

San Joaquin County Clinics
Minutes of August 25, 2011
Community Board Meeting

1414 N. California Street, 2nd Floor
Dorothy Chase Conference Room
Stockton, CA 95202

Board Members Present

Ogechi Achunine
Ismael Cortez
Raymond "Jim" Dubois
Bernadette Hanna
Al Maldonado
Regina McMahan
Theresa Melish

Health Care Services Agency Staff Present

Ken Cohen
Margaret Szczepaniak
Leilani Chua
Cynthia King

Guest

Medical Director, Dr. Lloyd Lee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Chair, Al Maldonado.

Approval of Minutes of July 28, 2011 Meeting

M/S/A to approve the minutes as written.

Public Comment

None

Introduction of Medical Director, Dr. Lloyd Lee

Dr. Lee was introduced to the Board as the Medical Director of the FQHC clinics. He stated that the primary goals of the San Joaquin County Clinics were to increase access, improve patient service, and the enhance the quality of care to community patients in need. The clinics will work with the FQHC Board to attain those goals. To increase access, it is essential to connect patients with programs that can provide them

with medical care. He gave examples of the Cancer Detection Program (CDP) and Family Pact for birth control, requested sterilizations and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). The clinics are being physically reorganized to place them in closer proximity to each other. This will alleviate confusion in patients locating the clinics and also be helpful for those who have multiple appointments on the same day.

Discussion Items

a. Nomination Committee

Al Maldonado gave a report to the Board outlining what was discussed at the Committee's meeting on August 11, 2011. All Board applications were reviewed; however, none satisfied the need to replace the vacant Asian/Pacific Islander member. Members were given application forms and were asked to invite people to apply. Health Care Services staff will contact community groups and ask for their assistance in finding potential board members as well.

b. FY 2011-12 Budget Review

Leilani Chua explained the budget format that was handed out to members. The figures given are proposed for the fiscal year. The "Gross Revenue" row reflects the amount that is billed. The "Contractual Allowance" row reflects the difference between what was billed and the maximum allowable amount that is paid by Medicare, Medi-Cal. The "Bad Debt Expense" reflects the amount that is billed to the patient who can be expected to pay and for various reasons, do not. The proposed figures project deficits in all clinics.

There was discussion about where funds could be received to offset some of the deficits. This year the County provided a subsidy to offset some of the deficit from their county General Fund. Obtaining tax exempt status and seeking the FQHC designation from HRSA will also help with funding through improved reimbursement levels from Medicare and Medicaid.

c. Conflict of Interest Forms

Board members were reminded to complete and submit their forms.

Staff Report

a. FQHC Application

Margaret Szczepaniak said that she is working on the FQHC application and hopes to present the Health Care and Business plan components at the next Board meeting on September 29. Sample business and health care metrics were discussed such as reduce deficits; ensure, all children under 2 years of age

have all immunizations and yearly physical examinations; ensure healthy births; annual health checks for diabetes and high blood pressure.

Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on September 29, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at 1414 N. California Street, 2nd floor, Dorothy Chase Conference Room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Theresa Melish, Secretary