

San Joaquin County Clinics (SJCC)
Minutes of July 29, 2014
Board Meeting

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

Board Members Present

Beth Shelton, Chair
Ogechi Achunine, Vice Chair
Rod Place, Secretary
Alvin Maldonado
Luz Marie Sandoval

SJCC Staff Present

Samantha Phillips-Bland, SJCC Executive Director
Betty Jo Riendel, SJCC Nursing Department Manager
Ron Kreutner, SJCC CFO

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
La Verne Self, SJGH Deputy Director Finance & Planning
Ramona Thomas, Interpreter
Alex Nunez, Interpreter

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 by Secretary, Rod Place.

Public Comment

Alvin Maldonado commented that he has personally noticed many improvements in the clinics.

Ramona Thomas introduced Alex Nunez. Mr. Nunez will be replacing Ms. Thomas as the interpreter at the Board meetings.

Approval of Minutes of June 24, 2014 Meetings

Beth Shelton made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 2014 meeting as submitted. Ogechi Achunine seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Board Action Items

Approval of Revised 2014-2015 Budget

Samantha-Phillips Bland explained the revisions to the Budget approved on June 24, 2014. Now that the FQHC-LAL status was approved, the budget would be revised to reflect the changes in staff, revenues and expenditures. The revised budget will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for their approval, and to allocate staff positions. The final revised budget will be presented to the SJCC Board for adoption in October.

Ms. Phillips-Bland explained the request being submitted to the BOS for additional staffing. She went into detail with the Board what positions were being requested and how those positions will impact the clinics (see attachment). Beth Shelton said that she felt the Public Health Nurse position in the Healthy Beginnings department at SJGH was particularly important.

Dr. Fadoo noted that the Nurse Practitioner II position listed on the request under Primary Medicine should be deleted. Ms. Phillips-Bland will make that correction.

Rod Place made a motion to approve the revised and approve the positions with a meeting of the Executive Committee if necessary. Ogechi Achunine seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

Approval of SJCC Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Report (Sent out with the agenda)

A revised QA/QI report was distributed at the meeting. Dr. Fadoo reported that more of the QA/QI measures are being met than when he last reported to the Board in April. He noted that the pediatric dental referrals results decreased. He thought that was possibly due to incorrect documentation in the files. The Electronic Health Records should resolve incorrect or missing reporting as all measures will have to be answered in the electronic version versus missing information in paper files. He also noted that there was a large decrease in the measure for diabetes and depression screening, again, possibly the result of missing documentation

Alvin Maldonado made a motion to approve the SJCC Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement Report. Ogechi Achunine seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the report.

Discussion Items

Board Self Evaluation

The Board members were given the Board Self Evaluation Questionnaire along with self-addressed, stamped envelopes. Margaret Szczepaniak stressed the importance of all members completing and returning the evaluations. The evaluations can be submitted anonymously, but it is important that each Board member give their input on the progress that the Board has made, and any changes they wish to see.

Board Recruitment

Margaret Szczepaniak asked all Board members to think of anyone they know who may be interested in serving on the Board. There are currently two vacancies out of the eleven positions. It is also hoped to increase the number of Board members to 13, as suggested by HRSA, which would allow for the formation of subcommittees. However, without an adequate number of board members to fill vacancies, increasing the number of Board members would impact the ability to achieve a quorum.

Medi-Cal and Covered California Transition

Open enrollment for Covered California will begin on October 1, 2014. Those people who sign up during that open enrollment period will have coverage effective January 1, 2015. To date, 24,000 San Joaquin County residents have enrolled. Since January 1, 2014, more than 38,000 people have qualified for expanded Medi-Cal coverage.

There was a state-wide backlog of 900,000 applications at one point. 24,000 of those backlogged applications were for San Joaquin County residents. There are now only 4,200 applications left to be processed in San Joaquin County as of the end of July. It is expected that the local backlog will be completed in September. It was stressed that people need to know that they must renew their coverage yearly, on the date that they received coverage.

Operational and Staff Reports

May Financial Report

Ron Kreutner presented the financial statistics for the month of May 2014 and for year-to-date. (Copy of the financial report is attached.) Salary and benefits costs have decreased from the previous month. Purchased services increased due to Health Care Services costs for HRSA application work and other purchased services for recruitment. The year-to-date net patient revenue is \$1.8 million, which is better than was expected.

Clinic Update Reports

Samantha-Phillips-Bland reported that she is registering for a 340(b) drug discount for pharmaceuticals distributed in the clinics which will help keep costs down. . Once that designation is received, it will be retroactive to October 1, 2014. She is also, enrolling the clinics into Medicare, and working on establishing the prospective payment system (PPS) rate.

New physician residents began in the last week of June in the Graduate Medical Education (GME) program.

Alvin Maldonado expressed concern with the lack of transportation for patients to get to the clinics and SJGH. One of the Board members takes public transportation to SJGH and it can take up to two hours to arrive. There was discussion that subcommittees should be formed to address transportation, as well as one to look at potential sites for another clinic in Stockton. Board members were asked to contact Samantha Phillips-Bland or Cynthia King if they are interested in serving on a subcommittee.

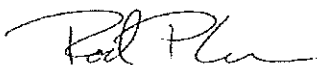
Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 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 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rod Place
Secretary, SJCC Board