

San Joaquin County Clinics (SJCC)
Minutes of January 28, 2014
Board Meeting

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

Board Members Present

Alvin Maldonado, Chairperson
Ismael Cortez, Treasurer
Rod Place, Secretary
Bernadette Hanna
Luz Marie Sandoval
Javier Serrano

SJCC Staff Present

Samantha Phillips-Bland, SJCC Executive Director
Ron Kreutner, SJCC CFO
Lloyd Lee, M.D., SJCC Associate Medical Director
Farhan Fadoo, M.D., SJCC Associate Medical Director

SJC Liaisons Present

Ken Cohen, Director, HCS
Margaret Szczepaniak, Assistant Director, HCS
Leilani Chua, Management Analyst, HCS
Cynthia King, Administrative Secretary, HCS
David Culberson, CEO, SJGH
Lilia Mora, Interpreter

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 by Chair, Alvin Maldonado.

Public Comment

None

Approval of Revised Agenda

The revised agenda reflected approval of the new 2014 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for the Sliding Fee Scale. Rod Place made a motion to approve the revised agenda. Bernadette Hanna seconded the motion and the board approved the revised agenda.

Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2013 Meeting

Rod Place made a motion that the minutes of the November 26, 2013 meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Bernadette Hanna and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Board Action Items

Approval of Assistant Nursing Department Manager – Maria Morales

Board members were provided with Maria Morales' resume. In addition, Samantha Phillips-Bland told the board that Ms. Morales began working at San Joaquin General Hospital as a Unit Clerk, then as a Nursing Assistant before completing a Nursing program. She has worked in the Healthy Beginnings clinic and has 10+ years experience in the maternity and adolescent programs. Ms. Morales is also bi-lingual.

Luz Maria Sandoval made a motion to approve Maria Morales as Assistant Nursing Department Manager. Javier Serrano seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of the New FPL in the Sliding Fee Scale

Margaret Szczepaniak reminded the Board that each year the Federal government makes changes to the FPL. The new Sliding Fee Discount Schedule reflects those changes based on monthly income and by family size.

Bernadette Hanna made a motion to approve the new FPL for the Sliding Fee Discount Schedule. Javier Serrano seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of Quality Improvement/Assurance Reports

Dr. Lloyd Lee reported on the OB/GYN Department and Children's Health Services. One of the goals for Healthy Beginnings is for all expectant mothers to be counseled on the benefits of breastfeeding, as well as receiving immunizations (influenza, TDAP). Patients are all to be notified of PAP test results (positive and negative) and followed up with in a timely manner for negative results. Dr Lee reported statistics were collected for testing, control and follow up of asthma; nutritional counseling; and tracking of BMI in children in order to decrease their likelihood of contracting diabetes, hypertension, and high blood pressure. (See handouts for details on all reported measures.)

Dr. Farhan Fadoo reported for the Primary Medicine and Family Medicine Clinics. He reported on the statistics for the goal of chronic disease management for Diabetes. Those clinics' goals are to monitor diabetic patients' blood pressure, depression levels blood pressure levels, retinopathy, BMI and foot screenings on a regular basis. Additionally he spoke to the renewed efforts for mammography screenings for women 40 and older. (See handouts for details on all reported measures.)

Bernadette Hanna made a motion to approve the Quality Improvement/Assurance reports as presented by Drs. Lee and Fadoo. Javier Serrano seconded the motion and the board unanimously approved the reports as submitted.

Discussion Items

Strategic Planning & Board Self-Evaluation

Samantha Phillips-Bland discussed the aggregate scores from the self-evaluation. The outcome of the self-evaluation shows that there needs to be improvement in the mission and purpose area. Ms. Phillips-Bland requested volunteers to meet with her once each month to develop a mission statement. Ogechi Achunine had previously volunteered to work with Ms. Phillips-Bland. Bernadette Hanna volunteered to work with both of them. After they have met, the subcommittee will report to the full Board.

Medi-Cal and Covered California Transition

Margaret Szczepaniak reported that as of January 2014 there have been 12,000 new Medi-Cal enrollees in San Joaquin County and including 3,920 LIHP patients that have been transitioned to Medi-Cal. The Human Services Agency (H.S.A), Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ), Sheriff's Office, Probation, Behavioral Health Services, Correctional Health Care and Health Care Services collaborated to apply to the State of California for AB82 funds. A grant in the amount of \$513,000 was awarded for outreach activities. The money will augment funds already set aside by HPSJ and H.S.A and will largely go to community based organizations to focus on expanded Medi-Cal enrollment.

Covered San Joaquin is an initiative aimed toward alerting the public that they may qualify for affordable health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. This effort is funded by the Human Services Agency in collaboration with Health Care Services, Public Health, and Health Plan of San Joaquin. There are 14 billboards through San Joaquin County informing the public of how to contact Covered California. There has been low enrollment numbers in the Latino and youth categories. Covered California received a Federal grant to expand their outreach focus on the Spanish speaking population.

San Joaquin General Hospital has Medi-Cal Managed Care contracts with Health Net and Health Plan of San Joaquin. Patients can choose their doctor from any of those two entities. SJGH also has contracts under Covered California with Health Net and Blue Shield.

Operational and Staff Reports

Financial Report

Ron Kreutner presented the financial statistics for the months of October and November 2013. He changed his reporting format to more closely reflect HRSA requirements. The number of indigent patients has decreased. (See handouts)

Clinic Update Report

Samantha Phillips-Bland reported that the number of visits in Primary Medicine Clinic in November due to three holidays when the Clinics were closed and the loss of three physicians. However, that number increased in December due to two new physicians being employed. Two more physicians are scheduled to start in February.

Dr. Zuniga, SJCC Medical Director, has resigned in order to accept a position running a new health plan in Northern California. He will be at SJGH one day per week. Ms. Phillips-Bland is in the process of recruiting for a new Medical Director. The position will require administration of the FQHC 50% of the time and working with patients 50% of the time. She will be doing a national search for the new Medical Director in conjunction with SJGH as the employer of record.

Update on FQHC Progress

Margaret Szczepaniak reported that staff is focusing on quality control of the application to be sure that all numbers in all places on the application match. They are also reviewing the narratives. Ms. Szczepaniak estimates that the application will be ready for submission in the next 24 hours.

The Board of Supervisors will be going to Washington, D.C. the week of February 3. They will be speaking to HRSA staff and requesting an expedited review of San Joaquin County's application.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 5 p.m. at San Joaquin General Hospital, 500 W. Hospital Road, Health Center North Caesar Chavez Clinic Conference Room, French Camp, CA.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rod Place, Secretary