

San Joaquin County Clinics (SJCC)
Minutes of March 26, 2013
Board Meeting

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

Board Members Present

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

Health Care Services Agency and SJGH Staff Present

Ken Cohen
Margaret Szczepaniak
Samantha Phillips-Bland
Cynthia King
Leilani Chua
Ramona Thomas, Interpreter
Betty Jo Riendel

Other Attendees

Luz Maria Sandoval

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair, Alvin Maldonado.

Approval of Minutes of January 29, 2012 and February 26, 2013 Meetings

Bernadette Hanna made a motion that the minutes of the January 29, 2013 meeting be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Beth Shelton and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Regina McMahan made a motion that the minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting be approved as submitted. Javier Serrano seconded the motion. The minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as submitted.

Public Comment

None.

Board Action

Approval of Draft Pharmacy Service Agreement

Samantha Phillips-Bland explained that the Agreement is between the FQHC clinics and San Joaquin General Hospital. The Agreement would reduce the cost of prescriptions used by the doctors at the clinics.

Margaret Szczepaniak noted that the Draft Agreement incorrectly listed the word "Community" in the clinics title, as well as having an extra "C" in the acronym. It should be San Joaquin County Clinics (SJCC). Those errors will be corrected when the Agreement is finalized.

Beth Shelton made a motion that the Board approve the Draft Pharmacy Service Agreement with the noted corrections. Regina McMahan seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the Draft Pharmacy Service Agreement.

Operational and Staff Reports

a. Financial Report

Alan Germany was not present to give a financial report. When the report is issued by Mr. Germany, it will be sent to the Board members..

b. Clinic Volume Report

Samantha Phillips-Bland reported that the number of patients seen in all clinics in February was lower than the figures for January. This is not unusual as February has two holidays and there are fewer days in the month. Dr. Bui and Dr. Adalumo transferred to California Street on Monday, March 4. This created a Primary Care Clinic at that facility, making it a true medical home (Primary Care, OB/GYN and Pediatrics).

The Panel Management Unit noted that some of the patients routinely seen at the hospital location are willing to change their doctor in order to go to the California Street clinic because it is closer to where they live.

Two doctors at the hospital's Primary Medicine Clinic have resigned. Family Medicine physicians have been seeing patients after hours in order to make sure all appointments are kept at the hospital. Samantha advised that they are recruiting new Primary Care Physicians.

c. Update on Washington, DC Trip

Margaret Szczepaniak reported on her trip to Washington, D.C. in February. The group that went met with various legislators. One of the issues discussed was San Joaquin County's FQHC application to HRSA. Congressman Jerry McNerney wrote a letter of endorsement to HRSA. A copy of that letter was provided to the Board members.

d. Update on San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Approval for Implementation.

Margaret Szczepaniak reported that the Board of Supervisors will be requested to approve the operational implementation of Federally Qualified Health Center Look-A-Likes. The request will be an agenda item on the April 2, 2013 Board of Supervisors meeting. The Sliding Fee Scale is expected to take effect on May 1, 2013. Clinic and registration staff will be trained on income assessment and collection policy under the Sliding Fee Scale guidelines.

e. Update on Non Profit Status

The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) has issued the state letter acknowledging California's recognition of the SJCC's tax exempt status.

f. Update on Licensure Change

As part of the FQHC process, the clinics will be converting to have exempt licensure status, and be removed from the SJGH license. Samantha Phillips-Bland and Leilani Chua are spearheading the effort to revise the license and other provider certifications for the clinics.. The Board will be updated on this process as it progresses. .

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 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 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alvin Maldonado, Chair