

Santa Cruz – Monterey – Merced Managed Medical Care Commission

Special Meeting Agenda

Friday, August 19, 2022

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: 883 356 037#
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 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, 2022 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. **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 – 7:45 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, August 24, 2022; 1:30 – 2:45 p.m.
- Member Services Advisory Group
Thursday, August 11, 2022; 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Physicians Advisory Group
Thursday, September 1, 2022; 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Whole Child Model Clinical Advisory Committee
Thursday, September 15, 2022; 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Whole Child Model Family Advisory Committee
Monday, September 12, 2022; 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 August 19, 2022 Special meeting will be held via teleconference unless otherwise noticed:

- Santa Cruz – Monterey – Merced Managed Medical Care Commission *(Regular meeting)*
Wednesday, August 24, 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.

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DATE: August 19, 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 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.

Summary. 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/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 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/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.

Discussion. The COVID-19 surge has continued and the CDC Community Level ratings in Alliance service area counties are as follows: Monterey and Merced Counties remain high on the CDC county ratings and Santa Cruz County remains at medium.

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In order to continue utilizing teleconferencing under the procedures outlined by AB 361, after this special 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.

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

Attachments. N/A