

#### ALAMEDA COUNTY HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS

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# Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission Meeting Friday, March 17, 2023; 9:00am-11:00am Via Zoom Conference Call MEETING MINUTES

## **ACHCH Commissioner Present:**

Lois Bailey Lindsey (Secretary) Gregory Kats Michelle Schneidermann, MD Sabrina Fuentes Josh Thurman Lynette Lee Melissa Hellums Gerard Jenkins, MD (arrived 10:23am)

### ACHCH Commissioners Absent:

Laura Guzmán (Chair) Gloria Cox-Crowell (Co-chair) Sam Weeks, DDS Julie Lo

## County Staff Present:

Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH David Modersbach, ACHCH Luella Penserga, ACHCH Kathy Barron, ACHCH Kerry Abbott, OHCC Aislinn Bird, ACHCH Andrea Zeppa, ACHCH Hanna Toda, ACHCH Qinglin Wu, ACHCH Lynette Ward, ACHCH Kathleen Clanon, MD, HCSA Lillawa Willie, ACHCH

## Public Present:

Damon Francis, Alameda Health System James Jackson, CEO Alameda Health System Mark Amey, CIO Alameda Health System Katia Bosic

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A. CALL TO ORDER Welcome & Introductions Adopt agenda	Meeting Chaired by Lois Bailey Lindsey Roll Call of Commissioners Quorum achieved Commission approve agenda Motion to Approve: G. Kats; 2 <sup>nd</sup> M. Schneidermann Motion Passed: Meeting agenda adopted by Commission	
B. PUBLIC COMMENT	No public comment.	
C. CLOSED SESSION	No closed session.	
D. CONSENT AGENDA	<ol> <li>Commission approve Commission meeting minutes – February 17, 2023</li> <li>Motion to Approve: L. Lee; 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Kats (M. Schneidermann abstaining)</li> <li>Motion Passed: Meeting minutes adopted and approved by Commission.</li> </ol>	



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	Commission to decide when to start meeting in-person so that the meetings have quorum and all Commissioners have an option to attend meetings.
E. ACHCH DIRECTOR'S REPORT	<ul> <li>Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH Director presented Director's Report.</li> <li>Personnel         <ul> <li>ACHCH have several interested candidates for the Physician III position. Goal is to conduct interviews in April and will identify any Commissioners that want to participate in interviews.</li> <li>We have five vacant positions with active County lists</li> <li>HRSA</li> <li>ACHCH has submitted CY2022 HRSA Uniform Data System (UDS) report</li> <li>ACHCH anticipates receiving a \$45,000 HRSA Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) supplemental funding to expand HIV services</li> <li>ACHCH anticipates HRSA granting a requested extension to COVID American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding for Health Center grant (H8E) through September 23, 2023.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Dr. Aislinn Bird discussed being interviewed by the American Psychiatric Association's Psychiatric for a news article (to be published April 1, 2023) and the Street Medicine Course presentation on February 8, 2023 in Sacramento.</li> <li>FEMA         <ul> <li>ACHCH provided winter storm support for unsheltered individuals and families in Alameda County between December 24, 2022 and January 31, 2023. ACHCH worked in close collaboration to inform and develop the response with city and county partners.</li> <li>ACHCH has developed a plan to respond to urgent requests and disseminate information rapidly.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
F. ACHCH HEALTH CENTER	<ol> <li>David Modersbach, AHCH Grants Manager presented ACHCH 2022 UDS report</li> <li>Damon Francis presented the AHS Co-Applicant Board report</li> </ol>
G. ACTION AGENDA	<ol> <li>Commission approve to add Environmental Health to ACHCH Scope of Services Motion to Approve: L. Lee; 2<sup>nd</sup> G. Kats Motion Passed: Add Environmental Health to ACHCH Scope of Services approved by Commission.</li> <li>Commission approve Subject Matter Expert Vendor Pool contracts with Wellbrook Partners and Cardea Health</li> </ol>



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	Commissioner Schneidermann asked ACHCH staff if they looked into PATH funds to cover the cost of the Cardea Health contract. L. Kasdin and L. Penserga replied that ACHCH's PATH application was denied so program did not receive funds. <b>Motion to Approve:</b> S. Fuentes; 2 <sup>nd</sup> J. Thurman <b>Motion Passed:</b> Subject Matter Expert Vendor Pool contracts with Wellbrook Partners and Cardea Health approved by Commission.
3.	Commission approve Letter of Intent – AHS and ACHCH for EPIC Motion to Approve: Did not go to vote; Emergency meeting scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2023
	L. Penserga gave overview of the Letter of Intent from AHS regarding EPIC. Start- up amount is \$432k in ARPA funds and need to be spent by the end of the grant period; ACHCH requested an extension. The proposed contract will be a 3 year contract. Commission approval to contract with AHS to get Epic would void the Commission-approved action in December 2022 to contract with OCHIN. AHS and EPIC met with Alameda County (ACBH and ACHCH were part of the conversation in discussing the opportunity to invest in AHS/EPIC). ACHCH is reapproaching the Commisison to move forward with letter of intent from AHS to provide EPIC through Community Connect. ACHCH will work closely with M. Amey (CIO at AHS) and his IS team. ACHCH will get support from AHS and receive analytical reports to track ACHCH performance and compliance with HRSA.
	Commissioner M. Schneidermann asked since the Commissioners already approved OCHIN to be the vendor to provide EPIC, was there anything wrong with OCHIN?
	L. Penserga stated that there wasn't anything wrong with OCHIN. OCHIN has a standard approach and responds to accommodate the membership (FQHCs). L. Kasdin added that AHS wasn't in the place to assist ACHCH a few years ago and this opportunity came up in the last few weeks. Through conversations with AHS, she realized it was a viable option.
	M. Amey (CIO at AHS) shared that AHS's Community Connect concept was created a year ago and they are talking with several organizations with ACHCH being the first. AHS is talking with other hospitals, ACBH, and Santa Rita jail. AHS has been using EPIC for the last 3 years and have received eight gold stars from EPIC.
	J. Jackson (CEO at AHS) reiterated that AHS is focused on patient care and feels this would be a great partnership with ACHCH.
	Commissioner M. Schneidermann appreciated the promise of collaboration and as a physician, her concern is that the business needs of the health center will always





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take priority over the very small niche health center (that is ACHCH). She shared that she is worried about the process of getting EPIC set up in a way that is really true to the ACHCH patients and their needs. Will AHS have challenges creating workflows and analytics that ACHCH care coordination needs?
M. Amey validated Commissioner M. Schneidermann's concerns. He responded that the initial need is already built into the system and the customization that ACHCH needs will be the focus on the initial start up.
Commissioner J. Thurman is in support of moving forward with this however, how far did ACHCH get with OCHIN and what is ACHCH on the hook for?
L.Kasdin responded that ACHCH got within a foot of the finish line with OCHIN but there is not an executed contract. There will still be partnership with OCHIN if we move forward with AHS (because OCHIN serves other health centers that ACHCH partners with).
L. Penserga emphasized that OCHIN stepped back because there was a local hospital that can provide the service.
Commissioner J. Thurman would want to know when the health centers agreements are up with OCHIN and why they wouldn't be on the EPIC system like everyone else.
M. Amey mentioned that AHS and ACHCH would continue to interface with OCHIN. EPIC is very vocal and emphatic about connecting health care systems in the same community and sharing records together.
Commissioner M. Schneidermann asked how AHS will be partnering and bringing all voices to the table (i.e. ACHCH Commission). What reporting and accountability structure will be in place so that the needs of ACHCH are being met?
M. Amey responded that Commissioners would need to address that with L. Kasdin and L. Penserga. AHS's Community Connect is driven by Operations not IT (at AHS). AHS has a transparent project management system and gets great feedback regarding service ticket responses.
Commissioner L. Bailey Lindsey asked if AHS could come back to the Commission in six months to do a report on the progress. She also expressed concern that this would be a bumpy road.
M. Amey responded that he would happy to be on the agenda whenever the Commission needs him.



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	Commissioner G. Jenkins asked if AHS is confident in being able to swiftly deal with nuances that come up for the ACHCH workflow. He uses OCHIN EPIC at his health center and mainstream EPIC at Sutter Health. There's going to be certain things that are more significant that meet ACHCH needs. OCHIN is flexible to customize the needs of ACHCH. M. Amey responded that he is 100% confident and that AHS runs a good shop in their IS department. He knows they can do it really well. Commissioner M. Schneidermann requested that the approval of the Letter of Intent from AHS be deferred to the next commission meeting. Commissionsers G. Jenkins and G. Kats agreed with Commissioner M. Schneidermann. K. Abbott (Director of OHCC) suggested that if the Commission is not prepared to approve this today, that they would consider scheduling an emergency meeting so ACHCH doesn't lose the opportunity to use funds that have been set aside. Commissioner L. Bailey Lindsey added that she is hearing from two Comissioners, who are clinicians, that they want to continue this discussion and Commissioner
	<ul> <li>M. Hellums needs to leave the meeting. Commissioner L. Bailey Lindsey proposed that they schedule an emergency meeting of the Commission.</li> <li>Commissioners G. Jenkins and G. Kats agreed.</li> </ul>
	Commissioner L. Lee made a motion to draft a resolution in case it's difficult to have the meeting; Commissioners would approve going ahead with AHS EPIC with the condition that another meeting be held but if that meeting doesn't happen then it moves forward.
	Commissioner M. Schneidermann opposed that motion stating that is all about due diligence.
	L. Kasdin announced a tentative date for the emergency meeting; Friday, March 24, 2023 from 7:30am - 8:30am. Commissioners agreed with the date and time.
H. REGULAR AGENDA	<ol> <li>Consumer &amp; Community Advisory Board (CCAB) – March 10, 2023 report not discussed due to discussion of Action Agenda Item #3.</li> <li>Budget &amp; Finance Committee – no report</li> <li>Clinical Quality Committee – no report</li> <li>Executive Committee – March 6, 2023 report not discussed due to discussion of Action Agenda Item #3.</li> </ol>
I. OTHER ITEMS	Announcements: None



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	<ul> <li>Next Meetings:</li> <li>Executive Committee: April 10, 2023; 12:00pm-1:00pm</li> <li>CCAB: April 14, 2023; 12:00pm-1:30pm</li> <li>Commission: April 21, 2023; 9:00am-11:00am</li> <li>Budget &amp; Finance Committee: April 7, 2023; 9:30am-11:00am</li> <li>Clinical Quality Committee: May 1, 2023; 9:30am-10:30am</li> </ul>
J. ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 11:20am Verified by Lois Bailey Lindsey, Secretary Lois Bailey Lindsey 11EBB6BD806441F

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