Santa Cruz - Monterey - Merced Managed Medical Care Commission



Meeting Agenda Tuesday, January 25, 2022 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 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. 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: Click here to join the meeting
 - b. Or by telephone at: United States: +1 (323) 705-3950 Phone Conference ID: 661 765 758#
- 2. Members of the public wishing to provide public comment on items not listed on the agenda that are within jurisdiction of the commission or to address an item that is listed on the agenda may do so in one of the following ways.
 - a. Email comments by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022 to the Clerk of the Board at clerkoftheboard@ccah-alliance.org.
 - i. 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.
 - ii. Comments will be read during the meeting and are limited to five minutes.
 - b. Public comment during the meeting, when that item is announced.
 - i. State your name and organization prior to providing comment.
 - ii. 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 Conner. (7:30 a.m.)

- A. Roll call; establish quorum.
- B. Supplements and deletions to the agenda.
- 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, 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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3. Oral Communications. (7:40 a.m.)

- 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 individuals 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.

4. Comments and announcements by Commission members.

A. Board members may provide comments and announcements.

5. Comments and announcements by Chief Executive Officer.

A. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) may provide comments and announcements.

6. Discuss status of Capitola Manor project. (7:50 – 8:30 a.m.)

A. Ms. Sonnenshine, CEO, will review and Board will discuss status of Capitola Manor project.

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 23, 2022; 1:30 2:45 p.m.
- Member Services Advisory Group
 Thursday, February 10, 2022; 10:00 11:30 a.m. [teleconference, pending MSAG approval]
- Physicians Advisory Group
 Thursday, March 3, 2022; 12:00 1:30 p.m.
- Whole Child Model Clinical Advisory Committee
 Thursday, March 17, 2022; 12:00 1:00 p.m. [teleconference]
- Whole Child Model Family Advisory Committee Monday, March 14, 2022; 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. [teleconference]

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

The next regular meeting of the Commission, after this January 25, 2022 regular meeting will be held via teleconference unless otherwise noticed:

 Santa Cruz – Monterey – Merced Managed Medical Care Commission Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 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 25, 2022

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 for the Board 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 state of emergency.

(B) Any of the following exists:

- (i) The state of emergency continues to impact the ability of members to meet safely in person.
- (ii) State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

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

<u>Background</u>. 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 at 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 when state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, a public body may meet via the modified 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.

<u>Discussion</u>. On January 18, 2022, the Board met in a Special Meeting of the Commission at which time the Board reviewed the current environment regarding the COVID-19 pandemic including the statewide mask mandate in effect and the status of the Omicron surge.

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Based on the circumstances present at that time, the Board agreed by unanimous vote that the state of emergency continues to impact the ability of the Board to meet safely in person and that officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

To continue to meet via teleconferencing as permitted by the Brown Act (as amended in AB 361) during a proclaimed state of emergency, the Board must again consider the current circumstances of the state of emergency and, by majority vote, find 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.

<u>Fiscal Impact</u>. There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item.

Attachments. N/A