



AGENDA

KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Kern Medical Center
1700 Mount Vernon Avenue, Room 1202
Bakersfield, California 93306**

Special Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

11:30 A.M.

BOARD TO RECONVENE

Board Members: Avila, Behill, Kemp, Lopez, Martinez, Nichols, Sandoval, Smith, Williams
Roll Call:

CONSENT AGENDA/OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: ALL ITEMS LISTED WITH A "CA" ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL BY KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER STAFF. THE "CA" REPRESENTS THE CONSENT AGENDA. CONSENT ITEMS WILL BE CONSIDERED FIRST AND MAY BE APPROVED BY ONE MOTION IF NO MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR AUDIENCE WISHES TO COMMENT OR ASK QUESTIONS. IF COMMENT OR DISCUSSION IS DESIRED BY ANYONE, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND WILL BE CONSIDERED IN LISTED SEQUENCE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY FOR ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD CONCERNING THE ITEM BEFORE ACTION IS TAKEN.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION SHOWN IN CAPS

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- 1) This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board. Board members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a later meeting. In addition, the Board may take action to direct the staff to place a matter of business on a future agenda. SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU!

BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS

- 2) On their own initiative, Board members may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda (Government Code section 54954.2(a)(2)) –

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3) Health Resources Services Administration Operational Site Visit –
RECEIVE AND FILE

ADJOURN TO WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026 AT 11:30 A.M.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR AGENDA ITEMS

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
SPECIAL MEETING**

March 18, 2026

Subject: Health Resources Services Administration Operational Site Visit

Recommended Action: Receive and File

Summary:

Health Resources Services Administration is scheduled for an Operational Site Visit (OSV) from March 17 – 19, 2026. The purpose of the OSV is to provide an objective assessment to verify the eligibility and compliance of look-alike initial designation applicants for initial designation determinations.

**Health Center
Board Member HRSA OSV Reference Sheet
OSV March 17-19, 2026**

HRSA Reviewers:

Juanita Burnam, Team Lead/Finance Consultant
 Jimmy Brown, Governance/Administrative Consultant
 Elizabeth Latham, Clinical Consultant
 Laura Rumley, HRSA PO/Federal Representative

Table 1.

Health Center Profile: Based on YEAR Data	Data Reported
Total Patients Served	
Ethnicity	
Unknown	0
Puerto Rican	15
Unreported/Chose Not to Disclose Ethnicity	166
Mexican	7,243
Not Hispanic, Latino/A, Or Spanish Origin	3,553
Another Hispanic, Latino/A, Or Spanish Origin	1,869
Race	
Other Single Race	620
Unknown	0
Black/African American	929
White	11,042
Unreported/Chose Not To Disclose Race	248
Two Or More Races	7
Insurance Status	
No Coverage	93
Has Coverage	12,753
Income Status	
*Using % Of total FQHC Clients	
201% FPL or greater	0.03%
100% FPL Or Below	0.81%
*Using % Of total FQHC Clients that have income input	
201% FPL or greater	3.01%
100% FPL Or Below	78.20%
Services	
Primary Care	20,696
Behavioral Health	683

Table 2.

Board Committees	Members /Meeting Cadence
No formal committees at this moment.	

Table 3.

Key Board Actions Taken	Date of Board Meeting
Evaluation of the CEO	January 28, 2026
Approved FQHC applications and budgets	February 26, 2025 Budget approval, Revised or Additional April 26, 2025, Additional May 28, 2025
Approved operating hours, service sites, and services provided	February 26, 2025 January 28, 2026
Monitoring financial results	Monthly Financial updates beginning: 4/23/25
Conducts strategic planning and approves written Strategic Plan (every 3 years)	May 2025 (began) Completed August 2025
Evaluate the performance of the health center based on QI/QA assessments	Training Patient Satisfaction February 26, 2025 Monthly Quality Reports Annual Update February 25, 2026
Approved Fee Schedule (Schedule of Charges) and Sliding Fee Discount Scale (annual)	March 26, 2025 November 20, 2025
Review and approval of Quality Improvement / Assurance Plan	March 26, 2025
Policy Approval - Billing and Collections (Policy for waiving/reducing patient fees and refusal to pay)	April 23, 2025 December 18, 2025
Policy Approval - Financial Management and Accounting Systems	March 26, 2025, Revised April 23, 2025
Policy Approval - Personnel	March 26, 2025
Patient satisfaction survey results reviewed	April 26, 2025 February 25, 2026 Annual Report
Needs Assessment Reviewed	January 2025 – CHC Presentation February 2025 - Application