

San Joaquin County Clinics (SJCC)
Minutes of April 30, 2013
Board Meeting

San Joaquin General Hospital
Caesar Chavez Clinic Conference Room
French Camp, CA

Board Members Present

Alvin Maldonado
Ogechi Achunine
Regina McMahan
Javier Serrano
Beth Shelton
Bernadette Hannah
Lei McMiller

Health Care Services Agency and SJGH Staff Present

Margaret Szczepaniak
Samantha Phillips-Bland
David Culberson
Alan Germany
Ron Kreutner
Cynthia King
Leilani Chua
Ramona Thomas, Interpreter

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair, Alvin Maldonado.

Public Comment

Alan Germany introduced Ron Kruetner to the Board. Ron is the new Chief Financial Officer for San Joaquin General Hospital. He was previously CFO of Lodi Memorial Hospital.

Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2013 Meeting

Beth Shelton made a motion that the minutes of the March 26, 2013 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Regina McMahan and the Board members unanimously approved the minutes.

Board Action

Approval of the 2013 FPL Levels-Sliding Fee Schedule

Margaret Szczepaniak explained that the Sliding Fee Schedule is revised each year to reflect new Federal guidelines.

Beth Shelton made a motion that the 2013 FPL Levels-Sliding Fee Schedule be approved. Javier Serrano seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the 2013 FPL Levels-Sliding Fee Schedule.

Operational and Staff Reports

a. Financial Report

Alan Germany reported that the accounting firm of Moss, Adams has been retained to file the tax reporting for the years ending June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2012 for SJCC. The SJCC is not yet in the IRS database but the information should be in their system by around May 8.

Alan Germany provided the members with reports for December 2012, January 2013 and February 2013. He discussed the figures in the February 2013 report, which also included combined figures for the first eight months of the fiscal year. Much of the deficit reported will improve when clients become eligible for Medi-Cal. Approximately 75% of the current indigent patients should be able to qualify for Medi-Cal.

Samantha Phillips-Bland said that many indigent patients do not currently qualify for Medi-Cal because of assets they have and not income requirements. MAP patients will be encouraged to apply for Medi-Cal under the new program.

Ms. Phillips-Bland asked if future financial reports could reflect the amounts collected in connection to the Sliding Fee Scale. It was agreed that information will be added to future reports.

Ms. Szczepaniak requested that the CFO submit the draft FY2013-2014 budget to the Board for their approval prior to submittal to the Board of Supervisors. This will be scheduled for the May agenda.

Ron Kruehner will report to the Board next month the March 2013, as well as for April if those figures are completed.

b. Clinic Update Reports

Volume Report

Samantha Phillips-Bland reported that the number of patients seen in the Primary Medicine clinic decreased due to the clinic losing two providers. A new doctor has signed an employment contract and will start in June. A second doctor is scheduled to begin in July. That will increase the number of patients seen in that clinic.

The number of patients seen at the Healthy Beginnings clinic is smaller than expected. Ms. Phillips-Bland said that the clinics tend to get more high risk pregnancies which involve longer visit times. Staff provided outreach at the Asparagus Festival and provided information to the community about the availability of both of the Healthy Beginnings clinics.

Call Wait Times

There have been approximately 1,000 more calls this year than the same time last year. There is a 5% decrease in the number of missed calls compared to the same time last year. The average time taken to answer calls in English is 78 seconds and for Spanish callers is 98 seconds. Javier Serrano mentioned that when he calls the clinic has was not given the option for Spanish and was transferred to a Spanish speaking operator after the call was first answered by an English speaking operator. Ms. Phillips-Bland will look into the matter.

Next Available Appointments

In the Primary Care clinics, existing patients are able to get an appointment in 3-5 days. New patients are being scheduled for two weeks from when they call for an appointment.

c. Update on FQHC Process

Margaret Szczepaniak provided the SJCC members with copies of the letter submitted to the Board of Supervisors approving the operational implementation of the FQHC-LAL.

Ms. Szczepaniak updated the Board on the status of the application to HRSA. She assured them that she has been in contact with them to find out the status of their progress in reviewing the application. She provided a copy of the e-mail communications with HRSA.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 5 p.m. at San Joaquin General Hospital, 500 W. Hospital Road, Health Center North Conference Room French Camp, Ca.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alvin Maldonado, Chair