

CHCC Board of Trustees

Minutes of April 8, 2026

Prepared by: Trinidad S. Diaz	Approved by: Board of Trustees
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Present:

Chairman Juan Babauta	Dr. John Tudela
Vice Chair Mariah Manglona (zoom)	Dr. Marty Rohringer
Trustee Corinne Santos (zoom)	Beatrix Doyle
CEO Esther Muna	Janna Atalig
CFO Perlie Santos	Trinidad Diaz
AAG Stephen Anson	

Absent:

Trustee Polly Masga (excused)
Trustee Phyllis Chong (excused)

Topic	Discussion	Resolution/Action
I. Called to order	Meeting called to order at 9:04am.	
II. Quorum	Chairman Juan Babauta; Vice Chair Mariah Manglona (zoom); and Trustee Corinne Santos (zoom). Trustee Chong and Masga, both excused absent.	Three Trustees present determines a quorum.
III. Approval of Agenda	Trustee Santos proposed to hear the Budget – Item V. Review & Approve Proposed FY2027 Budget at another time. It was clarified that only the Health Network Program Budget will be reviewed and approved by the Board today; Proposed Budget has to be submitted to the Governor’s Office for submission to the Legislature. Trustee Santos appreciated the clarification. Agenda remains as is. Amotion was made to Approve Agenda. Was seconded. Agenda is approved without amendment.	Agenda Approved
IV. Public Comments	None	
V. Review & Approve Proposed FY2027 Budget	CFO presented the Health Network Program’s Proposed FY2027 Budget. -Budget requested is \$5.9M – based on estimated number of average patients in each location per day – airfare, accommodations, transportation and subsistence directly related to patient logistics and professional services. All other costs \$248K – for office rental, communications and vehicle leases for off island locations. Average cost for Guam \$1.2M – average cost per patient \$3,338; Hawaii \$732K – average cost per patient \$23,431; San Diego \$2M – average cost per patient \$25K and Los Angeles \$33K. Cost could be reduced by \$1.1M if Medicaid would have the State Plan Amendment for foreign country approved – has not been approved to date. -It was included in the report to the Legislature and the Governor that \$4M was advanced – should reimbursement be received it could go to deficit reduction. -Chairman Babauta commented on exploring options regarding medical referral program once the MRI is up and running. How it would significantly reduce referral to Guam. Have been in discussion with Dr.	

	Cruz, GRMC Administration of possible proposal to have procedures done here that will reduce transfer – still in initial discussions. -Motion for approval of the Budget with an amendment to approve only the Health Network Program portion of the budget and not the entire CHCC Budget was made. Without objections the Budget is hereby approved as amended. CFO will prepare a cover letter the Chairman will also sign.	Motion to approve Health Network Program Budget portion was made. Without objections the Budget is approved as amended.
VII. Credentials	Credentials documents for each applicant were sent to all the Trustees for review. <u>Renewal Applicants</u> 1. Dr. John Yarofalir, Surgery 2. Dr. Katherine Arenz, EM 3. Dr. Rodney Klassen, EM 4. Annie Trusso, CRNA 5. Luise Noisom, NP-WC 6. Elizabeth Oldenkamp, PA 7. Tian Schiera, PA-ER 8. Dr. Mathew Nelson, FM-EM 9. Dr. Jennifer Retsinas, OBGYN 10. Dr. John M. Tudela, IM 11. Peachy Quitugua, CNM 12. Dr. Thomas Austin, Ortho Surgery 13. Dr. Peter Gregor, Cardiology 14. Dr. Luis Negron 15. Dr. Daniel Shead, Podiatrist 16. Dr. Maria Hy, OBGYN 17. Christine Strong, PA-FCC 18. Gayline Blau, NP-WC 19. Dr. Leticia Borja, Pediatrics 20. Dr. Deborah Miller, Pediatrics 21. Dr. Andrezej Sxefler, FM/IM 22. Renea Raho, NP-FCC 23. Dr. Brian Citro, Surgery 24. Dr. Peter Brett, Oncology 25. Dr. James Hofschneider, IM 26. Dr. Michael Hart, Anesthesiologist 27. Roca Sablan, CNM 28. Corrienne Parada, CNM 29. Dr. Glenda George, Psychologist 30. Dr. Christopher Racine, Psychiatrist 31. Katrina Bailey, PA-ER 32. Dr. Angelica Sabino, Dentistry 33. Dr. Donald McLawhorn, Psychiatrist 34. Dr. Magdy Maksy, Nephrology 35. Dr. Clairalyn Baucom 36. Jesse Palacios, NP 37. Dr. Thomas Flowers, EM-FCC 38. Grace Stanton, CRNA 39. Dr. Michael Deary, OBGYN 40. Dr. Kimberly Hutchison, Neurology	

41. Caroline Riegel, CNM (Inactive)
42. Dr. Michael Pham, Pediatrics (Inactive)
43. Dr. Katherine Hoekstra, IM
44. Dr. Danielle Livingston, Teleradiology

Discussion:

-Bea represented to the Board that all 44 Renewal Applicants were up to date on their credentials. Clinical reviews were routed – the Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluation (OPPE) that is required by CMS are included.

-Trustee Santos: at least half of the files received have expired IDs – need updated IDs; some have CNMI Licenses that are expiring or has already expired. -Will get copies of renewed passport – that was not looked at (expiration of IDs). As for the medical licenses – Providers are on notice; have been given grace period to submit prior to expiration; they will not be allowed on the floor should their license lapse.

-CEO: these Providers are not being renewed – they are being privileged because they haven't gone through the privilege renewal process – to get it on the record that they have been privileged and recredentialed. That is due to the finding that was made a month ago – this is the Corrective Action being done.

-Trustee Santos: NPDB reports are more than two years old – need a current one. - NPDB is not a requirement for the licensing board if the applicant is being renewed and present in the CNMI – only necessary when coming from outside the CNMI. -These applicants are current employees who were privileged – this process is to correct a compliance issue. Timeline for notification of license expiration is six months. Credential committee and Med Exec has recommended approval and is now requesting the Board for approval.

-Trustee Santos: DEA license expiration – is there an expiration? - Facility DEA does not have an expiration; Tinian and Rota are considered part of the CHCC facility – it covers them as well. Once a Providers get a temporary license they have to apply for their own DEA number through CHCC.

-Bea will work with Rodylyn to update the memo for Temporary DEA number.

-Trustee Santos: regarding infection control – some are indicated as not applicable – is that that on their clinical performance review? -If they are not going to be on the floor they are not required to do infection control – the OPPE is an important document that shows the Provider's good standing throughout the departments.

-Chairman Babauta: has the issue in the past of grandfather in Providers whether they be doctors or nurses – were their credentials properly reviewed and whether they actually met all necessary requirements, if there has been a case and were there concerns raised by CMS for Nurse Practitioners in particular – since they are allowed to prescribe drugs of a certain level? 11 years ago a Provider was grandfathered in – CMS did not see any problem – credentials were complete; a Midwife was also grandfathered in – must have continuous continuing education – no problem with CMS – file was reviewed by CMS. CMS requires that state laws must be followed; also review the Medical Staff Bylaws to ensure that it aligns with who is getting credentialed and privileged.

	-Dr. Tudela requested from the Board – seeing a lot of the physicians leave and in order to continue services, requiring temporary short term locums more than usual; a pathway to be CMS compliant to grant privileges there is what is called a Consent Agenda. CMS recommends for the board to have a resolution for the approval of temporary privileges to be done at the CEO’s level for these hires – locums, residents in training – dose not bypass the usual process, but allows it so that there is no gap in manpower or services; these are for one month coverage; it is for a very limited amount of time -Motion to approve Renewal Applicants as listed on the agenda up to the expiration of their CNMI Medical License was made. Without objection Applicants are approved up to the expiration of their CNMI Medical License.	Motion to approve all 44 Renewal Applicants as listed on the agenda up to the expiration of their CNMI License was made. Without objection all Renewal Applicants are approved up to the expiration of their CNMI Medical License.
XI. Executive Session	No request for Executive Session	
XII. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn was made. Seconded. Meeting adjourned.	Meeting declared adjourned at 10:01am.