

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.

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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.

<u>Item #1</u>	<u>Roll Call</u>
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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.

Attendees: (via teleconference) Scott Lieberenz, Senior Vice President, and Chief Financial Officer; Luis Ayala, Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs; William Luiz, Director, Decision Support Services, Finance; and Rob Capulong, Executive Director, Finance Strategy and Operations, Children's Hospital Los Angeles.

Executive Director Capulong gave an overview of CHLA's project.

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

Authority Action

Motion to approve Resolution No. CHP-4 2023-02 for Children's Hospital Los Angeles to receive a grant not to exceed \$10,775,360.27, subject to all the requirements of the Children's Hospital Program of 2018.

MOTION: Member Kropke

SECOND: Member Oppenheim

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

NOES:.....NONE

ABSTAIN:.....NONE

RECUSE:.....NONE

MOTION APPROVED.

Item #5

County of Los Angeles

Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program (First Funding Round)

Seventh Amendment to Resolution No. MH 2014-06 (Action Item)

Staff member Eman Hariri presented. The County of Los Angeles (County) requested Authority approval to amend a milestone condition and extend the grant period and resolution expiration dates to July 31, 2024. Staff Member Hariri reported that the County would not be able to meet the milestone condition deadlines of being open and operational by April 30, 2023, for ten of its 15 Crisis Residential Treatment Program (CRTP) projects, due to delays in the execution of service provider agreements, obtaining Community Care Licensing (CCL) and staffing challenges. Staff Member Hariri reported that of the remaining ten CRTP facilities, seven CRTPs had already received CCL licenses. The County anticipated the seven CRTP facilities would be open and operation by July 1, 2023. Staff Member Hariri reported that the remaining three CRTPs still needed to have service agreements executed and needed to receive CCL licenses. Staff Member Hariri stated that the County anticipated executing two of the three remaining service provider agreements by April 30, 2023, and the CRTP projects would be open and operational by December 31, 2023. Staff Member Hariri reported that one of the service providers at the LAC+USC campus withdrew its proposal. Therefore, the County was still in the process of selecting a new service provider and anticipated executing the third service provider agreement by July 31, 2023, and the project to be open and operational by January 31, 2024, despite the staffing challenges the County was facing. Staff Member Hariri reported that in order to address those staffing challenges the service providers were experiencing, the County recently approved a 15% rate increase to the service providers' salaries and benefits funding, which would give the service providers a competitive advantage to recruit staff.

Attendees: (via teleconference) Connie Draxler, Acting Chief Deputy Director and Jo Ann Yanagimoto-Pinedo, Deputy Director, Strategic Initiatives, County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services.

