

## MINUTES

### CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (Authority or CHFFA)

**First Floor Conference Room  
901 P Street, Room 102  
Sacramento, California 95814**

Public Participation  
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September 26, 2024, 1:30 P.M.

#### OPEN SESSION

Deputy Treasurer Khaim Morton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

The Secretary announced to the public joining in by phone the instructions for being heard.

#### **Item #1**

#### **Roll Call**

Members Present: Khaim Morton for Fiona Ma, State Treasurer  
David Oppenheim for Malia M. Cohen, State Controller  
Guadalupe Manriquez for Joe Stephenshaw, Director of Finance  
Antonio Benjamin  
Francisco Silva  
Robert Cherry, M.D.  
Robert Hertzka, M.D. (via teleconference)  
Keri Kropke, M.A., M.A., CCC-SLP

Members Absent: Katrina Kalvoda

Staff Present: Carolyn Aboubechara, Executive Director  
Eman Hariri, Associate Governmental Program Analyst  
Adam Freudenberg, Staff Services Analyst

Chair Morton reminded virtual attendees to mute their microphones until their respective turn to speak and requested all attendees to state their names for the record.

Member Hertzka confirmed that no one over the age of 18 was in the room with them.

#### **Item #2**      **Approval of the Minutes from the July 25, 2024 Meeting (Action Item)**

Chair Morton asked the Authority members if there were any changes or edits to the minutes.

Chair Morton asked if there were any questions or public comment; there were none.

**Authority Action**

Motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2024 Authority meeting.

MOTION: Member Cherry SECOND: Member Benjamin

AYES: .....Members: Silva, Hertzka, Cherry, Benjamin, Manriquez, Oppenheim, Morton

NOES: .....NONE

ABSTAIN: .....Member Kropke

RECUSE: .....NONE

MOTION APPROVED.

**Item #3 Executive Director’s Report (Information Item)**

**Contract Delegation of Powers Update**

Executive Director Aboubechara reported the Authority entered into a contract with TAP International, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 to provide financial analyst services for the 2024/25 fiscal year through the 2026/27 fiscal year. Executive Director Aboubechara executed the contract in July 2024.

**Other Items**

Executive Director Aboubechara reported that Operations Manager Rosalind Brewer would be retiring from the Authority, Erica Rodriguez was promoted to Staff Services Manager I, staff member Christopher Healy accepted a position with CalSTRS, and the Authority hired Zo Hearn as a Staff Services Analyst and Christina Obien as an Associate Governmental Program Analyst.

Chair Morton asked if there were any questions or public comment; there were none.

**Item #4 Community Regional Medical Center (CRMC), Fresno, Fresno County Children’s Hospital Program of 2018 (Second Funding Round) First Amendment to Resolution No. CHP-4E 2020-12 (Action Item)**

Staff Member Freudenberg reported that CRMC requested Authority approval to extend the grant period end date and resolution expiration date from September 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025. CRMC would not be able to submit all disbursement documentation and disburse all their grant funds by the September 30, 2024 deadline due to significant delays in the project’s renovation and equipment purchasing schedule. Factors that contributed to the delays included nationwide supply chain shortages, increased delivery times, and CRMC training new staff on Children’s Hospital Program requirements. Despite delays, all Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit equipment was placed in service by September 2022; construction of the pediatric Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU) was completed in January 2022; and renovation of the Pediatric Outpatient Clinic was completed in May 2024. Patients were being seen in both the pediatric PACU and Pediatric Outpatient Clinic. The additional requested time would allow CRMC to finish compiling their disbursement documentation related to the Pediatric Outpatient Clinic. The extension would also ensure Authority staff could do a thorough review of all documentation since the Authority’s grants unit was short staffed and processing a large volume of disbursement requests.

Attendees: (via teleconference) Kudzi Muchaka, Chief Operating Officer, Community Regional Medical Center.

Chief Operating Officer Muchaka thanked the Authority for the opportunity to provide regional healthcare to pediatric patients in the Central Valley.

Chair Morton asked if there were any questions or public comment; there were none.



**Authority Action**

Motion to approve Fifth Amendment to Resolution No. CSI 2020-02 to amend the milestone conditions and extend the grant period and resolution expiration dates, subject to the terms and conditions in the resolution.

MOTION: Member Silva

SECOND: Member Benjamin

AYES: .....Members: Silva, Hertzka, Kropke, Benjamin, Manriquez, Oppenheim, Morton

NOES: .....NONE

ABSTAIN: .....NONE

RECUSE: .....Member Cherry

MOTION APPROVED.

**Item #6**

**County of Los Angeles (County)**  
**Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program for Children and Youth**  
**(Second Funding Round)**

**Second Amendment to Resolution No. CY 2021-03 (Action Item)**

Member Cherry recused himself from item number six due to his relationship with the County through his employer, the University of California.

Staff Member Hariri reported that the County requested Authority approval to amend the milestone condition deadlines of being open and operational from December 31, 2024 to December 31, 2025 and of submitting all disbursement documentation from March 31, 2025 to January 31, 2026. The County also requested to extend the grant period and resolution expiration dates from August 31, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The County was not going to be able to meet the milestone condition deadline of being open and operational by December 31, 2024 and of submitting all disbursement documentation by March 31, 2025.

The solicitation for the service providers was delayed due to internal County processes and County staff shortages. The County anticipated the facility renovation to be completed, and the solicitation for the service provider to be released by October 31, 2024 with an estimated award date of February 28, 2025. The County also anticipated the service providers would complete staffing and obtain Medi-Cal certification by December 15, 2025, and that the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) projects would be open and operational by December 31, 2025. The extension would give the County sufficient time to complete renovations, execute the service provider contracts, obtain licensing and Medi-Cal certification, and become open and operational.

Attendees: (via teleconference) Damien Parker, Chief, Administrative Support Bureau, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health.

Chief Parker explained that the buildings housing the CSUs for clients ages twelve to eighteen were ready to be occupied and would begin providing services pending an executed service provider contract.

Member Kropke asked whether the County partnered with Los Angeles Unified School District to promote the project. Chief Parker explained that part of the start-up costs for service providers included program outreach to improve community access to care for youth.

Chair Morton asked if there were any additional questions or public comment; there were none.

**Authority Action**

Motion to approve Second Amendment to Resolution No. CY 2021-03 to amend the milestone conditions and extend the grant period and resolution expiration dates, subject to the terms and conditions in the resolution.

MOTION: Member Kropke

SECOND: Member Manriquez

AYES: .....Members: Silva, Hertzka, Kropke, Benjamin, Manriquez, Oppenheim, Morton

NOES: .....NONE

ABSTAIN: .....NONE

RECUSE: .....Member Cherry

MOTION APPROVED.

**Items #7 and #8**

**Public Comment and Adjournment**

Chair Morton asked for public comment. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 1:52pm.