

Sacramento County Health Authority Commission General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

September 21, 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

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, <i>Vice Chair</i>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Chevon Kothari	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent			
County Staff to SCHA			Consultants to SCHA		
Jenine Spotnitz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent	Lisa Chan-Sawin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
			Sarabeth Zemel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
			Dawn Hawkins Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

Agenda Item	Time
<p>1. Welcome and Updates – Chet Hewitt, Chair Chair Chet Hewitt convened the meeting at 3:03 pm and welcomed everyone. He congratulated the Commission on their excellent work to date. The RFQ that was approved by the Commission was posted and sent to MCPs. Chair Hewitt introduced the key action items for today, including deciding who should appoint the expert reviewers, whether there will be any disqualifying events, and the number of plans the Commission recommend receive Letters of Support from the County Board of Supervisors.</p>	3:00 – 3:03 pm
<p>2. Agenda Review – Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services Jenine Spotnitz reviewed the agenda.</p>	3:03 – 3:05 pm

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3. Presentation, Discussion and Action: Managed Care Plan (MCP) Assessment and Scoring Process and Rubric – *Lisa Chan-Sawin, Transform Health and Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services*

Lisa Chan-Sawin, consultant to SCHA, reviewed the timeline and revisions made to the RFQ process. She reviewed the duties of the ad hoc committee and the expert reviewers, and the proposed selection process for each. At the next meeting the Commission will take action on the appointment of ad-hoc committee members and adoption of scoring tool.

The Commission engaged in a discussion around transparency and the rationale for maintaining the anonymity of expert reviewers. A Commissioner explained that ad hoc committees are frequently created because they are nimble and expedient. They must be less than a quorum of the Commission. A Commissioner stated that he would love additional explanation from Counsel around the advice of expert reviewer appointments. He is fine with the ad hoc committee making those appointments. County Counsel recommended that expert reviewers' anonymity be protected, and noted the need to balance transparency and ensure the process does not expose any MCP information that might impact the state's RFP process.

Chair Chet Hewitt called for public comment, and there was no public comment. He then asked if any Commissioner would like to make a motion. Commissioner Eddie Kirby made a motion to request County Counsel come to discuss the considerations regarding expert reviewer anonymity at the next Commission meeting, and to revisit action for appointing expert reviewers at that time. The Chair called for public comment, and there was none. Commissioner Debra Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Commission discussed potential disqualifying events in the RFQ. Jenine Spotnitz reviewed the minimum threshold requirements versus disqualifying events and outlined potential criteria for these events. A question was raised on whether the criteria presented excludes any MCPs. The Commission discussed how they might obtain this information and whether to rely on self-attestation. Dawn Johnson, consultant to SCHA, noted that they could narrow the scope of review to Medicaid plans. Chair Chet Hewitt called for public comment, and there was no public comment. He then asked if any Commissioner would like to make a motion. Commissioner Jonathan Porteus motioned to consult County Counsel further and for staff to research implications of disqualifying events and potential parameters including a narrower

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scope and defined time frame for the review, and to revisit action on this matter on October 1. The Chair called for public comment, and there was none. Commissioner Ravinder Khaira seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Commission discussed the number of MCPs to recommend to the Board of Supervisors. They first discussed the approach to take and whether to rank all plans or use a pass/fail approach, and then discussed the number of MCPs to recommend. The Commissioners favored a rank order approach and to recommend the top MCPs. Chair Chet Hewitt called for public comment, and there was no public comment. He then asked if any Commissioner would like to make a motion. Commissioner Patrick Kennedy motioned to rank order all MCPs, and recommend that the top MCPs receive Letters of Support. The Chair called for public comment, and there was none. Commissioner Debra Payne seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Commission discussed how many MCPs to recommend, and noted that least two should be recommended according to the Commission's charge in the County ordinance. Several Commissioners suggested three MCPs was preferable to two, as two would not be adequate for Sacramento County. Several other Commissioners stated that they favored one or two MCPs in order to best improve quality of care and reduce fragmentation. Chair Chet Hewitt asked staff if they had heard any updates from DHCS regarding their plan to reduce the number of MCPs in GMC counties to two MCPs. Jenine Spotnitz stated that there have been no updates or changes regarding this matter by DHCS to date. The Commission discussed the implications of the number of MCPs on delegation in order to serve the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries in the county. Chair Chet Hewitt called for public comment, and there was no public comment. He then asked if any Commissioner would like to make a motion. Commissioner Khaira made a motion for the Commission to recommend the top two MCPs receive Letters of Support from the County. Commissioner Landefeld seconded the motion. Commissioner Kennedy made a substitute motion for the Commission to recommend the top three MCPs receive Letters of Support from the County. Commissioner Boynton seconded the motion. The substitute motion carried.

Dawn Johnson, consultant with Transform Health, presented the scoring tool. Jenine Spotnitz reviewed the methodology for the publicly available data. Chair Hewitt noted that these materials were sent out and welcomed feedback from Commissioners.

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<p>4. Overview of Upcoming Special Meeting – Lisa Chan-Sawin, Transform Health and Jenine Spotnitz, Sacramento County Department of Health Services</p> <p>Lisa Chan-Sawin, consultant with Transform Health, provided a brief overview of the agenda for the upcoming special meeting.</p>	4:40 – 4:44 pm
<p>5. Public Comment – One comment per person, limited to two minutes.</p> <p>None.</p>	4:45 – 4:55 pm
<p>6. Closing Comments, Next Steps, and Adjournment – Chet Hewitt, Chair</p> <p>Chair Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 5:16 pm, and announced the next regular meeting on October 12, 2021, from 12:00 to 2:00 pm.</p>	4:55 – 5:00 pm

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.