

MINUTES

Local Health Authority Commission August 11, 2025 5:30 PM

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Committee Members	Representing	Present
Dr. Majid Mani	LHA Commissioner- Imperial County Medical Society	✓
Dr. Bushra Ahmad	LHA Commissioner- County of Imperial – CMO	✓
Dr. Carlos Ramirez	LHA Commissioner - CEO/Senior Consultant DCRC	✓
Dr. Unnati Sampat	LHA Commissioner - President of Imperial County Medical Society	✓
Dr. Allan Wu	LHA Commissioner - Innercare, CMO and President of CCIPA	✓
Dr. Kathleen Lang	LHA Commissioner - County of Imperial –CEO	✓
Christopher Bjornberg	LHA Commissioner- Imperial Valley Healthcare District-CEO	✓
Paula Llanas	LHA Commissioner - County of Imperial – Director of Social Services	✓
Ryan E. Kelley	LHA Commissioner - County of Imperial – Board of Supervisors	✓
Pablo Velez	LHA Commissioner - ECRMC CEO	A
Yvonne Bell	LHA Vice-Chair - CEO – Innercare and CCIPA	✓
Lee Hindman	LHA Chair-Joint Chambers of Commerce representing the public	✓

1. CALL TO ORDER

Lee Hindman, Chair

Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.

A. Roll Call Roll call taken and quorum confirmed.

Donna Ponce, Commission Clerk

B. Approval of Agenda

- 1. Items to be pulled or added from the Information/Action/Closed Session Calendar
- 2. Approval of the order of the agenda (Ramirez/Wu) Approved the order of the agenda with the recommended change to move Item 6F to follow Public Comment, Motion carried.



2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment is limited to items NOT listed on the agenda. This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any matter within the Commission's jurisdiction. Any action taken as a result of public comment shall be limited to the direction of staff. When addressing the Commission, state your name for the record prior to providing your comments. Please address the Commission as a whole, through the Chairperson. Individuals will be given three (3) minutes to address the board. No public comment.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

All items appearing on the consent calendar are recommended for approval and will be acted upon by one motion, without discussion. Should any Commissioner or other person express their preference to consider an item separately, that item will be addressed at a time as determined by the Chair.

(Bell/Ramirez) To approve the consent calendar. Motion carried.

- B. Motion to accept the monthly financial reports as reviewed and accepted by the Finance Committee
 - 1. Executive Summary......pg. 9-10
 - 2. Enrollment Report pg. 11
 - 3. Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position...... pg. 12

 - 6. Summarized TNE Calculation pg. 15

 - 8. Product P&L..... pg. 17
- C. Motion to accept the 2025 6+6 Forecast Update as reviewed and accepted by the Finance Committee...... pg. 18-19

4. ACTION

A. Motion to approve the establishment of a Plan Committee for oversight and administration of the CHPIV 401(a) and 457(b) Plans...... pg. 20 (Bjornberg/Ramirez) To approve the establishment of a Plan Committee for oversight and administration of the CHPIV 401(a) and 457(b) Plans. Motion carried.

B. Motion to approve a \$5,000 Sponsorship of the Annual Imperial County Medical Society President's Dinner as presented.... pg. 21-22 (Bell/Ramirez) To approve a \$5,000 Sponsorship of the Annual Imperial County Medical Society President's Dinner as presented. Motion carried. Abstentions: Member Sampat and Member Mani.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- A. Quality Improvement Health & Equity Committee-Quarterly (Dr. Gordon Arakawa, CMO) pg. 23-71

 Dr. Gordon Arakawa presented a summary of the Q2 CHPIV Quality Improvement Health Equity Committee.
- B. Finance Committee-Monthly
 (Dr. Carlos Ramirez, Chair)
 Chair Ramirez provided an update on the August 6th Finance Committee meeting.
- C. Regulatory Compliance & Oversight Committee-Quarterly (Dr. Allan Wu, Chair)pg. no meeting
- D. Community Advisory Selection Committee-Biannual (Dr. Carlos Ramirez, Chair) pg. no meeting

6. INFORMATION

- A. Health Services Report (Dr. Gordon Arakawa, CMO and Jeanette Crenshaw, Executive Director of Health Services)pg. 72-76

 Executive Director of Health Services Jeanette Crenshaw updated the committee on NCQA Accreditation.
- B. Compliance Report (*Elysse Tarabola, CCO*)
 No report.
- D. Human Resources Report (Shannon Long, HR Consultant) pg. 82-125 Human Resource Consultant Shannon Long provided updates on new hires, current job openings, open enrollment, and proposed employee handbook changes.



- E. CEO Report (*Larry Lewis, CEO*) No report.
- F. Introduction of Newly Appointed LHA Commissioner, Dr. Majid Mani, and Re-Appointed LHA Commissioner, Dr. Unnati Sampat (*Larry Lewis, CEO*)

 Chair Hindman announced the re-appointment of Member Unnati Sampat, MD and the new appointment of Majid Mani, MD. Both Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to serve in their roles as LHA Commissioners.
- G. Other new or old business (*Lee Hindman, Chair*)
 Commissioner Kelley inquired whether the Local Health Authority had taken any action to support the Desert Cancer Research initiative. Chair Hindman responded that the Commission had previously requested the item be brought back with additional information; however, the CEO has not yet provided an update.

Commissioner Kelley also raised a question regarding Project Food Box and Health Net's decision to discontinue their agreement. He noted that Project Food Box was uncertain about the reasons behind Health Net's decision. Chair Hindman stated that the matter would be brought to the CEO's attention, and the CEO would be asked to gather information and report back to the Commission.

7. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.38 (n) Report Involving Trade Secret new product discussion (estimated date of disclosure, 10/2025

A. Compliance Report (*Elysse Tarabola, CCO*)
Chair Hindman announced that the Commission will enter into closed session.

8. RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

A. Report on actions taken in closed session.

Chair Hindman announced that the Commission has reconvened into open session and reports that direction has been given to staff.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m. Next meeting: September 8, 2025