

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Monday, November 2, 2020 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM



AGENDA

Board of Directors

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2020

8:00 AM

BY VIDEOCONFERENCE ONLY https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/91075397545

On March 17, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow for local legislative bodies to conduct their meetings telephonically or by other electronic means. Thus, pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, local and statewide health orders, and the CDC's social distancing guidelines which discourage large public gatherings, the San Mateo Medical Center Board meeting will be conducted by videoconference.

Public Participation

The meeting may be accessed through Zoom at https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/91075397545. Written public comments may be emailed to mlee@smcgov.org and should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting. Spoken public comments will also be accepted during the meeting through Zoom.

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PUBLIC COMMENT

B. CLOSED SESSION

Items Requiring Action

1. Medical Staff Credentialing Report

2. Quality Report

Informational Items

3. Medical Executive Committee

Dr. Steve Hassid

Dr. Brita Almog

Dr. Steve Hassid

C. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

D. PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to address items not on the agenda

E. FOUNDATION REPORT

John Jurow

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of:

1. October 5, 2020 Minutes

G. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Chief of Staff Update Dr. Steve Hassid

H. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Department of Medicine Dr. Alpa Sanghavi

Dr. Serena Lee, Cynthia Grivas

2. Health Campus Upgrade Project Louise Rogers

Paul Hundal

3. Financial Report David McGrew

4. CEO Report Dr. CJ Kunnappilly

I. COUNTY HEALTH CHIEF REPORT

County Health Snapshot Louise Rogers

J. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT Mike Callagy

K. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S REPORT Supervisor Carole Groom

L. ADJOURNMENT

TAB 1

CONSENT AGENDA

HOSPITAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES Monday, October 5, 2020

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Members of the Public

Board Members Present	Staff Present		
Supervisor Carole Groom	Michelle Lee	Karen Pugh	Lisa Mancini
Supervisor David Canepa	David McGrew	Gabriela Behn	Dr. Suja Georgie
Mike Callagy	Dr. Alpa Sanghavi	Naomi Yunker	
Louise Rogers	Joan Spicer	Varvara Vorobieva	
Dr. CJ Kunnappilly	Brighton Ncube	Jackie Pelka	
Dr. Steve Hassid	Peggy Jensen	Rachel Daly	
Dr. Brita Almog	Rebecca Archer	Jennifer Papa	
Dr. Gordon Mak	John Jurow	Robbi Larcina	
Deborah Torres			

ITEM	DISCJUSSION/RECOMMENDATION	ACTION
Call to Order	Supervisor Groom called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM, and the Board adjourned to Closed Session.	
Reconvene to Open	The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 AM to Open Session. A quorum was present (see above).	
Session		
Report out of Closed	Medical Staff Credentialing Report for October 5, 2020.	The Board
Session	QIC Minutes from July 28, 2020 and August 25, 2020.	unanimously
	Medical Executive Committee Minutes from August 11, 2020 and September 8, 2020.	approved the
		Credentialing Report
		and accepted the QIC
		Minutes and the MEC
		Minutes.
Public Comment	None.	
Foundation Report	John Jurow gave a presentation on the Foundation's background, funding priorities, and who it serves. The	FYI
	Foundation has three employees and thirteen board members.	
	Keller Center for Family Violence and Intervention: established with \$7 million	
	Ron Robinson Senior Care Center: \$2 million	
	Physical Therapy/Rehab Center: \$328,000	
	Bundle of Joy Program: \$250,000	
	Mobile Dental Clinic: \$250,000	
	COVID-19 related: over \$138,000	
Consent Agenda	Approval of:	It was MOVED,
	1. Hospital Board Meeting Minutes from August 3, 2020.	SECONDED and
		CARRIED

		unanimously to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.
Medical Staff Report Dr. Steve Hassid	Dr. Hassid acknowledged the various personnel changes including Dr. Susan Fernyak's upcoming retirement. He expressed his appreciation for Dr. Fernyak, Dr. Evelyn Haddad, and Dr. Sumita Kalra and wished them well in their future plans. Dr. Haddad will continue with her clinical practice.	FYI
Department of Medicine Dr. Suja Georgie, Robbie Larcina	First case of COVID-19 was Feb. 28 and Incident Command was set up. Goal to provide best care while keeping staff safe. Adapted national and international protocols are recommended by NIH, CDC, ISDA, CCS, WHO. Implemented new guidelines for intubation, code blue, and rapid response. 625 COVID-19 positive patients since 2/28, 156 admitted Highest COVID-19 Census was 18. In May 80% of ICU patients were intubated and on paralytics	FYI
	First patients on Remdesivir by first week of April. At the same time, we were accepted as an expanded access site for convalescent plasma.	
	COVID-19 patients are screened for anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation. Psych consults for those who screen positive and tele-psych consults are available.	
Compliance and Privacy Report Gabriela Behn	Gabriela Behn updated the Board on the 2020-2021 Compliance Work Plan Goals. Annual Regulatory Compliance was completed by 95.2% of staff and providers.	FYI
	Coding Accuracy Audit (January – July 2020) Inpatient – 97.3% accuracy Outpatient – 96.8% accuracy Clinic – 66% accuracy (up from 63.6% for CY 2019)	
Great Plates Delivered Lisa Mancini	Great Plates Delivered was established on April 24 by Governor Gavin Newson. SMC Aging and Adults Services begins taking intakes and referrals a couple of days later.	FYI
	 To date, here are some statistics: 3454 seniors expressed interest, 2880 were eligible resulting in 2497 participants matched with restaurants. 68 active and contracted restaurants 130 county staff are involved Meals served: 644,253 Cost: \$14,173,566 94% are first-time AAS clients, majority are interested in additional services 	

	 50% are experiencing economic stress (housing, bills, health care) GDP helped reduce economic stress Funding is secured through October 9, 2020. 75% FEMA, 18.75% State, 6.25% Local 	
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Financial Report David McGrew, CFO	The August FY20/21 financial report was included in the Board packet and David McGrew answered questions from the Board.	FYI
CEO Report Dr. CJ Kunnappilly	Dr. Kunnappilly presented the CEO report which was included in the Board packet and answered questions from the Board. He thanked Aimee Armsby for her services and congratulated her on her retirement.	FYI
County Health Chief Report Louise Rogers	Current COVID-19 testing is approximately 1800 tests per day, and we have a target of increasing to a minimum of 2400 per day. The San Mateo County Event Center has increased their capacity to do one thousand tests per day which is up from 500.	FYI
County Manager Mike Callagy	Mike Callagy thanked Aimee for her dedicated service to the County, especially most recently with the Great Plates Program.	FYI
	The County's COVID-19 Compliance unit is reaching out to businesses to provide assistance as they begin to reopen.	
Board of Supervisors Supervisor Groom	Supervisor Groom expressed her appreciation for Aimee and Dr. Fernyak and wished her the best.	FYI

Supervisor Groom adjourned the meeting at 9:48 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on November 2, 2020.

Minutes recorded by:

Michelle Lee, Executive Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Dr. Chester Kunnappilly, Chief Executive Officer

TAB 2

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER

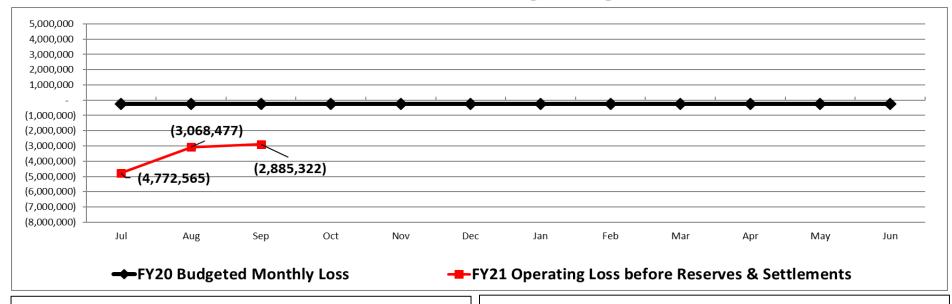
Financial Report: September FY20-21

November 2, 2020

Presenter: David McGrew, CFO



Financial Highlights



Net Loss - Sept \$1.1M, YTD \$1.9M

- FY2020 Enhanced Payment Program
 (EPP) approved \$17.2M/annually
- FY2012 HPSM IGT reserve \$1.8M
- PRIME backfill \$6M annually

- COVID pandemic impact on patient volumes – 27% reduction in patient revenue
- ACE outside medical costs

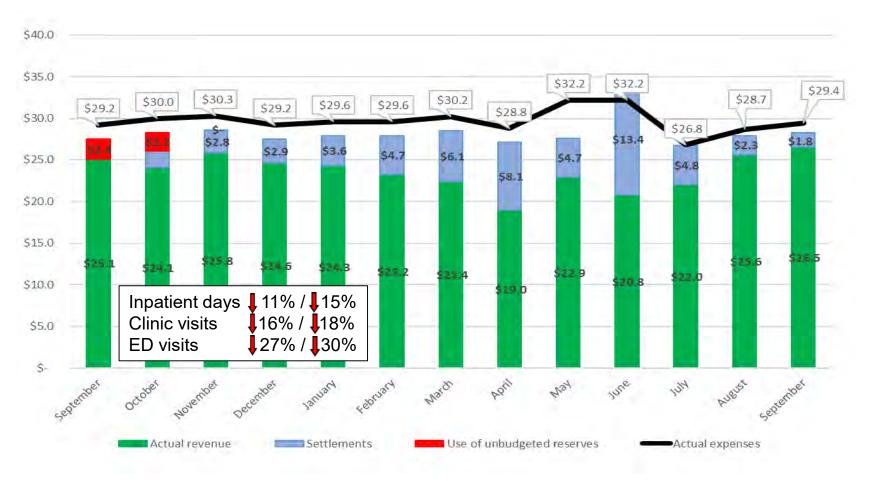
Full Year FY21 Projection: The FY21 budget projected a \$13.4 million gap, of which \$3.1 million would be covered by fund balance reserves, equaling a \$257k loss each month, and the remaining \$10.3 million would be covered by cost report settlement reserves. The additional \$6 million of PRIME backfill and higher than expected cost report settlements will help mitigate challenges with the execution of operating budget initiatives as a result of the COVID pandemic.

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FY 20-21 Structural Deficit

SMMC's structural deficit continues as revenue sources from on-going operations and supplemental programs cannot keep pace with the cost structure. Cost report and supplemental program settlements have partially mitigated these factors for the past 11 months.





COVID Financial Impact Summary

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
Revenue loss	\$ 2,376,000	\$ 4,347,000	\$ 4,766,310	\$ 3,545,000	\$ 2,578,000	\$ 1,427,000	\$ 1,189,000
Expenses:							
Staffing	1,622,000	3,758,000	3,840,000	3,061,000	1,805,000	1,935,000	1,940,000
Supplies	114,000	79,000	79,000	280,000	-	128,000	180,000
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Other Prof. Fees	<u>-</u>	-	-	-	-	113,000	101,000
Total expenses	2,140,000	3,837,000	3,919,000	3,341,000	1,805,000	2,176,000	2,221,000
Total Losses due to							
COVID	4,516,000	8,184,000	8,685,310	6,886,000	4,383,000	3,603,000	3,410,000

Note: DPW costs for COVID related construction costs are not yet included

Total losses to date = \$39.7M



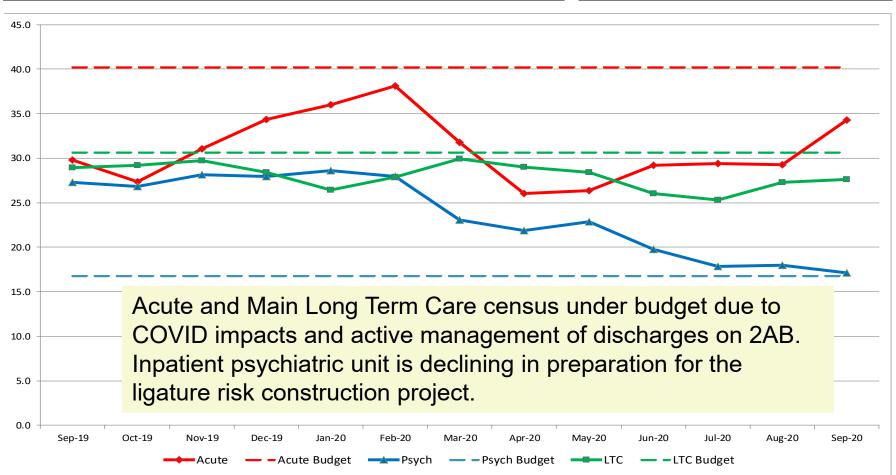
COVID-19 Federal Funds - \$13.7M to SMMC

Description	Total Amount Allocated	SMMC \$
Provider Relief Fund	\$50B General Allocations	\$3.5M Received
CARES/HCE Act - \$175 billion	\$22B High Impact Providers	\$4.95M Received (July)
CARES/FICE ACT - \$173 billion	\$11.1B Rural Providers	\$207K Received
	\$4.9B SNFs	\$913K Received
Accelerated Medicare Payments		
Advance payment for Medicare claims authorized by the CARES Act	Advance Payments	\$3.1M Received Repayment Required
FY2020 CARES Supplemental Fund Funding for supplemental awards to Health Centers with HRSA grants	\$1.32B	\$881K Awarded to Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworkers
FY2020 Coronavirus Supplemental Fund Funding for supplemental awards to Health Centers with HRSA grants	\$100M	\$58K Awarded to Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworkers
State Hospital Association Grants \$50 million	\$4.2M to California Hospitals	\$7.3K Received

San Mateo Medical Center Inpatient Days September 30, 2020



	YEAR TO	DATE	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
6,928	8,127	(1,199)	-15%

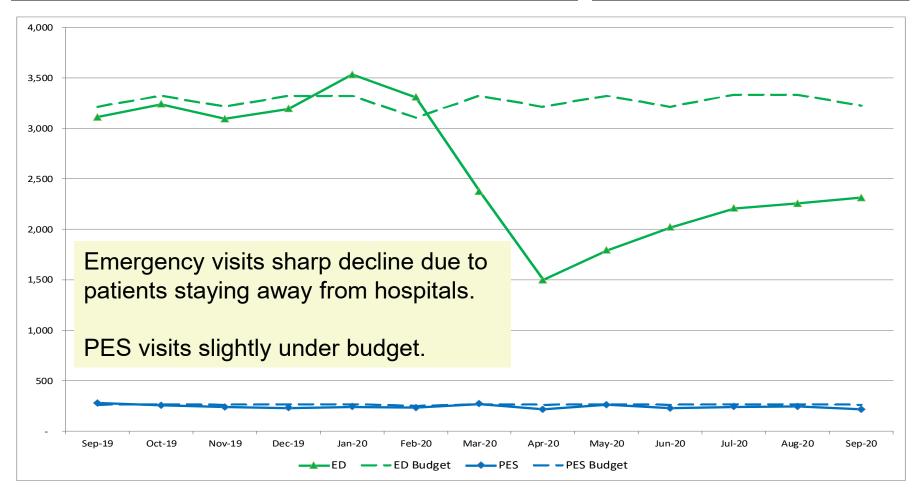




San Mateo Medical Center Emergency Visits September 30, 2020

		MO	NTH	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
ED Visits	2,535	3,488	(953)	-27%

	YEAR TO	DATE	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
7,499	10,695	(3,196)	-30%

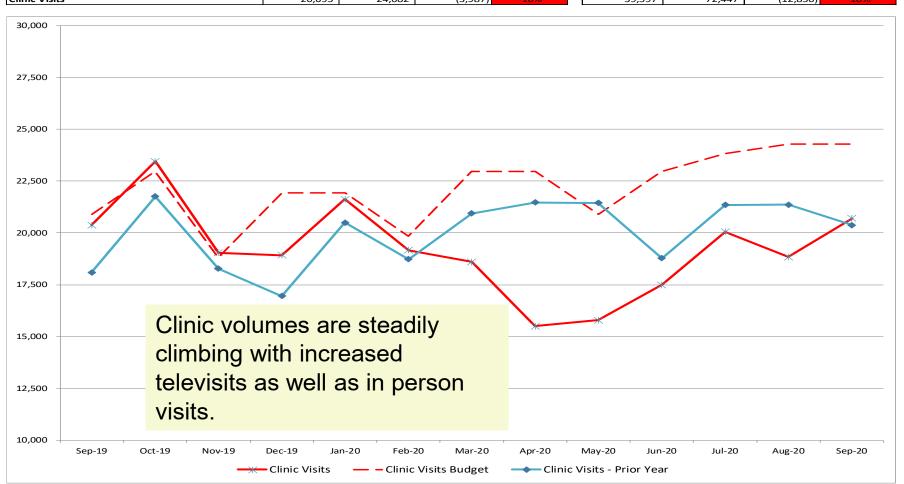




San Mateo Medical Center Clinic Visits September 30, 2020



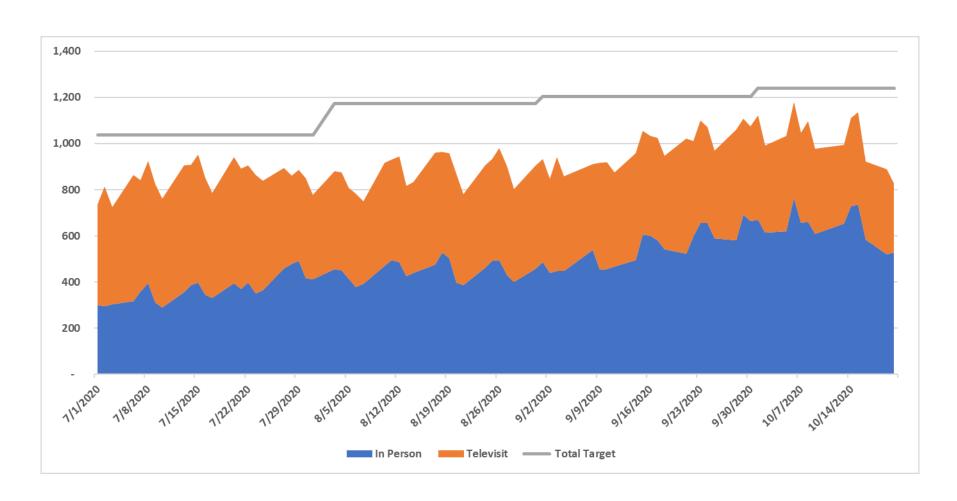
	YEAR TO	DATE	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
59,597	72,447	(12,850)	-18%







San Mateo Medical Center Clinic Telehealth Visits September 31, 2020

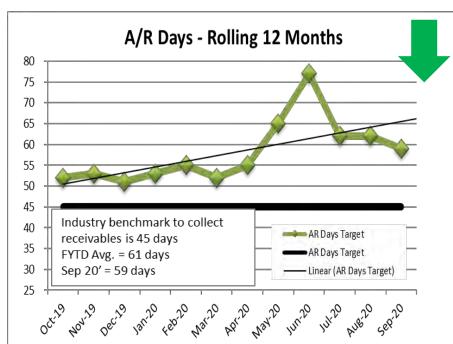


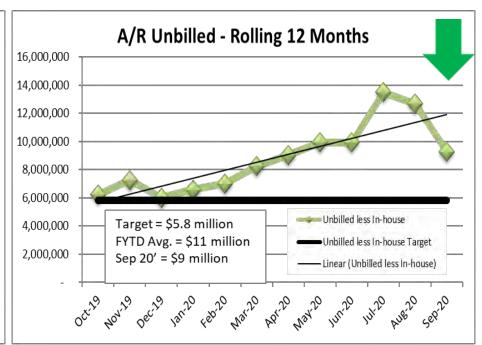
Clinic televisits have increased from an average of 6% of total visits pre-COVID to an average of 70% since March 16th, with a high of 78%. In-person visits are steadily climbing.

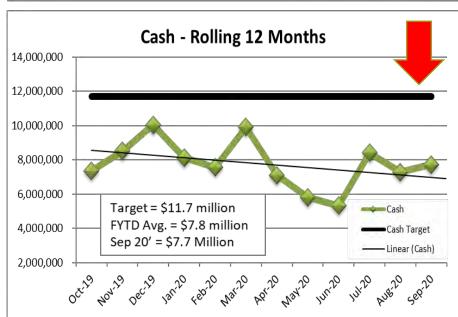


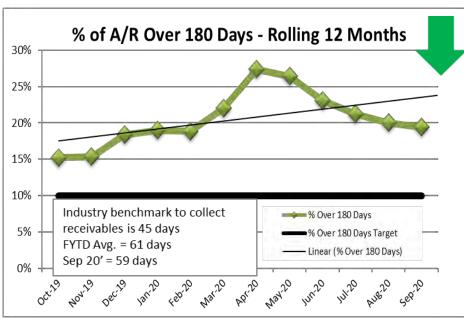


Key Performance Indicators



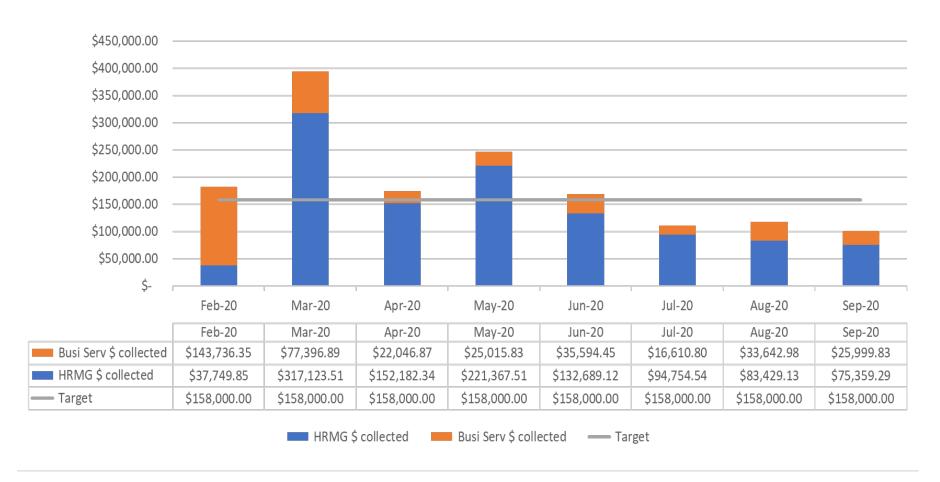








HRMG and Business Services Collections (No Bad Debt)



SMMC contracted with Healthcare Revenue Management Group to support SMMC's Business Services unit with collections of patient self-pay balances. March represents the first full month of HRMG's collection activities.





QUESTIONS?

APPENDIX



San Mateo Medical Center Income Statement September 30, 2020

		MON	ITH	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
	Α	В	С	D
Income/Loss (GAAP)	(1,109,567)	(257,335)	(852,231)	
HPSM Medi-Cal Members Assigned to SMMC	34,023	33,069	954	3%
Unduplicated Patient Count	62,763	68,606	(5,843)	-9%
Patient Days	2,369	2,650	(281)	-11%
ED Visits	2,535	3,488	(953)	-27%
Surgery Cases	204	281	(77)	-27%
Clinic Visits	20,695	24,682	(3,987)	-16%
Ancillary Procedures	61,446	71,980	(10,534)	-15%
Acute Administrative Days as % of Patient Days	0.0%	16.0%	16.0%	100%
Psych Administrative Days as % of Patient Days	80.9%	80.0%	-0.9%	-1%
(Days that do not qualify for inpatient status)				
Pillar Goals				
Revenue PMPM	102	120	(19)	-16%
Operating Expenses PMPM	322	296	(26)	-9%
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Full Time Equivalents (FTE) including Registry	1,153	1,178	25	2%



San Mateo Medical Center Income Statement September 30, 2020

		MON	ITU	
	Actual		Variance	Stonlight
		Budget		Stoplight
	A	В	C	D
Inpatient Gross Revenue	12,520,797	13,856,510	(1,335,712)	-10%
Outpatient Gross Revenue	20,087,904	30,643,909	(10,556,004)	-34%
23 Total Gross Revenue	32,608,702	44,500,419	(11,891,717)	-27%
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24 Patient Net Revenue	7,714,645	12,241,179	(4,526,534)	-37%
Net Patient Revenue as % of Gross Revenue	23.7%	27.5%	-3.8%	-14%
26 Capitation Revenue	346,386	379,538	(33,152)	-9%
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27 Supplemental Patient Program Revenue	12,775,550	9,855,225	2,920,325	30%
(Additional payments for patients)				
28 Total Patient Net and Program Revenue	20,836,581	22,475,942	(1,639,361)	-7%
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29 Other Operating Revenue	1,552,326	905,920	646,405	71%
(Additional payment not related to patients)	1,332,320	303,320	0 10,403	7 = 70
(Additional payment not related to patients)				
20 Total Operating Payanus	22 200 006	22 201 062	(002.056)	40/
30 Total Operating Revenue	22,388,906	23,381,862	(992,956)	-4%



San Mateo Medical Center Income Statement September 30, 2020

		MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stopl
	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
Operating Expenses								
1 Salaries & Benefits	16,747,654	17,390,063	642,409	4%	50,070,804	52,170,190	2,099,386	4%
2 Drugs	1,246,455	723,499	(522,955)	-72%	3,082,527	2,170,498	(912,029)	-42%
3 Supplies	999,621	944,631	(54,990)	-6%	2,202,340	2,833,892	631,552	22%
4 Contract Provider Services	3,446,451	3,490,050	43,599	1%	9,995,618	10,470,149	474,531	5%
5 Other fees and purchased services	5,403,856	5,009,709	(394,146)	-8%	14,290,281	15,038,344	748,063	5%
6 Other general expenses	350,188	433,916	83,727	19%	1,680,792	1,301,747	(379,045)	-29%
7 Rental Expense	198,280	209,620	11,340	5%	638,971	628,859	(10,112)	-2%
8 Lease Expense	773,407	773,407	-	0%	2,320,220	2,320,220	-	0%
9 Depreciation	224,302	271,443	47,141	17%	654,650	814,329	159,679	20%
0 Total Operating Expenses	29,390,213	29,246,337	(143,875)	0%	84,936,202	87,748,228	2,812,026	3%
1 Operating Income/Loss	(7,001,306)	(5,864,475)	(1,136,832)	-19%	(19,156,834)	(17,602,641)	(1,554,193)	-9%
2 Non-Operating Revenue/Expense	587,854	303,254	284,600	94%	1,392,427	909,763	482,664	53%
2 Non-Operating Nevenue/ Expense	307,034	303,234	204,000	34/0	1,332,427	909,703	402,004	J3/0
3 Contribution from County General Fund	5,303,885	5,303,885	(0)	0%	15,911,655	15,911,655	(0)	0%
4 Total Income/Loss (GAAP)	(1,109,567)	(257,335)	(852,231)		(1,852,752)	(781,223)	(1,071,529)	

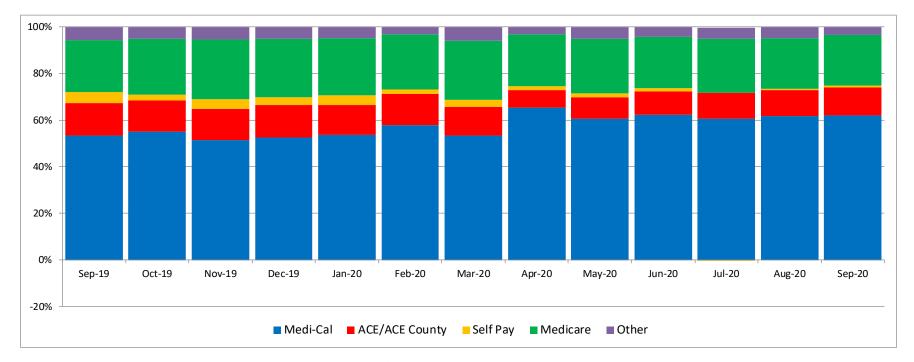
(Change in Net Assets)



San Mateo Medical Center Payer Mix September 30, 2020

		MONTH				
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight		
Payer Type by Gross Revenue	A	В	С	D		
Medicare	21.8%	21.0%	0.8%			
Medi-Cal	62.1%	58.0%	4.1%			
Self Pay	0.9%	2.0%	-1.1%			
Other	3.3%	5.0%	-1.7%			
ACE/ACE County	11.8%	14.0%	-2.2%			
Total	100.0%	100.0%				

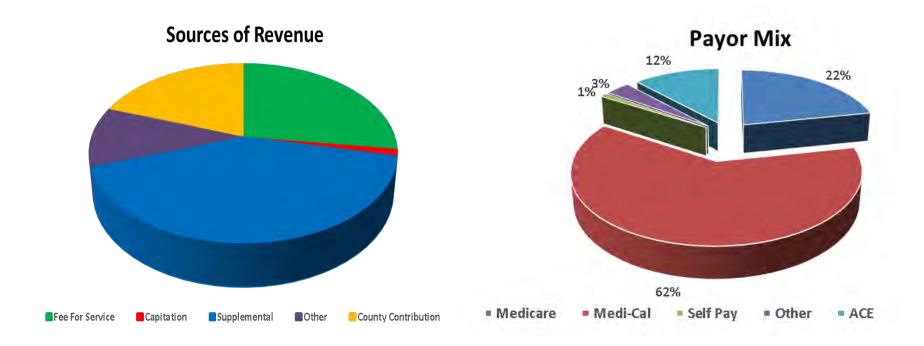
YEAR TO DATE						
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight			
E	F	G	Н			
22.2%	21.0%	1.2%				
61.7%	58.0%	3.7%				
0.4%	2.0%	-1.6%				
4.4%	5.0%	-0.6%				
11.4%	14.0%	-2.6%				
100.0%	100.0%					



Jan 14 - Jun 14 urces of RevenY20-FY21 Budget



Revenue Mix



Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) represents 32% of our Operating Revenue

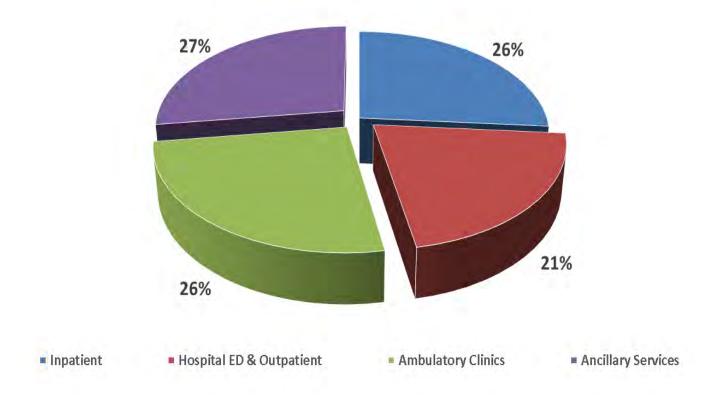
- Medi-Cal Managed Care and Medicare Managed Care FFS
- ➤ Medi-Cal PCP Capitation

Capitation is a pre-payment reimbursement model that pays providers a set amount for each enrolled person assigned to them, per period of time, whether or not that person seeks care.

NO commercial contracts

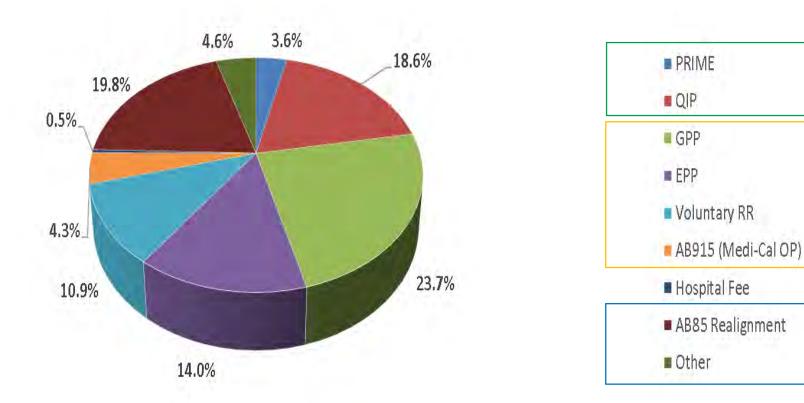


Revenue Mix by Service Line





Supplemental Revenue Mix



- Value-Based programs represent 22.2% of our Supplemental Revenue
- Volume-Based programs represent 77.8% of our Supplemental Revenue





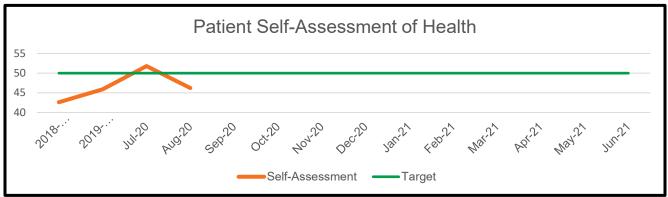
CEO REPORT

November 2020

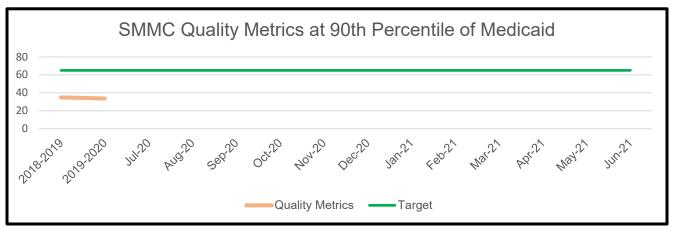
EXCELLENT CARE METRICS



Monthly Harm Events: Measures all instances of patient harm or staff harm including delays in care, falls, medication errors, surgical infections, catheter associated urinary infections, central line associated blood stream infections, other preventable staff and patient injuries. **Lower is better.**



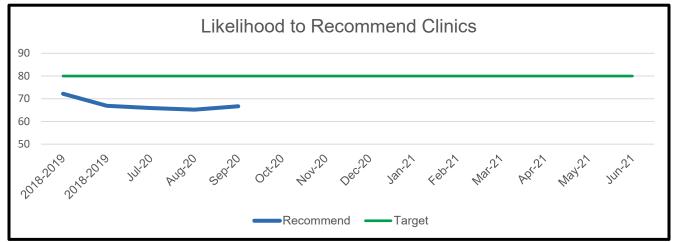
Patient Self-Assessment of Health: All Primary Care patients receive an experience survey. One question asks them to rate their health from poor to excellent. This is the percentage that rate their health as very good or excellent. Higher is better.



Quality Metrics at 90th Percentile: SMMC seeks excellence in all that it does. The organization currently participates in a number of pay for performance programs including PRIME, QIP and the Health Plan of San Mateo Pay for Performance Program. This metric measures the percentage of quality metrics in which the SMMC performance is equal to or better than the 90th percentile of Medicaid nationally. **Higher is better.**



PATIENT CENTERED CARE METRICS



Likelihood to Recommend Clinics: Percentage of patients who gave SMMC the highest score (9 or 10) on the patient experience survey question, "How likely are you to recommend this clinic to friends and family?" **Higher is better.**



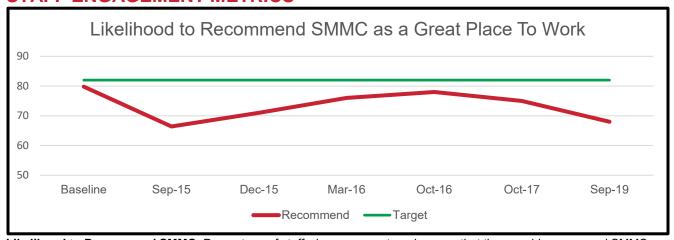
Likelihood to Recommend Hospital: Percentage of patients who gave SMMC the highest score (9 or 10) on the patient experience survey question, "How likely are you to recommend this hospital to friends and family?" **Higher is better.**



Ambulatory Access: Number of days until the third available appointment for established patients in Primary Care and for new consults in Specialty Services. The third next available appointment is a validated measure of patient access. **Lower is better.**

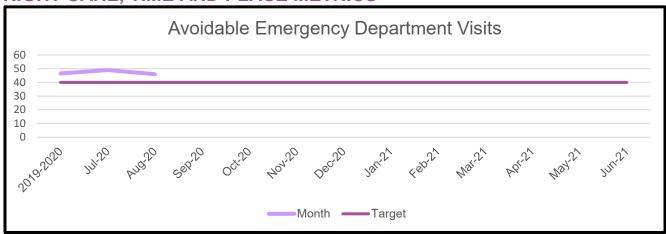


STAFF ENGAGEMENT METRICS



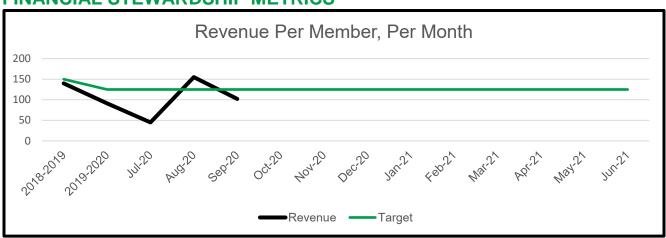
Likelihood to Recommend SMMC: Percentage of staff who agree or strongly agree that they would recommend SMMC as a great place to work. Measured using the annual Blessing White staff engagement survey. **Higher is better.**

RIGHT CARE, TIME AND PLACE METRICS



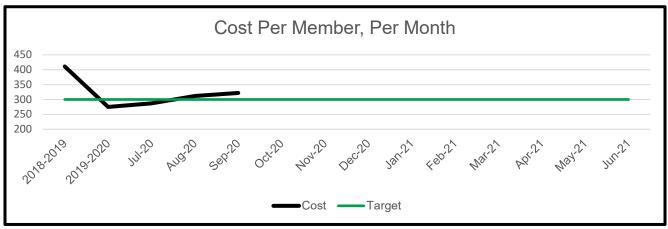
Potentially Avoidable ED Visits: Percentage of emergency department visits by established SMMC primary care patients where the discharge diagnosis is one that traditionally could have been treated in an outpatient setting rather than the emergency department. **Lower is better.**

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP METRICS

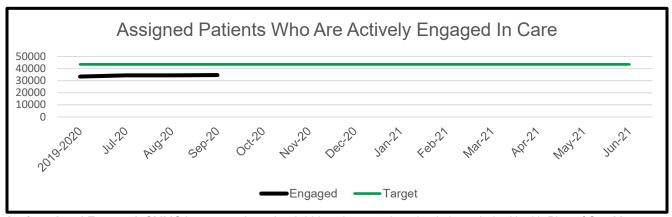


Revenue Per Member, Per Month: Total patient revenue divided by total number of assigned members. Higher is better.





Cost Per Member, Per Month: Total cost divided by total number of assigned members. Lower is better.



Assigned and Engaged: SMMC has approximately 52,000 patients assigned to it through the Health Plan of San Mateo. This metric measures the number of those assigned patients are actively engaged in care. **Higher is better.**



STRATEGIC UPDATES, RECOGNITIONS & AWARDS



(Pictured above Left: Food box delivered to clients of Fair Oaks Health Center. Above right: Compliance Officer Gabriela Behn on the cover of Compliance Today)

SMMC Skilled Nursing Services Recognized by Newsweek: In the October 2nd edition of Newsweek Magazine, SMMC Skilled Nursing Services (includes both 1A and Burlingame Skilled Nursing) was recognized as one of the top "nursing homes" in California. This recognition was based on several criteria including Key Performance Indicators, Peer surveys and the documented COVID-19 response. Congratulations to all our Skilled Nursing colleagues for their outstanding work.

<u>SMMC Recommended for Grant to Continue Work in Trauma-Informed Care</u> In October, SMMC was notified by the Center for Care Innovations that it was being recommended for a \$120,000 grant to support its work in the Resilient Beginnings Network. SMMC has been a member of the Resilient Beginnings Collaborative since 2018 and has partnered with Health to launch pilot efforts at the South San Francisco Clinic aimed at pediatric trauma-and resilience-informed care. This grant supports the Medical Center to work with 15 other Bay Area safety net organizations in efforts to advance these efforts. Congratulations to everyone involved in this incredibly important work.

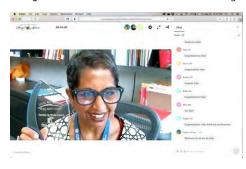
October 2020

SNAPSHOT: San Mateo County Health

TO: SMMC Board Members | FROM: Louise F. Rogers, Chief

INDICATOR	NUMBER	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS MONTH	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR
ACE Enrollees	23,369 (September 2020	1.6%	3.9%
SMMC Emergency Department Visits	2,535 (September 2020)	1.5%	-27%
New Clients Awaiting Primary Care Appt.	33 (October 2020)	32%	-75.9%

Srija Srinivasan honored by Legal Aid Society



In recognition of her service, Deputy Chief Srija Srinivasan received the Dorothy M. Wolfe Award from the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County. In a virtual ceremony, Executive Director M. Stacey Hawver cited **Srija's recent collaboration with county partn**ers for a unified response to the confusing and changing public charge rules. The initiative involved advocacy an outreach campaign to help low-income immigrant residents maintain the health care, housing, food support, legal and

other services they need. Srija continues to support efforts to ensure that vulnerable populations have access to COVID-19 testing, treatment, and other resources. Hawver expressed the **community's appreciation when she said**, "Srija, thank you for all your amazing work to protect the health of vulnerable San Mateo County residents. **We are grateful for your partnership."** The award is in memory of Dorothy M. Wolfe, one of the first women attorneys in San Mateo County, who was recognized for her deep belief in equal access to justice.

County Health organizes second forum on racial equity

Public Health, Policy and Planning (PHPP), the Office of Diversity and Equity (ODE), and County Health's Governmental Alliance for Racial Equity (GARE) team hosted its second racial equity web forum to deepen understanding of the gaps, opportunities, and priority areas for advancing racial equity in County Health. Learning about more opportunities to get involved, 185 participants identified specific actions to strengthen racial equity in our work. These dialogues are part of a series of sessions to inform County Health's Racial Equity Plan and other countywide racial equity efforts. To view the recording and materials, please click here.

Onsite testing comes to South Coast

To support regular COVID-19 testing for residents of the South Coast, who are experiencing

some of the biggest barriers to accessing testing, County Health has partnered with Puente, a local community-based organization, to conduct onsite testing on farms for agricultural workers up to three times a month. Another site at the La Honda Pescadero School District will provide monthly community testing in Pescadero.

Groups focus on resiliency & connection during a live streaming event



On September 18, the San Mateo County Diversity & Equity Council, led the by the Office of Diversity & Equity, and Behavioral Health and Recovery Service's community partner StarVista, hosted a live event, "Resiliency and Connection During COVID-19," focused on how to stay connected and keep community traditions alive. The event was presented in two sessions (English and Spanish) on YouTube, Twitter and Facebook, reaching over 1,500 views. Watch it on YouTube.

Cariño Project cuts virtual ribbon on new wellness program

After years of planning, the Cariño Project in Half Moon Bay, a new multicultural wellness program, officially opened its doors with a virtual ribbon cutting on September 30th, marking a significant milestone in the partnership between Behavioral Health and Recovery Services and ALAS (Ayudando Latinos a Soñar) to provide culturally responsive community based mental health and substance use services. The virtual event included remarks from Supervisor Don Horsley, County Health Chief Louise Rogers, and other community leaders. Watch it on YouTube.

Supports for isolation & quarantine boosted with CDC Foundation grant Residents who have contracted or been exposed to COVID-19 often experience barriers to being able to safely isolate or quarantine. County Health has partnered with the Mental Health Association (MHA) to support qualifying San Mateo County residents. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation directed \$40,000 to the MHA Public Health Support Program, a gift from an anonymous donor. The funds supplement those from the County and from the CARES Act to pay for wage replacement, hotel stays, food, rent relief, and childcare costs that might otherwise prevent a resident from isolating. The program has already responded to over 509 referrals, supporting an estimated 2,400 individuals.