



**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
 Commission Meeting
 Friday, January 19, 2024; 9:00am-11:00am
 MEETING MINUTES**

ACHCH Commissioner Present:

Gloria Cox-Crowell (Co-chair)
 Lois Bailey Lindsey (Secretary)
 Gregory Kats
 Julie Lo
 Josh Thurman
 Lynette Lee
 Melissa Hellums
 Michelle Schneidermann, MD
 Sabrina Fuentes
 Sam Weeks, DDS

County Staff Present:

Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH
 Luella Penserga, ACHCH
 David Modersbach, ACHCH
 Aislinn Bird, MD, ACHCH
 Amy Garlin, MD, ACHCH
 Qinglin Wu, ACHCH
 Joon Oh, Office of the County Counsel
 Nancy Halloran, Care Connect
 Valerie Edwards, Care Connect

ACHCH Commissioners Absent:

Laura Guzmán (Chair)
 Gerard Jenkins, MD
 Shannon Bernardin-Smith

Public Present:

Heather MacDonald-Fine, Alameda Health System
 Serena Clayton

Item	Discussion/ Recommendations
A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Commissioners Gloria Cox-Crowell Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved Commission approved the agenda Motion to Approve: Commissioners L. Lee; L. Bailey Lindsey 2 nd Motion Passed: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission
B. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.
C. CLOSED SESSION	No closed session.
D. CONSENT AGENDA	1. Commission approved the Commission meeting minutes – November 17, 2023 Motion to Approve: Commissioners L. Bailey Lindsey; G. Kats 2 nd Motion Passed: Meeting minutes adopted and approved by the Commission.

<p>E. ACHCH DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p>	<p>Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH Director presented Director’s Report.</p> <p>Commissioner Kats asked about the specificity of Core Strategy 3.3 (Strengthen Community Partner Networks) and suggested providing more details on the actions and initiatives involved.</p> <p>Commissioner Thurman suggested expanding the engagement in national policy partnerships to include discussions on emerging topics, such as providing veterinary services for people experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Commissioner Dr. Schneidermann appreciated the integration of equity into all goals and raised questions about the alignment and overlap between Core Strategies 2 and 3.</p> <p>Commissioner Lee supported the idea of lifting up the hiring and support of people with lived experience as a distinct and highlighted core strategy. She also inquired about the integration of housing into healthcare reimbursements and coordination with the Home Together plan.</p> <p>Commissioner Crowell asked about the coordination between the ACHCH strategic plan and the OHCC strategic plan. Kerry Abbott provided insights into the coordination and emphasizing the alignment of goals and the formation of planning teams.</p>
<p>F. ACHCH HEALTH CENTER</p>	<p>Heather MacDonald-Fine, Alameda Health System presented the Alameda Health System Subrecipient Report.</p>
<p>G. Presentations and Discussion</p>	<p>Deputy County Counsel Joon Oh presented on the Brown Act. Commissioners asked about potential legislative changes, specifically referring to discussions about proposed alterations. Joon Oh noted the uncertainty in predicting legislative outcomes due to the complex process. He mentioned the state of emergency exception, initially set to expire, but new legislation was introduced to make it permanent.</p> <p>Nancy Halloran and Valerie Edwards from Care Connect, provided an overview of their efforts to secure changes, discussed the importance of CHWs and their role in various programs, especially in incorporating people's experiences.</p>

	<p>The discussion covered the challenges of certification for CHWs in the state, with a focus on the need for a state-endorsed certification and the ongoing stakeholder process. Nancy and Valerie emphasized the importance of the CHW benefit in achieving health equity, improving outcomes, enhancing the consumer experience, and reducing costs. Also discussed about the impact of legislation related to a minimum wage for healthcare workers.</p> <p>Commissioners asked about certification processes and how organizations can certify CHWs for billing purposes. The collaborative efforts, competencies, and activities related to CHWs were highlighted.</p> <p>The discussion touched on the challenges of low salaries for CHWs, potential loss of personnel, and the need for funding to support the necessary workflow changes.</p> <p>Commissioners asked about how the county is actively hiring CHWs and creating capacity, and the importance of providing a roadmap for people with lived experience. Discussion concluded with an acknowledgment of the positive impact CHWs have on reducing burnout and improving healthcare outcomes.</p>
<p>I. COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consumer/Community Advisory Board (CCAB) – report from January 12, 2024. 2. Budget & Finance Committee – report from January 12, 2024. <p>Commssioner Bailey Lindsey presented the current funding being insufficient to support hiring new staff and expanding services and the need for additional revenue to sustain and expand their programs. The Budget & Finance Committee requested staff schedule an ad hoc committee to develop a plan for generating new revenue streams, including potential access to Measure A funds and bond issues. Commissioners discussed on the importance of strategic advocacy and engagement with leadership to secure funding, and the need for continued advocacy efforts.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Clinical Quality Committee – no report. 4. Executive Committee – report from December 4, 2023, accepting Officer nominations.
<p>J. OTHER ITEMS</p>	<p>Announcements:</p> <p>Next Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget & Finance Committee: January 12, 2024; 9:30am-11:00am • Clinical Quality Committee: January 29, 2024; 9:30am-11:00am



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee: January 8, 2024; 12:00pm-1:00pm • Community Consumer Advisory Board (CCAB): January 12, 2023; 12:00pm-1:30pm • Commission: January 19, 2024; 9:00am-11:00am
K. ADJOURNMENT	<p>Meeting adjourned at 11:00am Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary</p> <p><i>Lois Bailey Lindsey</i> Date: 3/26/2024</p> <p>41EBB6BD800441F...</p>

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