



SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

KERN COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Community Health Center
Administrative Office
900 Truxtun Avenue, Suite 250
Bakersfield, California 93301

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, June 25, 2025

11:30 A.M.

BOARD RECONVENED – Ms. Martinez convened the meeting of the Board at 11:31 A.M. and established a quorum was present.

Board Members: Behill, Kemp, Lopez, Martinez, Nichols, Sandoval, Smith, Valdez, Williams
Roll Call: 6 Present; 3 Absent - Kemp, Sandoval, Valdez

NOTE: The vote is displayed in bold below each item. For example, Smith-Behill denotes Director Smith made the motion and Director Behill seconded the motion.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION SHOWN IN CAPS

NOTE: DIRECTORS KEMP AND SANDOVAL JOINED THE MEETING AFTER ROLL CALL AND THE VOTE ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA: As indicated below with a "CA" was reviewed, discussed, and approved as one motion -- ____ - ____: ____ **Present**; ____ **Absent** -

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.
NO ONE HEARD

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)) – Director Williams asked if the Medical Staff has a policy regarding the prescription of opioids. He stated that he was aware that certain facilities have a limit on the number of opioids prescribed to patients. Director Williams asked what is the limit of medication that can be prescribed to a patient for pain relief. Executive Director Villanueva responded that a CURES (Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System) report from the DEA (Drug Enforcement Agency) report is generated for all patients before they are prescribed medications classified as controlled substances. Executive Director explained how this report lists the controlled substances prescribed to the patient by any healthcare practitioner within a specified time frame. She also explained that Kern Medical Center has an addiction medicine fellowship, so when a patient is flagged for potential substance abuse issues, a referral is made to a pain medicine doctor as well as the substances abuse fellowship program. Executive Director then introduced and deferred to Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Medical Officer and Chief Medical Information Officer Glenn Goldis, MD for further explanation. Dr. Goldis added that there is no actual limitation per se, because the number of narcotic medications that are prescribed for and given to a patient at any given time, is a clinical decision made based on the judgment of the treating provider. Generally, providers try not to prescribe for than a 30-day supply for any patient.

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- 3) Minutes for the Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Board of Directors regular meeting on May 28, 2025 – Chairman Martinez asked for approval or changes to the minutes. No changes requested. The Board voted to approve the minutes as written – APPROVED

Williams-Lopez: 6 Present; 3 Absent – Kemp, Sandoval, Valdez

- 4) Presentation regarding Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Board of Directors Peer Review Overview. Executive Director introduced Kern County Hospital Authority Chief Medical Officer and Chief Medical Information Officer Glenn Goldis, MD who made the Peer Review presentation. Executive Director asked Dr. Goldis if all of the cases taken to Peer Review are bad cases. Dr. Goldis responded that cases that are questionable as to circumstances or that had unexpected outcomes are presented at Peer Review and they are not necessarily bad cases. Some peer reviewed cases arise from patient complaints, quality, and/or risk management concerns and/or questions. He continued to explain that some cases are reviewed for educational purposes so that department members may learn from each other's experience.

HEARD PRESENTATION; RECEIVED AND FILED

Smith-Nichols: 8 Present; 1 Absent - Valdez

- 5) Presentation regarding Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Board of Directors Electronic Health Record Selection. Executive Director introduced Kern County Hospital Authority Co-Chief Information Officer Sandra Bakich (KCHA Co-CIO) who made presentation. Director Williams asked if complaints are received from providers regarding Oracle Health. KCHA Co-CIO responded that most providers do not like electronic health record operating systems (EHR). She added that as a whole, clinicians do not prefer one EHR over any other. The preference depends on the provider and how they interact, now or previously, with each EHR. Co-CIO continued to explain that EHRs are dependent upon optimal workflow and on how the system is built and how it is optimized. Director Williams asked if a majority of providers are displeased with the current EHR. Co-CIO responded that not necessarily, but that Epic Systems

is currently the newest EHR. Some providers prefer the Oracle EHR, while others prefer Epic and there has not been a consensus. Director Smith asked when will staff make a final decision to the Board of Governors. Co-CIO responded that the decision should be finalized over the next several months.

HEARD PRESENTATION; RECEIVED AND FILED

Williams-Nichols: 8 Present; 1 Absent - Valdez

- 6) Presentation regarding Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Service Utilization Report May 2025. Executive Director introduced Practice Administrator Anna Carrillo, who made the presentation. Director Martinez asked if the decline in CHC patient visits for the month of May was normal. Practice Administrator responded that in the months of May and June CHC staff typically see a decline due to patients and providers taking vacation. Executive Director added that in the month of May there was also a decline in CHC patient visits due to current world events and with patients being afraid of the ICE raids. Executive Director mentioned that CHC staff are receiving calls every day from patients referencing reports of ICE agents being at CHC facilities and that because of those concerns, CHC staff are scheduling more phone visits and increasing the importance of outreach.

HEARD PRESENTATION; RECEIVED AND FILED

Smith-Lopez: 8 Present; 1 Absent - Valdez

- 7) Presentation regarding Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Board of Directors Quarter - 1 Quality Clinical Measures. Executive Director introduced Chief Medical Officer Shakti Srivastava, MD, who made presentation. Director Martinez asked if there is a benchmark for the Depression Remission at Twelve months measure or how did we know if the 11.3% is a good number or not. Chief Medical Officer responded that there are benchmarks that will be provided by the Uniform Data System (UDS) and once more data is received, the combined data will be presented. Director Williams asked for clarification regarding nominator vs denominator used in the percentages and the Chief Medical Office provided clarification.

HEARD PRESENTATION; RECEIVED AND FILED

Smith-Kemp: 8 Present; 1 Absent - Valdez

- 8) Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center Executive Director Report. In the Executive Director Report, The Executive Director announced that Kern Medical Center welcomed forty-two (42) new residents and fellows to the Graduate Medical Education program. These new residents will rotate through various departments at the CHC including OBGYN, Internal Medicine, Psychiatry, Pharmacy, and Family Practice – Rio Bravo (Clinica Sierra Vista). Executive Director added that the CHC will also welcome residents to support their patients in Emergency Medicine and fellows in Addiction Medicine, Infectious Disease, and Psychiatry – Addiction and Child and Adolescent. The Executive Director then moved on to report that the preparatory work for the HRSA On-Site Visit was in full swing as staff continues to work on all of necessary requirements that need to be completed, reviewed, and approved prior to the On-Site Visit by HRSA. Executive Director then announced that on August 9th from 8 A.M. to 12 P.M. there will be a community event at the Columbus Clinics' parking lot. CHC staff will be on location to provide school physicals, vision and hearing checks, and immunizations. The County Public Health Department, Sheriff's Office, Ambulances, and Fire Trucks will also be present to provide services to the community. Backpacks will be provided to kids and food will be available for all participants. Kern Medical will also hold a Mobile Clinic Open House on August 12th at Del Oro High School.

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Lopez-Nichols: 8 Present; 1 Absent - Valdez

ADJOURNED TO WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 AT 11:30 A.M.

Smith



/s/ Marisol Urcid
Clerk of the Board of Directors



/s/ Elsa Martinez
Chairman, Board of Directors
Kern County Hospital Authority Community Health Center