

Sacramento County Health Authority Commission

General Meeting Minutes

November 23, 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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Ann Boynton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Michelle Monroe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Debra Payne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Jerry Bliatout	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Ravinder Khaira, MD	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Chevon Kothari	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Ryan Quist	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent
Kim Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent		
SCHA Non-Voting Members			
Janice Milligan	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent	Martha Santana-Chin	<input type="checkbox"/> Present <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Sarabeth Zemel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Alexis Sabor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent		

Agenda Item	Time
<p>1. Welcome/Opening Remarks – Chet Hewitt, Chair</p> <p>Chair Chet Hewitt convened the meeting at 3:01 pm. He recapped the work to date, which has been largely focused on the procurement assessment process. He noted that the consumer voice on the Commission is important and they are currently working on getting consumers on the Commission. The Ad Hoc Committee is undertaking its work now and will report back in February 2022. Looking forward, the Commission will revisit its draft goals for Medi-Cal managed care in Sacramento County to refine them and identify priority areas of work for 2022.</p>	3:00 – 3:05 pm
<p>2. Agenda Review – Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services</p>	3:05 – 3:08 pm

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<p>Jenine Spotnitz reviewed the agenda.</p>	
<p>3. Updates</p> <p>A. Senate Bill 226 – <i>Peter Zilaff, Sacramento County Counsel</i></p> <p>County Counsel Peter Zilaff reviewed SB 226, which was passed by the Legislature this past session and signed into law by Governor Newsom. The legislation codifies the SCHA. The language of the bill was the model for the County ordinance. The law says that the SCHA will designate at least two health plans, will meet with health plans for improving quality, and sets out the responsibilities that are also set forth in the bylaws.</p> <p>Commissioner Boynton commented that the bylaws do not mention SB 226 and recommended that the Commission form a bylaws committee to address this and any other issues. Commissioner Porteus agreed. Chair Chet Hewitt noted the Commission would work with counsel on this issue in the future and requested to return to this after the holidays. Commissioner Boynton agreed.</p> <p>B. Department of Health Services Director’s Updates – <i>Chevon Kothari</i></p> <p>DHS Director Kothari gave an update on her presentation at the November 2 Board of Supervisors meeting. She reviewed concerns expressed by the Board and said she would return to speak in front of them on Dec. 8 to address those concerns. The Board focused on (1) How DHCS made the decision to reduce the number of plans in Sacramento County; (2) the timeline for procurement and its speed and any consideration by DHCS to extend the timeline; and (3) a desire to hear more from beneficiaries.</p> <p>Director Kothari said that in talking with DHCS on these issues, DHCS will need to specify the exact number of plans in the County by the date the final RFP is issued. DHCS will not extend the RFP timeline, which has been set. The Board had also wanted DHCS to come to discuss these issues, but DHCS will not meet with the Board given that procurement process is underway. They indicated that they may be able to come in the future. DHCS is willing to consider input from the Board, so Director Kothari will work with the Board if they wish to give input.</p> <p>Director Kothari also noted that she told the Board that DHS would do more to get widespread beneficiary input. She planned to present a proposal to get beneficiary input at the December 8 meeting, which Lisa Chan-Sawin, consultant to SCHA, would present later in this meeting.</p> <p>Director Kothari described other DHS activities, including working with plan partners on CalAIM implementation. She thanked the plans for their work on</p>	<p>3:08 – 3:30 pm</p>

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<p>that issue and noted they are planning a second convening in early 2022. Her office is also putting together a proposal on developing a social information data exchange and will release that information in January. Another priority is that there is currently no budget for SCHA. They will agendaize this item for the Commission to discuss in the future.</p> <p>Finally, Lisa Chan-Sawin, consultant to SCHA, presented a proposal for stakeholder engagement. She laid out a four-pronged approach for engaging and obtaining input from Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The four prongs include beneficiary surveys through their trusted messengers, key informant interviews/focus groups through trusted messengers, development of an advocacy toolkit, and stipendiary grants to Sacramento's community-based organizations to participate in the stakeholder process.</p> <p>Commissioner Ybarra raised that there is a Medi-Cal managed care community advisory committee that meets quarterly at the state level and they have the same issues with getting beneficiary engagement. He asked whether there specific categories of people to target. Commissioner Rajagopal asked about broadband and whether the RFQ responses are addressing broadband since it improves health access. It was noted that RFQ responses will not be addressed in the Commission meeting. Finally, Commissioner Payne asked if this stakeholder engagement process will only address input from Sacramento County rather than the entire state. Lisa Chan-Sawin noted this was correct.</p> <p>Finally, Jenine Spotnitz, SCHA staff, thanked health plan partners for working on the Medi-Cal managed care COVID-19 vaccination incentive payments and invited Commissioners to participate in a meeting on this topic. Commissioner Kirby also thanked everyone for their work on this effort.</p>	
<p>4. Presentation and Discussion: Publicly Available Data – Sarah Brooks, Sellers Dorsey</p> <p>Sarah Brooks, director at Sellers Dorsey and former Deputy Director of Health Care Delivery Systems for DHCS, gave an overview of publicly available data that DHCS and other state agencies collect and analyze relating to Medi-Cal managed care plans. Sarah Brooks first gave a broad overview of enrollment, encounter and beneficiary satisfaction data. She then discussed quality data, including the Managed Care Accountability Sets (MCAS) which is managed by DHCS and the Aggregated Quality Factor Score, health disparities measures, performance improvement projects, and access to care data, including timely access standards.</p> <p>Commissioner Porteus asked how often network reviews are performed by DHCS and how does DHCS look at network reviews at the delegated level.</p>	<p>3:30 – 4:45 pm</p>

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<p>Sarah Brooks answered that larger network certification is done on annual basis and the State is now moving toward collecting data on delegation, which had been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>Sarah Brooks then completed her presentation with an overview of data related to facility site reviews and medical record reviews, interpreter services and annual medical audits and surveys.</p> <p>Chair Chet Hewitt thanked the presenter and expressed that the Commission will discuss the publicly available data moving forward as it does its work. Commissioner Boynton noted that the Commission needs to think about whether it needs to have the capability to analyze raw data. If this is necessary it should think about it for future budgetary needs. It may be difficult to get some of this information from the plans due to confidentiality issues. DHS Director Kothari informed the Commission that Sarah Brooks and her team are on contract for DHS. The Commission will rely on the QIQA Committee to make recommendations regarding data needs.</p>	
<p>5. Public Comment – <i>One comment per person, limited to two minutes.</i></p> <p>Dr. Awai noted that one option to recruit available and interested beneficiaries is through Family Voices. She stated that this advocacy group is mostly for parents of children with chronic disease, but also includes individuals up to around 21 years old who are on Medi-Cal and are transitioning from pediatric to adult care. Sacramento members of Family Voices may be interested in participating on this Board.</p>	<p>4:45 – 4:55 pm</p>
<p>6. Closing Comments, Next Steps, and Adjournment – <i>Chet Hewitt, Chair</i></p> <p>Chair Chet Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 4:40 pm.</p>	<p>4:55 – 5:00 pm</p>