

Santa Cruz – Monterey – Merced Managed Medical Care Commission

Meeting Agenda

Friday, January 6, 2023

7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.



Teleconference Meeting

(Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 signed by Governor Newsom, September 16, 2021)

Important notice regarding COVID-19: In the interest of public health and safety due to the state of emergency caused by the spread of COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted via teleconference. Alliance offices will be closed for this meeting. The following alternatives are available to members of the public to view this meeting and to provide comment to the Board.

1. Members of the public wishing to join the meeting may do so as follows:
 - a. Computer, tablet or smartphone via Microsoft Teams:
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 - b. Or by telephone at:
United States: +1 (323) 705-3950
Phone Conference ID: 973 570 887#
2. Members of the public wishing to provide public comment on items listed on the agenda may do so in one of the following ways.
 - a. Email comments by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, 2023 to the Clerk of the Board at clerkoftheboard@ccah-alliance.org.
 1. Indicate in the subject line "Public Comment". Include your name, organization, agenda item number, and title of the item in the body of the e-mail along with your comments.
 2. Comments will be read during the meeting and are limited to five minutes.
 - b. Public comment during the meeting when that item is announced.
 1. State your name and organization prior to providing comment.
 2. Comments are limited to five minutes.
3. Mute your phone during presentations to eliminate background noise.
 - a. State your name prior to speaking during comment periods.
 - b. Limit background noise when unmuted (i.e., paper shuffling, cell phone calls, etc.).

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1. **Call to Order by Chairperson Jimenez. 7:30 a.m.**
 - A. Roll call; establish quorum.
 - B. Supplements and deletions to the agenda.

2. **Oral Communications.**
 - A. Members of the public may address the Commission on items not listed on today's agenda that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Presentations must not exceed five minutes in length, and any individual may speak only once during Oral Communications.
 - B. If any member of the public wishes to address the Commission on any item that is listed on today's agenda, they may do so when that item is called. Speakers are limited to five minutes per item.

3. **Consider approving findings that the state of emergency continues to impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and/or State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. (7:35 – 7:40 a.m.)**
 - A. Ms. Stephanie Sonnenshine, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), will review and Board will consider approving findings that the state of emergency continues to impact the ability of members to meet safely in person and/or State of local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
 - Reference materials: Staff report and recommendation on above topic.

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Announcements:

Meetings of Advisory Groups and Committees of the Commission

The next meetings of the Advisory Groups and Committees of the Commission are:

- Finance Committee
Wednesday, March 22, 2023; 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.
- Member Services Advisory Group
Thursday, February 9, 2023; 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Physicians Advisory Group
Thursday, March 2, 2023; 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Whole Child Model Clinical Advisory Committee
Thursday, March 16, 2023; 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Whole Child Model Family Advisory Committee
Monday, January 23, 2023; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

The above meetings will be held via teleconference unless otherwise noticed.

The next meetings of the Commission, after this January 6, 2023 meeting will be held via teleconference unless otherwise noticed:

- Santa Cruz – Monterey – Merced Managed Medical Care Commission
Wednesday, January 25, 2023; 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Members of the public interested in attending should call the Alliance at (831) 430-5523 to verify meeting dates and locations prior to the meetings.



The complete agenda packet is available for review on the Alliance website at www.ccah-alliance.org/boardmeeting.html. The Commission complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals who need special assistance or a disability-related accommodation to participate in this meeting should contact the Clerk of the Board at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at (831) 430-5523. Board meeting locations in Salinas and Merced are directly accessible by bus. As a courtesy to persons affected, please attend the meeting smoke and scent free.



DATE: January 6, 2023
TO: Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced Managed Medical Care Commission
FROM: Stephanie Sonnenshine, Chief Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AB 361 – Brown Act: Teleconferencing Meeting Procedures

Recommendation. Staff recommend the Board consider making the following findings by majority vote, pursuant to Government Code § 54953 (e) (3), to allow the Board the option to meet remotely through teleconferencing, due to the present state of emergency, under the permissions provided via AB 361:

- (A) The Board has considered the circumstances of the current COVID-19 state of emergency; and,
- (B) Any of the following exists:
 - (i) The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the members to meet safely in person.
 - (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Staff further recommend that the Board consider making these findings on behalf of its Committees and the Advisory Groups of the Board to allow for the conduct of business via teleconferencing compliant with Government Code § 54953.

Summary. AB 361 (Statutes 2021) amended Government Code § 54953 to modify rules related to the remote participation of members of a public agency for the purposes of conducting a public meeting during declared states of emergency and/or when state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing. To meet while in compliance with the permissions provided by AB 361, the Board must make the above referenced findings by majority vote and must reconsider the circumstances every 30 days.

Background. On September 16, 2021 Governor Newsom signed AB 361 (Rivas) which allows a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with certain Brown Act requirements as long as notice and accessibility requirements are met, public members are allowed to observe and address the local agency body during the meeting, and the local agency body has a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable accommodations.

Under the provisions of AB 361, during a proclaimed state of emergency and/or when state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, a public body may meet via the specified teleconferencing procedures when the public body has determined by majority vote that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

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Discussion. The federal public health emergency and the Governor's declared State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic remain in place.

In order to continue utilizing teleconferencing under the procedures outlined by AB 361, following this meeting of the Board, and if the state of emergency remains active or state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing, the Board must, no later than 30 days after this meeting and every 30 days thereafter, reconsider the circumstances of the state of emergency. To that end, at the December 7, 2022 meeting the Board approved a meeting schedule for 2023 to meet in compliance with AB 361 to consider the present state of emergency and determine if the above circumstances continue to exist in order to enable continued meeting via teleconferencing and will next consider this at the Board's January 25, 2023 meeting.

Fiscal Impact. There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Attachments. N/A