

San Joaquin County Community Clinics
Minutes of June 30, 2011
Community Board Meeting

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. by Margaret Szczepaniak.

Welcome and Introductions

The Board members were welcomed to the inaugural meeting. Newly appointed members introduced themselves and gave some background information on why they volunteered to participate on the board.

Board Members Present:

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

Health Care Services Agency staff members present: Ken Cohen, Margaret Szczepaniak, Leilani Chua, and Cynthia King.

New Business

1. FQHC Overview

Ken Cohen and Margaret Szczepaniak provided an overview outlining the purpose and scope of the FQHC Board.

2. FQHC Bylaws

Mr. Cohen explained the purpose of the Bylaws. It is necessary to have organizational Bylaws in order to apply for and receive federal and state tax exempt status. He advised that the FQHC is already incorporated in California under the name San Joaquin County Clinics. We will be seeking approval from the federal and state government to operate as a public non-profit charitable organization. In order to be approved by HRSA to be a FQHC Look A Like, The San Joaquin County Clinics will operate under a partnership arrangement between the county and the not-for-profit board. The combination of partners is necessary for FQHC purposes and will yield more funds available to operate the clinics. Mr.

Cohen recommended that the members read and review the Bylaws and that they be adopted at the next meeting to be held on July 28, 2011. The Bylaws will be translated into Spanish and sent to Ismael Cortez for his review.

3. Election of Officers

Election of Officers will occur at the next Board meeting. Board members were asked to consider if they would like to be an officer of the Board or if there are members that they would like to elect. The duties of officers are described in the bylaws.

4. Conflict of Interest Policy

Ms. Szczepaniak will bring Conflict of Interest forms to the next meeting for each board member to complete.

General Discussion

Mr. Dubois is on MAP and would like to see dental and vision eventually added to the services provided.

Ms. Hanna is also on MAP but will not be eligible at the end of the year because of her age. It was suggested that she apply for Medicare and Medi-Cal.

Mr. Maldonado would like for the VA clinic to stay at San Joaquin General Hospital because it is a more convenient location with much more available parking. He also asked if the building of the prison hospital would negatively affect staffing at General Hospital.

Mr. Cortez acknowledged that the objectives of the board are ambitious and would require a lot of responsibility. He offered his location, an auditorium that accommodates approximately 700 people, if the group ever needs the space for events.

Meeting Location

The members were asked if they wanted to continue meeting at 1414 N. California Street, or if it would be more convenient to meet at San Joaquin General Hospital. The consensus was that the current meeting location remain the same. The conference room has been reserved for the meetings on July 28, August 25, September 29, and October 27. Ms. Szczepaniak told the members that meeting locations could always be changed if necessary.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on July 28, 2011 at 5:00 at 1414 N. California Street, 2nd Floor, Dorothy Chase Conference Room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.