

# The County of Santa Cruz Integrated Community Health Center Commission

**Minute Taker: Mary Olivares**

Minutes of the meeting held January 7, 2026

**TELECOMMUNICATION MEETING:** Microsoft Teams Meeting - or call-in number +1 916-318-9542 – PIN# 500021499#

Attendance	
Christina Berberich	Executive Board – Chair
Len Finocchio	Executive Board – Co-Chair
Rahn Garcia	Member
Dinah Phillips	Member
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Member
Michelle Morton	Member
Nicole Pfeil	Member
Amy Peeler	County of Santa Cruz, Chief of Clinics
Raquel Ruiz	County of Santa Cruz, Senior Health Services Manager
Julian Wren	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Services Manager
Mary Olivares	County of Santa Cruz, Admin Aide
<b>Meeting Commenced at 1:00 pm and concluded at 1:45 pm</b>	
Excused/Absent:	
Absent: Maximus Grisso	
1. Welcome/Introductions	
2. Oral Communications:	
Christina asked commissioners whether they were aware of any changes to the Brown Act regarding remote meetings. It was noted that County Counsel would likely notify commissions if any changes occur.	
3. December 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes – Action Required	
Review of December 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes: The minutes were reviewed and recommended for approval. Len motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Marco seconded the motion, and all members present voted in favor.	
4. 2026 Health Center Goals - Action Item	
<p><b>2026 Clinical Quality Goals:</b> Raquel presented the 2026 Clinical Quality Goals that will be addressed in the coming year. The primary goals include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cervical Cancer Screening:</b> Increase screening rates at Santa Cruz County HSA Health Centers from 58.46% (Q2 2025) to 65% by December 31, 2026 (Alliance 2026 Goal: 64.21%).</li> <li><b>Breast Cancer Screening:</b> Increase screening rates from 57.31% (Q2 2025) to 67% by December 31, 2026 (Alliance 2026 Goal: 66.31%).</li> <li><b>Colorectal Cancer Screening:</b> Increase screening rates at Santa Cruz County HSA Health Centers from 52.46% (Q2 2025) to 60% by December 31, 2026 (Alliance 2026 Goal: 53.31%).</li> </ul> <p>Raquel also reported the secondary clinical quality goals for 2026, which include Initial Health Appointments, Controlling High Blood Pressure, Well-Child Visits in the First 15 Months of Life, Depression Screening for Adolescents and Adults (≥75th percentile), and Lead Screening (between the 75th and 89th percentiles). Dedicated staff have been assigned to work on these initiatives.</p> <p>Rahn motioned to accept the 2026 Health Center Goals as presented. Dinah seconded the motion, and all other members present voted in favor.</p>	
5. Policy 420.06 - 340B Policy and Procedure – Action Item	
<p><b>Policy 420.06 – 340B Policy and Procedure:</b> Julian presented Policy 420.06 – 340B Policy and Procedure and reviewed the policy with the commissioners for any recommended edits. Lehn motioned to accept the policy with the recommended edits. Nicole seconded the motion, and all other members present voted in favor.</p>	
6. Quality Management Update	

Raquel provided a quality management update. She reported that the Watsonville clinic is discussing a pilot for DEXA scans (bone density scans). Due to low X-ray volume, this pilot is expected to increase overall imaging volume at the clinic. Raquel also provided an update on the Outreach Campaign – Population Health, noting that this team will support quality measures by assisting with patient outreach and scheduling. Lastly, Raquel presented the Central California Alliance for Health Quarter 3 data, reviewing percentile group rankings and practice points. She reported that the Health Centers are close to meeting all measured benchmarks.

7. MyChart Security Levels

Raquel reported on an action item from a previous meeting. She stated that the Electronic Health Record Manager provided the privacy and security guidelines for MyChart. Raquel reviewed the FAQs, noting that patient information is kept private and that MyChart is more secure than email, with multi-factor authentication in place.

8. CA Initiative #25-0008

Julian brought this item for informational purposes only. Julian reported This proposed California ballot initiative, sponsored by SEIU-UHW, would require nonprofit Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to spend at least 90% of annual revenue on mission-related program services. The initiative is framed as a transparency and accountability measure but presents material fiscal, operational, and compliance risk for safety-net providers. **What This Means for Our Health Centers**  
Under our current cost structure, compliance with this initiative depends entirely on how the state defines administrative spending:

- If administrative spending is limited to what we traditionally classify as executive and leadership functions, our administrative spend is approximately **4% of total revenue**, and we would remain compliant.
- If administrative spending is defined to include all non-patient-care administrative and enabling functions, our administrative spend is approximately **14.7% of total revenue**, which would place our Health Centers in violation of this requirement.

This distinction is significant. Many non-patient-facing functions are required to operate safely, comply with federal and state rules, maintain access, and meet HRSA Section 330 requirements. The absence of statutory clarity creates a direct fiscal and operational risk.

9. Financial Update

Julian presented fiscal data as of October 31, 2025. He reported that net charges and net payments continue to increase; however, multiple payment delays during the current fiscal year have resulted in a lag. Julian reviewed the Fiscal Year July–December comparison of billable completed appointments and noted sustained increases in completed billable visits. He also presented the Payor Mix (July–December) charges. Lastly, Julian emphasized the importance of continuing to track Payor Mix charges and payments to assess the potential impacts of the HR.1 “Big Beautiful Bill.” To date, no significant changes have been observed, with the exception of Commercial payors.

10. CEO Update

Amy reported that several HUD grants were pulled back and noted that staff are monitoring the situation closely.

Next meeting: February 4, 2026, 1:00pm - 2:00pm

**Meeting Location: In- Person-** 150 Westridge Drive, Suite 101, Watsonville, Ca 95076 and 1080 Emeline Ave., Bldg. Clinic. Cruz, CA 95060. Commission will connect through Microsoft Teams Meeting or call in (audio only) [+1 831-454-2222,191727602#](tel:+18314542222191727602) United States, Salinas Phone Conference ID: **191 727 602#**

Minutes approved \_\_\_\_\_ / / \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Board Chair or Co-Chair) (Date)