

# COMMUNITY HEALTH PLAN OF IMPERIAL VALLEY



## MINUTES

### Local Health Authority Commission

September 8, 2025

5:30 PM

512 W. Aten Rd., Imperial, CA 92251

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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	A
Ryan E. Kelley	LHA Commissioner - County of Imperial – Board of Supervisors	A
Pablo Velez	LHA Commissioner - ECRMC CEO	✓
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 5:31 p.m.

##### A. Roll Call

*Donna Ponce, Commission Clerk*

Roll call taken and quorum confirmed. Attendance is as shown.

##### 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

(Sampat/Mani) Approved the order of the agenda. Motion carried.



## 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

*Lee Hindman, Chair*

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.**

- A. Introduction Athena Chapman-Strategic Planning Consultant  
Chief Executive Officer, Larry Lewis introduced Athena Chapman and Donna Cullinan of Chapman Consulting. Chapman Consulting will be working with Community Health Plan of Imperial Valley on goals and strategic planning. Larry noted that Athena and Donna will be facilitating leadership discussion focused on the 2026-2028 strategic plan and encouraged the commission to forward any thoughts or input regarding the strategic planning process.

## 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.

**(Wu/Mani) To approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.**

- A. Approval of Minutes from 8/11/2025..... pg. 4-7
- B. Motion to recommend to the full commission the acceptance of monthly financial reports as reviewed and accepted by the Finance Committee
1. Executive Summary.....pg. 8-9
  2. Enrollment Report ..... pg. 10
  3. Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position..... pg. 11
  4. Product Profit & Loss Statement..... pg. 12
  5. Statement of Net Position..... pg. 13
  6. Summarized TNE Calculation ..... pg. 14
  7. Cash Transaction Report ..... pg. 15



- C. Motion to approve payment to the LHPC 2025-2026 Annual Dues Assessment of \$133,791.65 as reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee  
*pg.16-21* (Larry Lewis, CEO)
- D. Motion to approve a \$2,500 donation in support of the Cancer Resource Center of the Desert's fundraising dinner, "An Evening of Hope" as reviewed and accepted by the Executive Committee  
*pg. 22-24* (Larry Lewis, CEO)

4. **ACTION-***No action items.*

5. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

- A. Quality Improvement Health & Equity Committee-Quarterly  
(Dr. Gordon Arakawa, CMO) *no meeting*
- B. Finance Committee-Monthly  
(Dr. Carlos Ramirez, Chair)  
Chair Ramirez provided an update on September 3, 2025, Finance Committee meeting.
- C. Regulatory Compliance & Oversight Committee-Quarterly  
(Dr. Allan Wu, Chair) *no meeting*
- D. Community Advisory Selection Committee-Biannual  
(Dr. Carlos Ramirez, Chair) *no meeting*

6. **INFORMATION**

- A. Health Services Report (Dr. Gordon Arakawa, CMO and Jeanette Crenshaw, Executive Director of Health Services) ..... pg. 25-39  
Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Dr. Gordon Arakawa presented a report on Enhanced Care Management (ECM.)  
Member of the public, Dr. Mervat Kelada, inquired whether CHPIV will be managing ECM for patients. Dr. Arakawa responded that more information is needed to assess patterns and provider capacity. Dr. Arakawa concluded the meeting by stating that if providers are able manage care independently, they are encouraged to do so. Otherwise, ECM will provide support by handling specific functions as needed.



Member Sampat requested an update on Project Food Box and why it is no longer provided to patients. CEO Larry Lewis explained the shift in focus toward medically tailored meals instead of produce boxes from farmers. Member Lang added that the decision was influenced by the State's review of community support service utilization. Dr. Arakawa will follow up and provide a clearer explanation.

Dr. Arakawa announced that CHPIV has received full health equity as well as a full health plan accreditation.

**B. Compliance Report (*Elysse Tarabola, CCO*) .....pg. 40-42**

Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) Elysse Tarabola provided the following updates :

- On-site Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) Routine Survey scheduled for September 30-October 2, 2025.
- Network Adequacy Validation (NAV) audit overview.
- Pre-Delegation Audits for Dual Eligibility Special Needs Plan (D-SNP)
- Annual Audit of Health Net
- Delegation Oversight Monitoring Program : 2024 Quarter 4 Key Performance Indicator (KPI)
- Staffing Updates-New Hires
  - Miriam Botello, Compliance Advisor
  - Rickesha (Ricki) Collins, Nurse Auditor
  - Joe Escobar, Compliance Auditor
  - Lulu Gallegos, Nurse Auditor

**C. Operations Report (*Julia Hutchins, COO*) ..... pg. 43-46**

Chief Operations Officer (COO) Julia Hutchins provided the following updates:

- Go-Live January 1, 2026, with D-SNP Offering, Community Advantage Plus
- University of San Diego (UCSD) contract negotiations
- Direct network contracting
- Member and Provider Experience
- Staffing Update-New Hire-Denise Pasillas, Community Liaison
- Upcoming licensing exam for Sales Team.

**D. Human Resources Report (*Shannon Long, HR Consultant*) ..... pg. 47**

Human Resource Consultant Shannon Long provided updates on the following:

- Eight new hires.
- Five current open positions: Senior Compliance Advisor, Member Experience Coordinator, and three Care Coordinators.



E. CEO Report (*Larry Lewis, CEO*)

CEO Larry Lewis reported on the following:

- HR1 Rural Health Transformation Grant Opportunity
- Congressional Committee letter sent to Governor Newsom requesting detailed information on healthcare services provided to undocumented immigrants. Requested data includes program lists, enrollment policies, denial statistics, procedure costs, and charity programs. The response is due by September 17, 2025.
- Sponsorships for Harvest Bowl Foodbank and Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District Gala

F. Other new or old business (*Lee Hindman, Chair*)

None.

## 7. CLOSED SESSION

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.38 (n) Report Involving Trade Secret new product discussion (estimated date of disclosure, 10/2026)

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 no action taken.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Next meeting: October 13, 2025