

MINUTES

CALIFORNIA HEALTH FACILITIES FINANCING AUTHORITY (AUTHORITY)

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

Pursuant to Government Code section 11133, the Authority provided Board members, participants, and members of the public the opportunity to participate in this meeting through teleconferencing.

Public Participation
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April 27, 2023 – 1:45 P.M.
(or upon adjournment of the California Educational Facilities Authority meeting)

OPEN SESSION

Treasurer Fiona Ma, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:51 P.M.

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

Item #1 Roll Call

Members Present: Fiona Ma, CPA, State Treasurer
David Oppenheim for Malia M. Cohen, State Controller
Michele Perrault for Joe Stephenshaw, Director of Finance
Antonio Benjamin (joined at 2:00 P.M.)
Robert Hertzka, M.D.
Keri Kropke, M.A., M.A., CCC-SLP

Members Absent: Francisco Silva
Robert Cherry, M.D.
Katrina Kalvoda

Staff Present: Carolyn Aboubechara, Executive Director
Ciprian Ungureanu, Associate Governmental Program Analyst
Eman Hariri, Associate Governmental Program Analyst

Chair Ma declared a quorum present.

Item #2

**Approval of the Minutes from the March 30, 2023
Authority Meeting (Action Item)**

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

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

Authority Action

Motion to approve the minutes from the March 30, 2023 Authority meeting.

MOTION: Member Kropke SECOND: Member Hertzka

AYES:.....Members: Hertzka, Kropke, Perrault, Oppenheim, Ma

NOES:.....NONE

ABSTAIN:.....NONE

RECUSE:.....NONE

MOTION APPROVED.

Item #3

Executive Director’s Report (Information Item)

Community Services Infrastructure Grant Program 2023 Report to the Legislature

Executive Director Carolyn Aboubechara presented the Authority’s Community Services Infrastructure Grant Program (CSI Grant Program) 2023 Report to the Legislature. Executive Director Aboubechara stated that the report was submitted to the Legislature at the end of March and that the report provided an overview of the CSI Grant Program activity during the year and since its inception. Executive Director Aboubechara gave an overview of the program success and provided examples of the challenges grantees had experienced, including impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, difficulty in identifying property for the projects, grant forfeitures, and financial strains on county budgets.

Other Items

Executive Director Aboubechara reported that Ari Jimenez, a staff member, was departing the Authority. Ari was joining the Department of Education and wished her good luck on her next journey.

Member Kropke congratulated Ari.

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

Item #4

**Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
Children Hospital Program of 2018
Resolution No. CHP-4 2023-02 (Action Item)**

Staff Member Ciprian Ungureanu presented. Staff Member Ungureanu reported that Children’s Hospital Los Angeles (CHLA) requested the Authority approve a grant in an amount not to exceed \$10,775,360.27 to reimburse the cost of patient care equipment for various departments, including the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and the Department of Imaging. Staff Member Ungureanu reported that the patient care equipment included, but was not limited to, one ventilator, one ultrasound machine, patient monitors, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) machines, dialysis machines and one ultrasonic aspirator system. Staff Member Ungureanu reported that CHLA’s application satisfactorily met the six factors identified in Proposition 4, the Children’s Hospital Bond Act of 2018.

Deputy Director Yanagimoto-Pinedo reported that the 15% rate appeared to have helped address the staffing challenges because five of the remaining ten CRTP facilities are expected to be open by July 1, 2023. Specifically, one facility was expected to open on May 1, 2023, two facilities on June 15, 2023, and one facility on July 1, 2023. Deputy Director Yanagimoto-Pinedo reported that the County’s recent approval of the 15% rate increase for service providers’ salaries and benefits funding through Cal-Aim would help in contract negotiations with Bel Air Health Services because Bel Air Health Services would be taking higher acuity cases that would require hiring psychiatrists instead of nurse practitioners. Deputy Director Yanagimoto-Pinedo stated that a notice regarding the rate increase for Bel Air Health Services would be sent to the County board of supervisors. If there were no concerns from the board of supervisors, the County would proceed with the execution of the service provider agreement with Bel Air Health Services. Additionally, Deputy Director Yanagimoto-Pinedo reported that the County was currently seeking a new service provider for one of the LAC+USC facilities with a goal to contract with a service provider by July 2023 and the facility to be open and operational by December 2023. Deputy Director Yanagimoto-Pinedo noted that the city council approved adding the remaining LAC+USC building to an existing service provider solicitation for community providers to help expedite the selection of a service provider.

Member Benjamin asked what the County was doing about the staffing challenges.

Deputy Director Yanagimoto-Pinedo responded that Bel Air Health Services hired two full time Human Resource recruiters to help with the recruitment and hiring process, one for each site, because the geography was quite different.

Acting Chief Deputy Director Draxler added that the County was facing challenges with staffing for the CRTPs and getting contracts in place due to the upcoming Medi-Cal payment reform process that would take effect on July 1, 2023. Acting Chief Deputy Director Draxler explained that the current Medi-Cal cost-based reimbursement system ensures that providers were paid reimbursement costs at some point but that would be replaced by a fee-based system, based on factors such as the employee discipline type of the provider or employee and level of direct patient contact.

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

Authority Action

Motion to approve Seventh Amendment to Resolution No.MH 2014-06 to amend a milestone condition and extend the grant period and resolution expiration dates to July 31, 2024. All other conditions shall remain the same and in full effect.

MOTION: Member Benjamin SECOND: Member Hertzka

AYES:.....Members: Hertzka, Kropke, Benjamin, Perrault, Oppenheim, Ma

NOES:.....NONE

ABSTAIN:.....NONE

RECUSE:.....NONE

MOTION APPROVED.

Items #6 and #7

Public Comment and Adjournment

Chair Ma asked for public comment. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 P.M.