

29. Accept and file the Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission report for calendar years 2023 and 2024, and take related actions ()



## **County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors**

### **Agenda Item Submittal**

**From:** Board of Supervisors

**Subject:** Biennial Report of the Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission

**Meeting Date:** February 11, 2025

**Formal Title:** Accept and file the Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission report for calendar years 2023 and 2024, and take related actions

### **Recommended Actions**

- 1) Accept and file the report prepared by the Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission highlighting their activities during calendar years 2023 and 2024; and
- 2) Direct the chair to thank the members of the Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission for their work on behalf of County government.

### **Executive Summary**

Accept and file the report prepared by the Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission highlighting their activities during calendar years 2023 and 2024.

### **Discussion**

The purpose of this report is to highlight the activities, accomplishments, and future goals of the board during calendar years 2023 and 2024.

### **Financial Impact**

The recommended action does not have a financial impact.

### **Strategic Initiatives**

N/A

### **Submitted By:**

Felipe Hernandez, Chair

### **Recommended By:**

Carlos J. Palacios, County Administrative Officer

### **Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:**

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

Inter-Office Correspondence

DATE: October 15, 2024  
TO: Various County Advisory Bodies  
FROM: Chair Justin Cummings  
RE: REPORTS FOR ADVISORY BODIES REQUIRED TO REPORT  
AT THE CONCLUSION OF CALENDAR YEAR 2024

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The purpose of this memo is to provide a reminder of the need for the advisory bodies outlined below to submit a report to the Board of Supervisors, on or before January 31, 2025, highlighting activities in 2023 and 2024:

Agricultural Policy Advisory Commission  
Ambulance Technical Advisory Group  
Arts Commission  
Assessment Appeals Board  
Civil Service Commission  
Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission  
Deferred Compensation Advisory Commission  
Commission on Disabilities  
Emergency Management Council  
Emergency Medical Care Commission  
Commission on the Environment  
Commission on Justice and Gender  
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission  
Fire Department Advisory Commission  
First 5 Commission  
Fish and Wildlife Advisory Commission  
Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced-San Benito-Mariposa Managed Medical Care  
Commission (2024 only)

Thereafter, your next report will not be due until January 2026 highlighting actions during 2024 and 2025. [**However**, please note that you will be required to submit an attendance roster (only) at the conclusion of calendar year 2025 outlining the dates your group met in 2025 and the attendance at each meeting.]

County Code Section 2.38.170, a copy of which is attached, provides the format for the completion of these reports. Please send all reports directly to the office of the Board of Supervisors, after which the Board Chairperson will place the item on the agenda for consideration by the full Board. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jesseka Rodriguez at extension 2200.

**Note:** Please remember to include attendance rosters for both years.

Attachment



# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

Health Centers Division



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## Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission Report for Calendar Years 2023 and 2024

### Roles of the Commission

The Commission is the patient/community-based governing board mandated by the Health Resources Services Administration's ("HRSA") Bureau of Primary Health Care ("BPHC") to set health center policy and provide oversight of the county's network of federally-qualified health centers ("FQHCs").

The Commission shall work cooperatively with the County of Santa Cruz acting in its role as co-applicant, to support and guide the Santa Cruz County Community Health Center ("CHC") in its mission to provide comprehensive health care that is quality-driven, affordable and culturally competent to the people of Santa Cruz County.

### Meeting Dates, Time and Location

The Commission meets monthly on the first Wednesday at 4:00 pm at the Admin Conference Room at 1080 Emeline Ave, Building D, Santa Cruz and virtually Microsoft Teams for those that can't attend in person.

### Commission Structure

There shall be eleven (11) at large voting members of the Commission and one ex-officio non-voting member.

Membership categories:

A. Six (6) Patient Members selected from patients or qualified elected representatives of patients of the Santa Cruz County FQHCs ("Patient Members"). There shall be at least one Patient Member from each Supervisorial District and one Patient Member selected at large;

B. Five (5) Community Members ("Community Members") from differing segments of the County with expertise in community affairs, finance, legal affairs, or business or other commercial concerns; and

C. The Chief of Clinics, who shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Commission.

2. Establishment of Commission. The initial members of the Commission shall be nominated and appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

3. Following the establishment of the Commission and the seating of its initial members, the appointment of any member and the filling of any vacancy shall be made by the County Board of Supervisors.

#### Commission Staff

Amy Peeler, Chief of Clinic Services, serves as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Commission.

Raquel Ruiz, Senior Health Services Manager, non-voting member of the Commission.

Julian Wren, Admin. Services Manager, non-voting member of the Commission.

Mary Olivares, Administrative Aide, is the administrative staff to the Commission.

#### Annual Goals and Accomplishments – 2023 and 2024

A central goal of the Commission in 2023 and 2024 was to update all departmental policies which the Commission accomplished, and policies continue to be presented.

The Commission closely monitored patient satisfaction survey results, Quality Management and Financial Updates at monthly meetings. In addition, the Commission participated closely with the federal oversight agency, Human Resources and Services Administration to complete the goal of successfully completing a weeklong operational site visit and a Service Area Competition. Both were accomplished in 2024.

In addition, Commissioners presented on various state initiatives and patients continued to share their perspectives.

#### Additional Activities

The Commission received presentations on HIPAA Security Risk Assessments, My Chart Presentation, 340b presentation, Enhance Care Management, Reports on homeless services, service area, and the Homeless Persons Health Project (HPHP) Overdose Response.

#### Future Goals

The Commission will continue to follow quality management, fiscal, and operational activities in the clinic closely as well as recruitment of medical providers. The Commission will continue to support grants that enhance and expand services. The Commission will continue to provide a forum for public input regarding the CHC.



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## Community Health Centers Co-Applicant Commission Attendance Report for Calendar Year 2023

Commissioner	Title:	1/3/2023	2/1/2023	3/1/2023	4/5/2023	5/3/2023	6/7/2023
Christina Berberich	Executive Board - Chair	Ex	P	P	P	P	Ex
Rahn Garcia	Commissioner	P	P	P	P	P	P
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Commissioner	P	P	P	P	Ex	P
Dinah Philips	Commissioner	P	P	Ex	P	P	P
Caitlin Brune - Assumed Office 4-23-19	Executive Board - At Large	P	P	P	P	P	P
Len Finocchio	Executive Board - Co-Chair	P	P	Ex	P	P	P
Michelle Morton - Assumed Office 3/9/21	Commissioner	Ab	Ab	P	Ex	Ex	Ab
Tammi Rose - Assumed office 8/23/22	Commissioner	P	P	Ex	Ex	Ex	Ab
Gidget Martinez - Assumed Office 10/19/21	Commissioner	P	Ab	P	Ex	P	P
Kim "Coach" Campbell	Commissioner - At Large Ex-Officio	P	P	P	P	P	P
Maximus Grisso Assumed Office 2/14/23	Commissioner	X	X	P	P	P	P

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Commissioner:	Title:	7/5/2023	8/2/2023	9/6/2023	10/4/2023	11/1/2023	12/6/2023
Christina Berberich	Executive Board - Chair	Ex	Ex	P	P	Ex	Ex
Rahn Garcia	Commissioner	P	P	P	P	P	P
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Commissioner	P	P	P	P	P	Ex
Dinah Philips	Commissioner	P	P	P	P	P	P
Caitlin Brune - Assumed Office 4-23-19	Executive Board - At Large	X	X	X	X	X	X
Len Finocchio	Executive Board - Co-Chair	P	Ex	P	Ex	P	P

<b>Michelle Morton - Assumed Office 3/9/21</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Ab</b>
<b>Tammi Rose - Assumed office 8/23/22</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>
<b>Gidget Martinez - Assumed Office 10/19/21</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Ex</b>
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<b>Maximus Grisso Assumed Office 2/14/23</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>Ab</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>P</b>

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Christina Berberich	Executive Board - Chair	Ex	P – In person	P – In person	Ab	P – In person	P – In person
Len Finocchio	Executive Board - Co-Chair	P - Virtual	Ex	P - Virtual	Ex	P - In person	P - In person
Rahn Garcia	Commissioner	P - In person	P - In person	P - In person	P - In person	P - In person	P - In person
Marco Martinez-Galarce	Commissioner	P - Virtual	P - Virtual	P - Virtual	P - Virtual	P - Virtual	P - Virtual
Dinah Philips	Commissioner	P - In person	Ex	P - In person	Ex	Ex	Ex
Michael Angulo - Assumed Office 12/12/23	Commissioner	P - Virtual	P - In person	Ex	P - Virtual	P - In person	P - Virtual
Michelle Morton - Assumed Office 3/9/21	Commissioner	P - Virtual	Ab	Ab	P - Virtual	P - Virtual	A - Absent
Tammi Rose - Assumed office 8/23/22	Commissioner	Ab	P - In person	P - In person	P - Virtual	P - Virtual	P - Virtual
Gidget Martinez - Assumed Office 10/19/21	Commissioner	Ex	P - In person	P - In person	Ex	P - In person	A - Absent
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