalSAWS. Yevgeniy said that this has been the smoothest transition they have had, compared to past systems.</p> <p>Commission Vice Chair Edwin Kirby asked if procedural just means that individuals didn't fill out some paperwork. Yevgeniy answered, yes, they did not complete the renewal process. Commission Vice Chair Edwin Kirby noted that losing 7-8,000 people a month for not filling out a piece of paperwork is troubling; it is in the County's best interests to not only hire additional staff, but also to, pay NPOs to support the effort. Further discussion continued on defining procedural into subcategories to show applications that were incomplete, incorrectly completed, and not returned forms. Yevgeniy said the state has made a lot of flexibility; we will see more auto-renewals in 2024 behind the scenes. The major contributor is the lack of income verification. Commission Chair Chet Hewitt said he is trying to understand that 8,000 don't need coverage and that further review into understanding the discontinuances would be helpful.</p>	
<p>4. Presentation, Discussion, and Action: 2023 Annual Report to Board of Supervisors – Chet Hewitt, Chair, and Jenine Spotnitz, Department of Health Services</p> <p>Jenine presented the 2023 SCHA Commission Annual Report, and provided a high-level summary of what is included in the report.</p> <p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt invited public comments and there were none.</p> <p>Commissioner Darrell Lake said he would not be a Medi-Cal beneficiary next year, and thus this would be his last commission meeting. He stated that it's important to note the limited attendance and membership of Medi-Cal beneficiaries. He reasoned that it is largely due to a lack of financial incentive and compensation for time and expertise provided on the commission. He also stated that meeting quarterly was a terrible idea; he said that it would be better to meet more often since medical benefits to Sacramentans living in poverty are very important. People must see that there is lasting systemic change.</p> <p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt and other commissioners thanked Darrell for his service to the Commission. Commission Chair Chet Hewitt motioned to approve the report and encouraged people to add their voices via public comment at the Board of Supervisors meeting.</p> <p>The motion passed to approve the 2023 Annual Report.</p>	3:35– 4:00 pm
<p>5. Presentation, Discussion, and Action: Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Consultant and Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee– Gina Patterson, Department of Health Services, and Chet Hewitt, Chair</p> <p>Gina presented the narrative questions for the scope of work for the RFP for a Consultant for the SCHA Commission.</p>	4:00 – 4:45 pm

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<p>Commissioner Ann Boynton asked for clarification on consultant responsibilities clarify activities consultant will do versus County and add clarification where needed to the implementation plan to specify the expectations so the proposals can be evaluated appropriately.</p> <p>Commissioner Darrell Lake asked about the metrics that will be used to measure for Medi-Cal member engagement. Commission Chair Chet Hewitt stated that by asking that question in the RFP, we get to assess what we get back, want the applicant to propose the metrics and approach. Score received by prospective applicants will include the level of detail in their plan.</p> <p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt stated, despite folks who've applied in the past, we haven't done a good enough job. Your admonition to us is make sure that whoever we select has done an extraordinary job; they need to provide real evidence that they have experience doing this work well.</p> <p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt appointed an Ad-Hoc Committee to support the review and implementation of the Consultant's scope of work for the first year, with a focus on the areas of work not covered by the CPC. Appointees are based on area of expertise and consistent attendance and active participation in committees; they include Dr. Khaira, Eddie Kirby, and Tim Lutz.</p> <p>Commissioner Kyle Stefano asked a clarifying question about the role of the Ad-Hoc Committee, and clarification that the County staff will be responsible for drafting the RFP documents, the administrative functions with the RFP and steering the evaluation and award process. The above was confirmed by Jenine.</p> <p>Gina next presented the RFP Budget. Noted priority in scoring more funding directly to member engagement and CBO. No feedback was provided for this document.</p> <p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt invited public comments and there were none.</p> <p>Jenine did a rollcall of votes. The motion passed to approve the RFP for a consultant.</p>	
<p>6. Public Comment – <i>One comment per person, limited to two minutes.</i></p> <p>No public comment.</p>	4:45 – 4:55 pm
<p>7. Closing Comments and Adjournment – <i>Chet Hewitt, Chair</i></p> <p>Commissioner Kyle Stefano asked if this will be Darrell's last meeting because he is going off Medi-Cal; and if he was willing, could we ask the Board if he's able to continue. Commissioner Darrell Lake said he is not interested in continuing and that this commission has been a large time commitment for him.</p> <p>Commission Chair Chet Hewitt underscored the commission's commitment to consumer voice as part of this process. He thanked Darrell for his contributions</p>	4:55 – 5:00 pm

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and shared that the Sierra Health Foundation provided a financial incentive to Darrell today for his service this year. The next meeting will be held on January 16 th , 2024, from 3:00-5:00pm. The Chair Chet Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 4:52pm.	

Members of the public are encouraged to attend. Public comments are accepted during the designated time. Members of the public may also submit written comments electronically to Spotnitzj@saccounty.gov, or by US Postal Service to 7001-A East Parkway, Suite 1000, Sacramento, CA 95823. Public comments will be accepted until the adjournment of the meeting, distributed to Health Authority Commission members, and included in the record. 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 the assigned staff, Jenine Spotnitz, at Spotnitzj@saccounty.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](#).