

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Monday, December 7, 2020 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM



### **AGENDA**

**Board of Directors** 

Wednesday, Dec. 7, 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 <a href="https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/91075397545">https://smcgov.zoom.us/j/91075397545</a>. 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

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Dr. Steve Hassid Dr. Brita Almog

Informational Items

3. Medical Executive Committee

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. November 2, 2020 Minutes

**G. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT** 

Chief of Staff Update Dr. Steve Hassid

H. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. Department of Psychiatric Medicine Dr. Alpa Sanghavi

Carlton Mills, Dr. Katalin Szabo

2. Whole Person Care/Bridges Program

Louise Rogers

3. Financial Audit FY 2019/20 Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP

4. Financial Report David McGrew

5. 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, November 2, 2020 Videoconference Meeting

<b>Board Members Present</b>	Staff Present		· ·	Members of the Public
Supervisor Carole Groom	Michelle Lee	Rebecca Archer	Sam Lin	
Supervisor David Canepa	David McGrew	John Jurow	Paul Hundal	
Mike Callagy	Dr. Alpa Sanghavi	Karen Pugh	Adam Ely	
Louise Rogers	Joan Spicer	Gabriela Behn	Luci Latu	
Dr. CJ Kunnappilly	Brighton Ncube	Naomi Yunker	Julie Griffiths	
Dr. Steve Hassid	Robert Blake	Paul Rogerville	Naomi Yunker	
Dr. Brita Almog	Peggy Jensen	Carlton Mills		
Dr. Gordon Mak	Dr. Yousef Turshani	Cyndee Grivas		
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 November 2, 2020.	The Board
Session	QIC Minutes from September 22, 2020.	unanimously
	Medical Executive Committee Minutes from October 13, 2020.	approved the
		Credentialing Report
		and the QIC Minutes
		and accepted the
		MEC Minutes.
Public Comment	None.	
Foundation Report	John Jurow reported that PA Cama Locke has joined the Foundation Board and she brings with her more than	FYI
	20 years of emergency medicine experience.	
	Some recent funding includes a trial study in dermatology, temperature screening equipment for the hospital, biofeedback for BHRS, and the Bundle of Joy program.	
	Health Care Heroes is expanding to offer assistance to staff and patients in the form of monetary support and will update the Board as we finalize the details.	
Consent Agenda	Approval of:	It was MOVED,
	1. Hospital Board Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2020.	SECONDED and
		CARRIED

		unanimously to approve all items on the Consent Agenda.
Medical Staff Report Dr. Steve Hassid	Dr. Hassid reported that he is excited to work with Dr. Aileen Shieu who is the new WOC Medical Director of Specialty Care Services.	FYI
	As we start to see Covid-19 surges happening elsewhere in the country, Medical Staff is preparing for increased Covid-10 infections in our area. There are table top drills planned and cross training of staff has already been ongoing.	
Emergency Medicine Dr. Serena Lee and Cyndee Grivas	The first SMMC case of Covid-19 happened in the ninth week of the calendar year and the county's Shelter in Place orders were in the 11 <sup>th</sup> week. SMC's phase 1 reopening started in week 23.	FYI
cynidee drivas	During the past several weeks, the percentage of influenza-like illnesses showing up in the ED has ranged from 5-10%. The percentage of Covid-19 positive test results in the same period have ranged from 8-16%.	
	Screenings are happening regularly with ED staff and all patients are screened before entering the department. The outdoor emergency tent which is adjacent to the ED is used to provide rapid triage of novel respiratory isolation patients, resuscitation, and airway securement to prevent further spread of aerosolized virus when negative pressure isolation rooms are not available.	
	Covid-19 Airway and Intubation kits include specific supplies: supraglottic airway for rescue BVM, bougie introducer for assisted ET intubation, nasogastric tube insertion supplies, and emergency restraints to protect patient airway.	
Health Campus Upgrade Project Paul Hundal	Timeline of activity:  November 2018 – Q4 2020: Ground floor nursing wing  January 2019 – Q3 2020: Central plant remodel  January 2020 – Q1 2022: Construction of new Building A. The furniture layout has been adjusted to account for Covid-19 impact.  Q1 2022 – Q3 2022: The 1954 and Health Services buildings removal  Q4 2022 – Q1 2024: Construction of new Building B	FYI
Financial Report David McGrew, CFO	The September 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. In October, SMMC Skilled Nursing Services (includes both 1A and Burlingame Skilled Nursing) was recognized by Newsweek as one of the best "nursing homes" in California.	FYI

County Health Chief Report Louise Rogers	Louise Rogers reported that County Health is preparing for a potential surge of Covid-19 cases and has made great progress with contract tracing. In August, County Health partnered with Mental Health Association to support residents to quarantine or self-isolate. More than 700 referrals have been made, supporting an estimated 3000 individuals.  When Covid-19 vaccines become available, the criteria for distribution and prioritization will be decided at the state and federal level.	FYI
County Manager Mike Callagy	The county has received approximately \$33 million from the state to address local homeless problems. The county is preparing to convert at least one hotel for low-income seniors and another to house the homeless.  Mike Callagy expressed his pride and admiration for all the good work that is continuing during these unprecedented times. He feels grateful to work with such a talented group of people.	FYI
Board of Supervisors Supervisor Groom	Supervisor Groom added her compliments for SMMC and County Health and thanked everyone.	FYI

Supervisor Groom adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM. The next Board meeting will be held on December 7, 2020.

Minutes recorded by:

Michelle Lee, Executive Secretary

Minutes approved by:

Dr. Chester Kunnappilly, Chief Executive Officer

## **TAB 2**

# ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

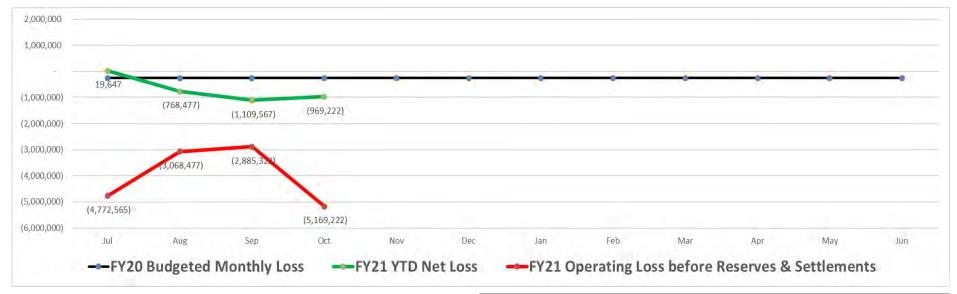
# BOARD OF DIRECTORS SAN MATEO MEDICAL CENTER

**Financial Report: October FY20-21** 

December 7, 2020 Presenter: David McGrew, CFO



## Financial Highlights



#### Net Loss - October \$969K, YTD \$2.8M

- FY2020 Enhanced Payment Program(EPP) approved \$17.2M/annually
- FY2012 HPSM Rate Range reserve \$4.2M
- Salaries & Benefits favorable 3%

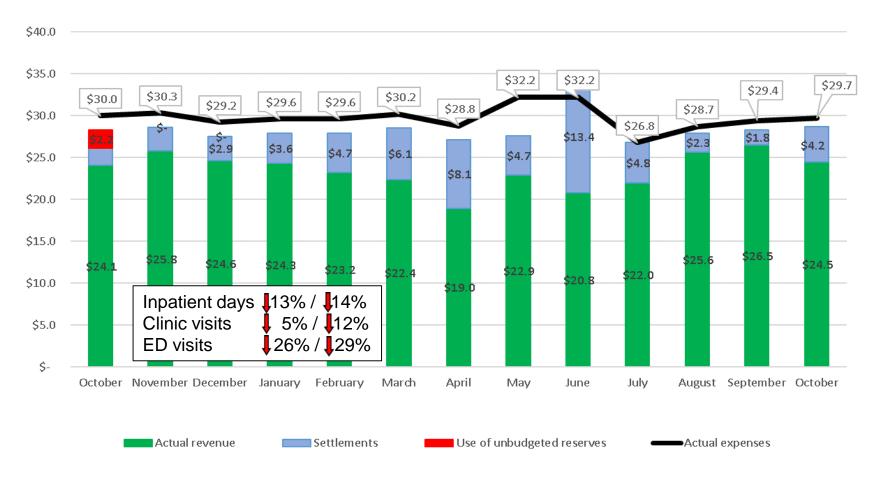
- COVID pandemic impact on patient volumes – 18% reduction in patient revenue
- ACE outside medical costs

**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.

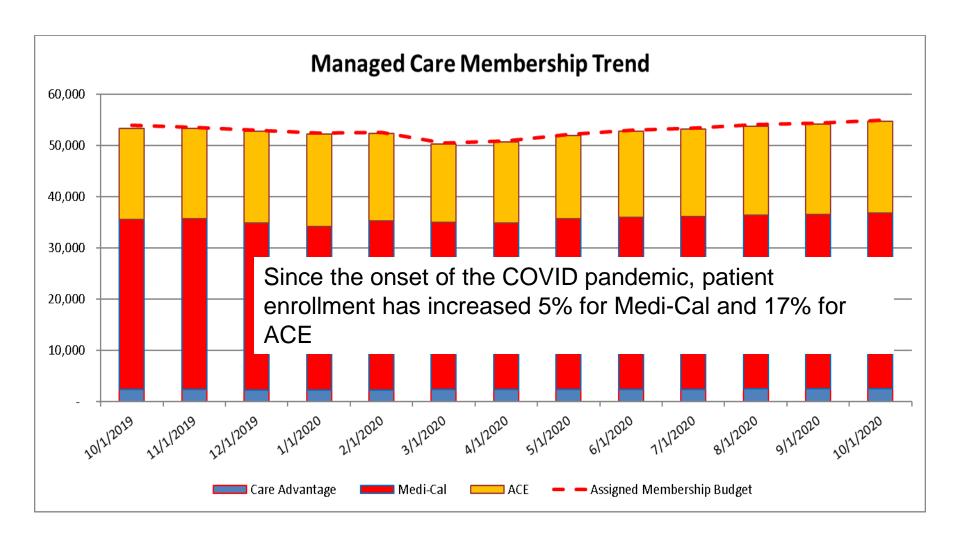
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## FY 20-21 Structural Deficit Trend

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 12 months.

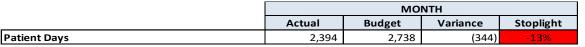




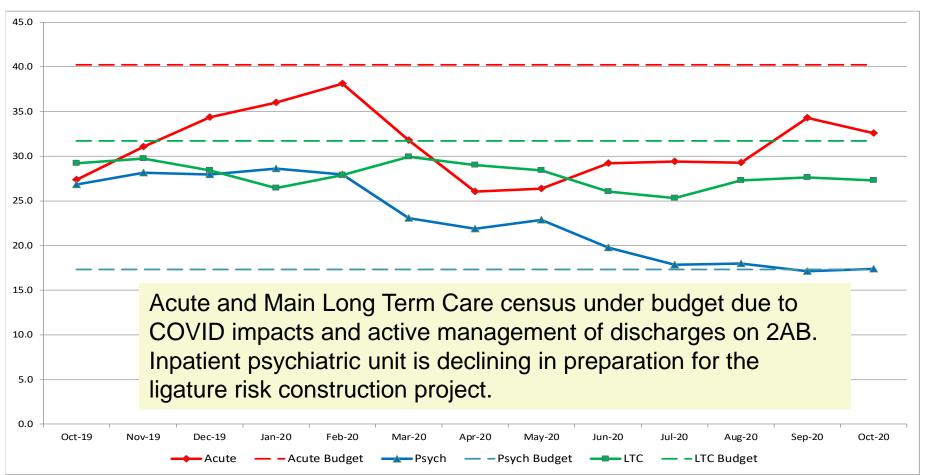




#### San Mateo Medical Center Inpatient Days October 31, 2020



	YEAR TO	DATE	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
9,322	10,866	(1,544)	-14%

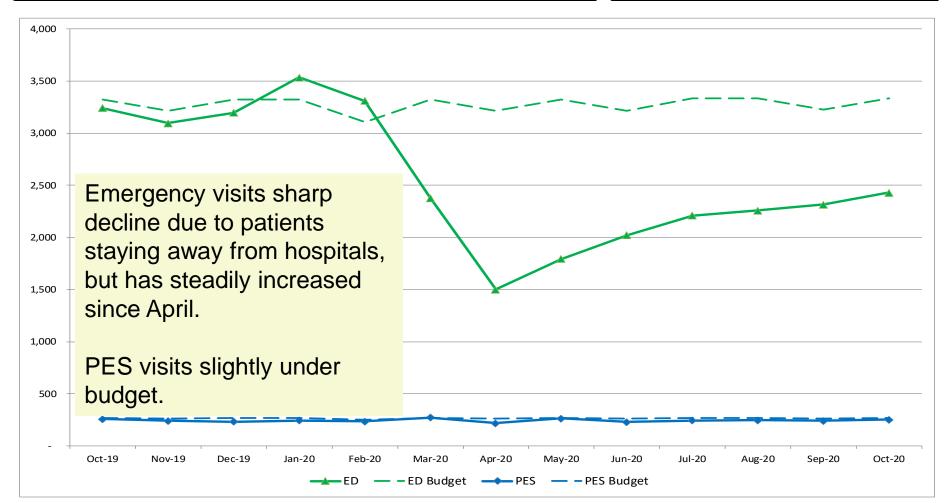




#### San Mateo Medical Center Emergency Visits October 31, 2020

		МО	NTH	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
ED Visits	2,682	3,604	(922)	-26%

	YEAR TO	DATE	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
10,204	14,299	(4,095)	-29%

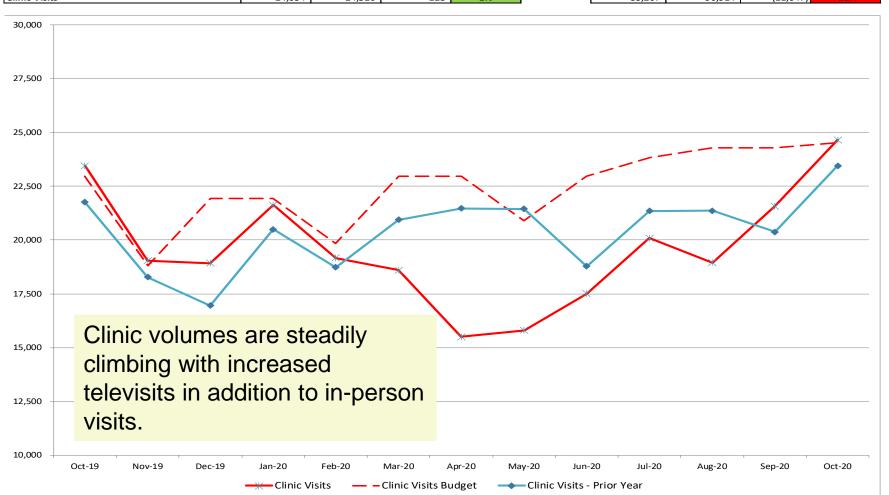




#### San Mateo Medical Center Clinic Visits October 31, 2020

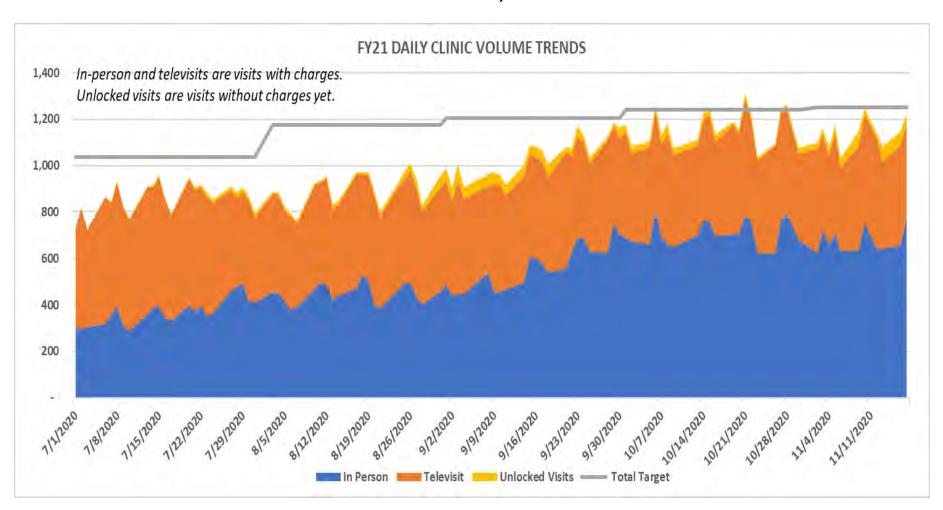
		МО	NTH	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
Clinic Visits	24,654	24,526	128	1%

	YEAR TO	DATE	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
85,267	96,914	(11,647)	-12%





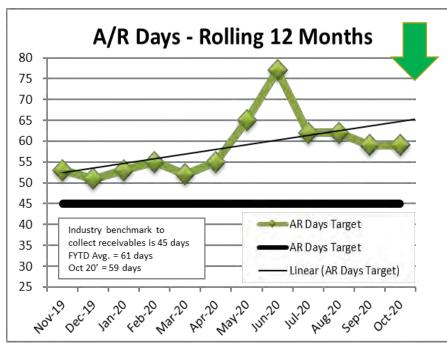
#### San Mateo Medical Center Clinic Telehealth Visits October 31, 2020

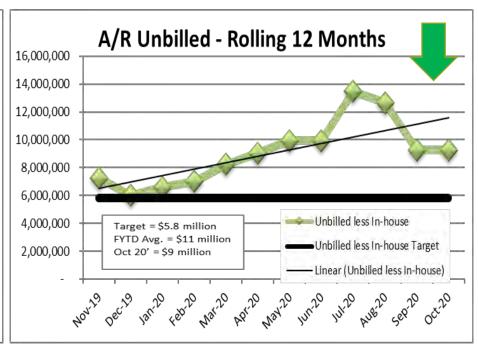


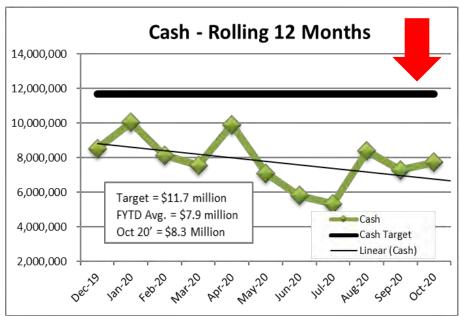
Clinic televisits have increased from an average of 6% of total visits pre-COVID to an average of 70% since March 16<sup>th</sup>, with a high of 78%. In-person visits are steadily climbing.

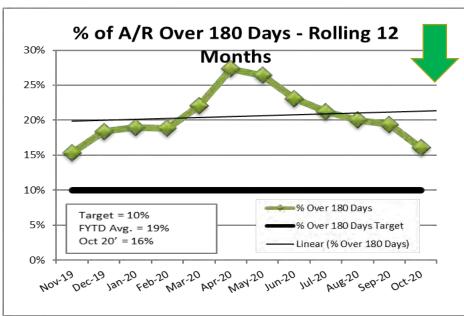


## **Key Performance Indicators**











**QUESTIONS?** 

## **APPENDIX**



#### San Mateo Medical Center Income Statement October 31, 2020

		MOM	NTH	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
	А	В	С	D
1 Income/Loss (GAAP)	(969,222)	(257,335)	(711,887)	
2 HPSM Medi-Cal Members Assigned to SMMC	34,328	33,069	1,259	4%
3 Unduplicated Patient Count	62,763	68,606	(5,843)	-9%
4 Patient Days	2,394	2,738	(344)	-13%
5 ED Visits	2,682	3,604	(922)	-26%
7 Surgery Cases	194	281	(87)	-31%
8 Clinic Visits	24,654	24,526	128	1%
9 Ancillary Procedures	63,545	72,063	(8,518)	-12%
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0 Acute Administrative Days as % of Patient Days	0.0%	16.0%	16.0%	100%
1 Psych Administrative Days as % of Patient Days	75.7%	80.0%	4.3%	5%
(Days that do not qualify for inpatient status)				
Pillar Goals		ı	ı	
.2 Revenue PMPM	120	131	(11)	-8%
Operating Expenses PMPM	326	296	(30)	-10%
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4 Full Time Equivalents (FTE) including Registry	1,145	1,178	33	3%

	YEAR TO	DATE	
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
E	F	G	Н
(2,821,974)	(1,029,342)	(1,792,632)	
135,930	132,275	3,655	3%
62,763	68,606	(5,843)	-9%
9,322	10,866	(1,544)	-14%
10,204	14,299	(4,095)	-29%
717	1,149	(432)	-38%
85,267	96,914	(11,647)	-12%
238,250	294,786	(56,536)	-19%
0.0%	16.0%	16.0%	100%
75.9%	80.0%	4.1%	5%
105	131	(26)	-20%
312	296	(16)	-5%



31

3%

1,178

1,147

#### San Mateo Medical Center Income Statement October 31, 2020

		MOM	NTH	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
	Α	В	С	D
Inpatient Gross Revenue	12,921,223	13,856,510	(935,287)	-7%
Outpatient Gross Revenue	23,692,540	30,643,909	(6,951,369)	-23%
Total Gross Revenue	36,613,763	44,500,419	(7,886,656)	-18%
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Patient Net Revenue	8,814,979	12,241,179	(3,426,200)	-28%
Net Patient Revenue as % of Gross Revenue	24.1%	27.5%	-3.4%	-12%
Capitation Revenue	349,918	379,538	(29,620)	-8%
Supplemental Patient Program Revenue	12,460,733	9,855,225	2,605,508	26%
(Additional payments for patients)				
Total Patient Net and Program Revenue	21,625,631	22,475,942	(850,311)	-4%
Other Operating Revenue	1,372,229	905,920	466,308	51%
(Additional payment not related to patients)				
Total Operating Revenue	22,997,859	23,381,862	(384,003)	-2%



#### San Mateo Medical Center Income Statement October 31, 2020

		MONTH			YEAR TO DATE			
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight	Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight
	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н
Operating Expenses								
1 Salaries & Benefits	16,982,571	17,390,063	407,492	2%	67,053,375	69,560,254	2,506,878	4%
2 Drugs	1,263,720	723,499	(540,221)	-75%	4,346,247	2,893,998	(1,452,249)	-50%
3 Supplies	1,087,169	944,631	(142,539)	-15%	3,289,509	3,778,522	489,013	13%
4 Contract Provider Services	3,805,979	3,490,050	(315,929)	-9%	13,801,598	13,960,199	158,601	1%
Other fees and purchased services	4,971,513	5,009,709	38,196	1%	19,261,795	20,038,837	777,042	4%
6 Other general expenses	432,379	433,916	1,537	0%	2,113,171	1,735,663	(377,508)	-22%
7 Rental Expense	198,280	209,620	11,340	5%	837,250	838,479	1,228	0%
8 Lease Expense	773,407	773,407	-	0%	3,093,626	3,093,626	-	0%
9 Depreciation	224,302	271,443	47,141	17%	878,952	1,085,772	206,820	19%
O Total Operating Expenses	29,739,320	29,246,337	(492,983)	-2%	114,675,523	116,985,349	2,309,826	2%
1 Operating Income/Loss	(6,741,461)	(5,864,475)	(876,986)	-15%	(25,898,295	(23,457,899)	(2,440,396)	-10%
Non-Operating Revenue/Expense	468,354	303,254	165,099	54%	1,860,781	1,213,017	647,764	53%
Contribution from County General Fund	5,303,885	5,303,885	(0)	0%	21,215,540	21,215,540	(0)	0%
Total Income/Loss (GAAP)	(969,222)	(257,335)	(711,887)		(2,821,974	(1,029,342)	(1,792,632)	

(Change in Net Assets)



## **COVID Financial Impact Summary**

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October
Revenue loss	\$ 2,376,000	\$ 4,347,000	\$ 4,766,310	\$ 3,545,000	\$ 2,578,000	\$ 1,427,000	\$ 1,189,000	\$ 304,000
Expenses:								
Staffing	1,622,000	3,758,000	3,840,000	3,061,000	1,805,000	1,935,000	1,940,000	3,422,000
Supplies	114,000	79,000	79,000	280,000	-	128,000	180,000	454,000
IT	404,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Prof. Fees	-	-	-	-	-	113,000	101,000	122,000
Total expenses	2,140,000	3,837,000	3,919,000	3,341,000	1,805,000	2,176,000	2,221,000	3,998,000
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	4,302,000

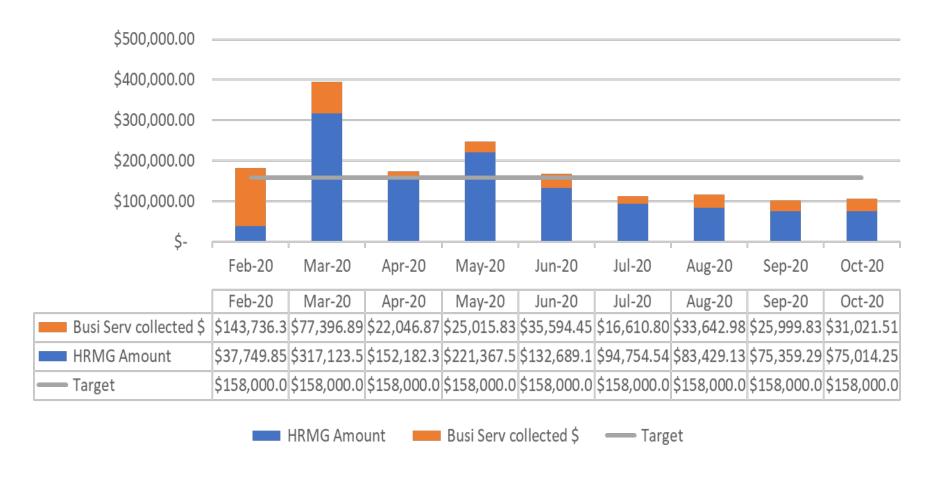
Note: DPW costs for COVID related construction costs are not yet included

Total losses to date = \$44M

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

\$50B General Allocations	\$3.5M Received	
\$22B High Impact Providers	\$4.95M Received (July)	
\$11.1B Rural Providers	\$207K Received	
\$4.9B SNFs	<b>\$913K</b> Received	
Advance Payments	\$3.1M Received Repayment Required	
\$1.32B	<b>\$881K</b> Awarded to Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworkers	
	\$58K Awarded to	
\$100M	Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworkers	
\$4.2M to California Hospitals	<b>\$7.3K</b> Received	
	\$11.1B Rural Providers \$4.9B SNFs  Advance Payments  \$1.32B  \$100M	

## HRMG and Business Services Collections (No Bad Debt)



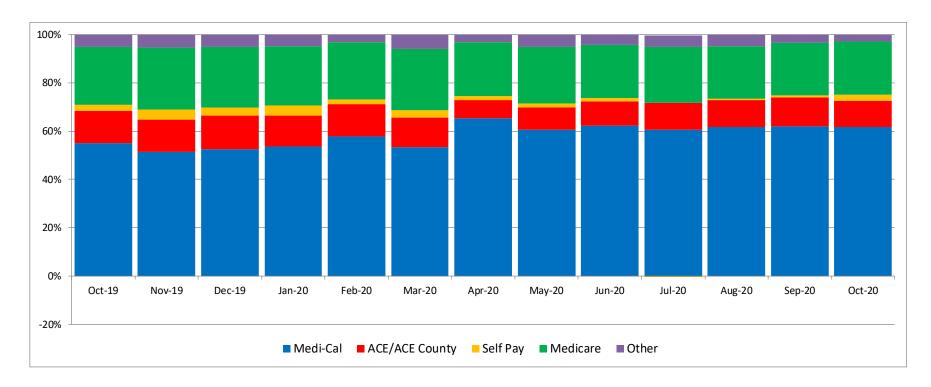
SMMC contracted with Healthcare Revenue Management Group to support SMMC's Business Services unit with collections of patient self-pay balances. March represents the first full month of HRMG's collection activities.



#### San Mateo Medical Center Payer Mix October 31, 2020

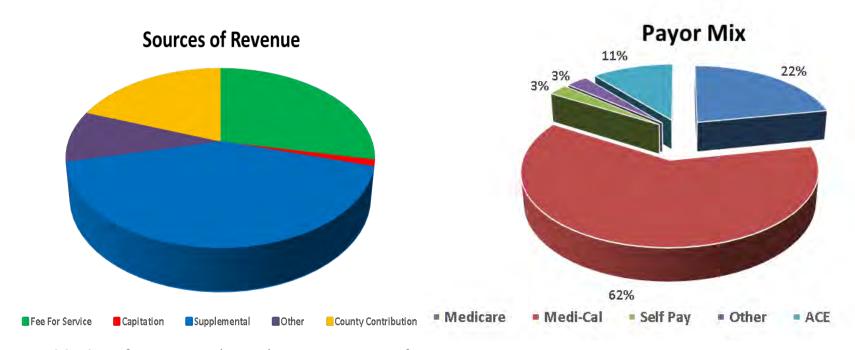
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	Actual Budget Variance		Variance	Stoplight	
Payer Type by Gross Revenue	Α	В	С	D	
Medicare	22.0%	21.0%	1.0%		
Medi-Cal	61.6%	58.0%	3.6%		
Self Pay	2.6%	2.0%	0.6%		
Other	2.9%	5.0%	-2.1%		
ACE/ACE County	10.9%	14.0%	-3.1%		
Total	100.0%	100.0%			

YEAR TO DATE						
Actual	Budget	Variance	Stoplight			
E	F	G	Н			
22.1%	21.0%	1.1%				
61.6%	58.0%	3.6%				
1.0%	2.0%	-1.0%				
4.0%	5.0%	-1.0%				
11.2%	14.0%	-2.8%				
100.0%	100.0%					





## Revenue Mix



Health Plan of San Mateo (HPSM) represents 35% of our Operating Revenue

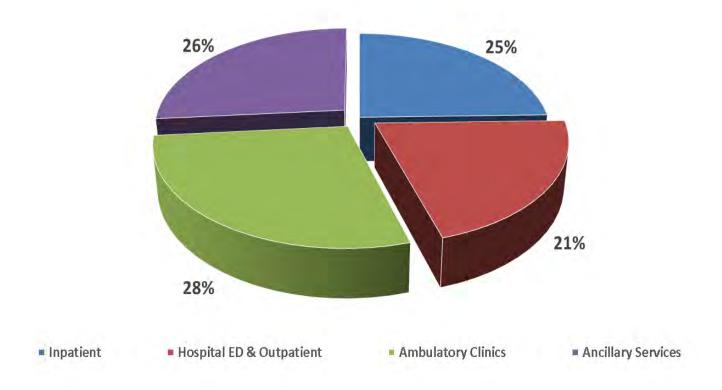
- Medi-Cal Managed Care and Medicare Managed Care FFS
- Medi-Cal PCP Capitation

**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

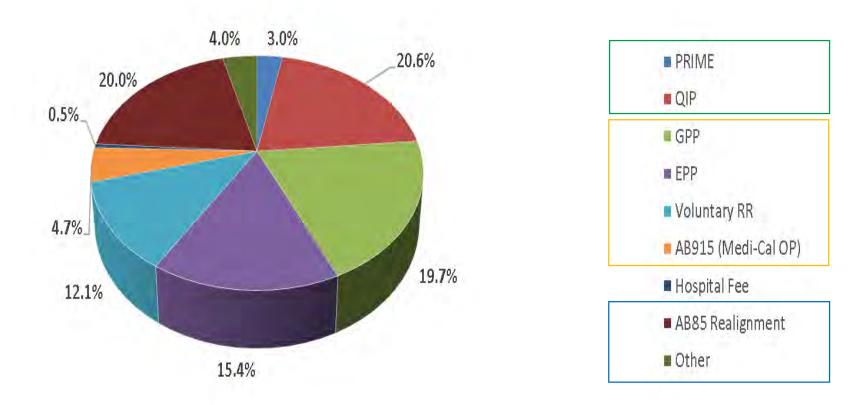


## Revenue Mix by Service Line





## Supplemental Revenue Mix



- Value-Based programs represent 23.6% of our Supplemental Revenue
- Volume-Based programs represent 76.4% of our Supplemental Revenue

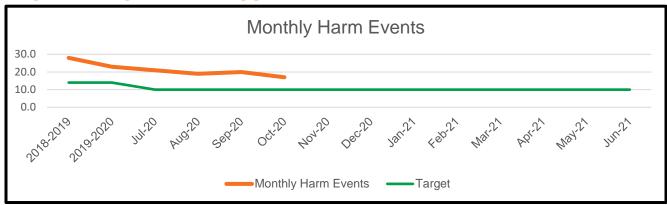




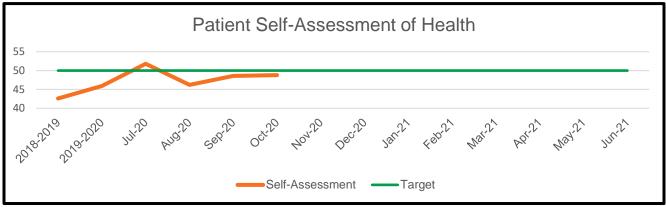
#### **CEO REPORT**

#### December 2020

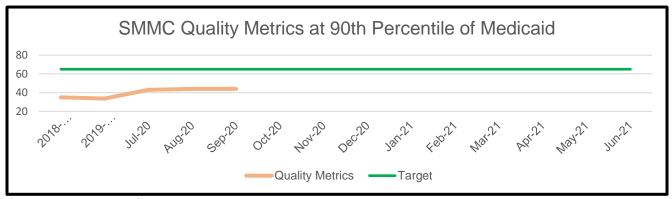
#### **EXCELLENT CARE METRICS**



**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.** 



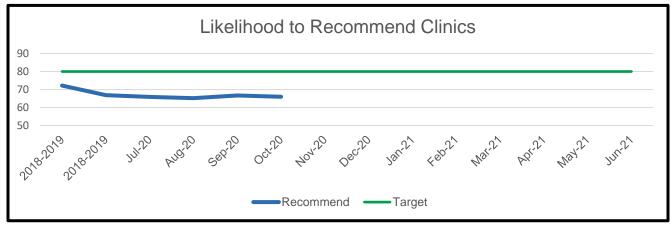
**Patient Self-Assessment of Health:** All Primary Care patients receive an experience survey. One question asks them to rate their health from poor to excellent. This is the percentage that rate their health as very good or excellent. **Higher is better.** 



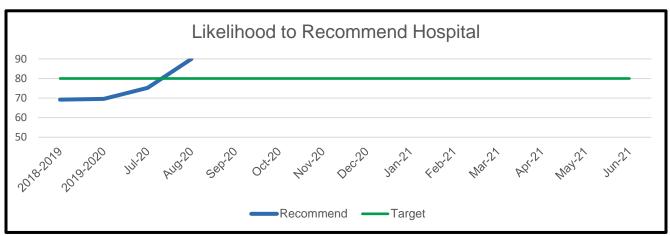
**Quality Metrics at 90<sup>th</sup> Percentile:** SMMC seeks excellence in all that it does. The organization currently participates in a number of pay for performance programs including PRIME, QIP and the Health Plan of San Mateo Pay for Performance Program. This metric measures the percentage of quality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

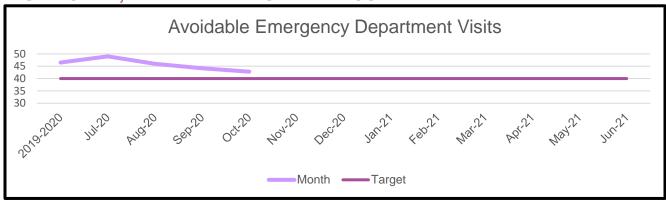


#### STAFF ENGAGEMENT METRICS



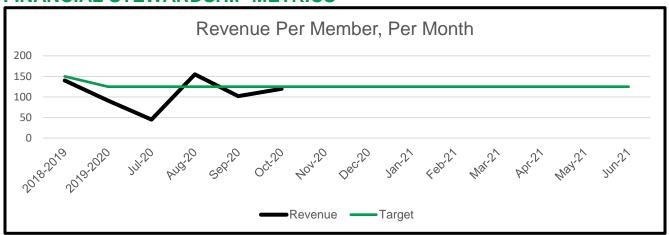
**Likelihood to Recommend SMMC:** Percentage of staff who agree or strongly agree that they would recommend SMMC as a great place to work. Measured using the annual Blessing White staff engagement survey. **Higher is better.** 

#### RIGHT CARE, TIME AND PLACE METRICS



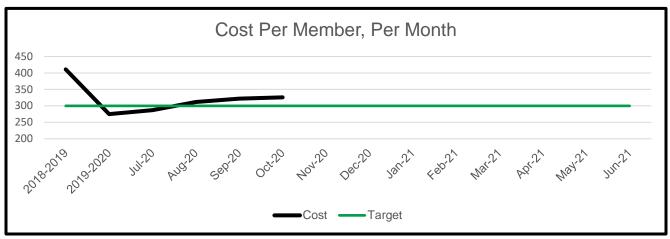
**Potentially Avoidable ED Visits:** Percentage of emergency department visits by established SMMC primary care patients where the discharge diagnosis is one that traditionally could have been treated in an outpatient setting rather than the emergency department. **Lower is better.** 

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP METRICS

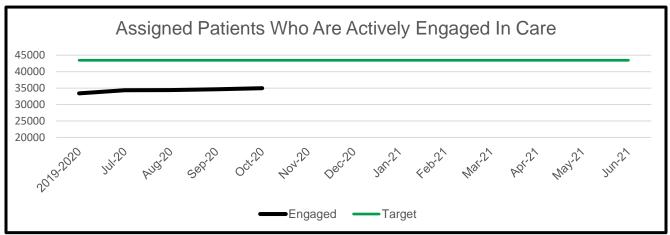


Revenue Per Member, Per Month: Total patient revenue divided by total number of assigned members. Higher is better.





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



## Nursing Home Compare Five-Star Ratings of Nursing Homes Provider Rating Report for October 2020

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Overall Quality	Health Inspection	Quality Measures	Staffing	RN Staffing
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(Pictured above: CMS Star Rating for SMMC Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility)

<u>Medicaid Services:</u> On the heels of its recognition by Newsweek magazine as one of the top Nursing Homes in California, SMMC Skilled Nursing Services (includes both 1A and Burlingame Skilled Nursing) was awarded four stars through the CMS five-star rating system. In addition to its overall four-star rating, the units received a five-star rating for quality measures. Congratulations to all our Skilled Nursing colleagues for their outstanding work.

SMMC Ambulatory Services Recognized with Quality Leaders Award: Each year, the California Health Care Safety Net Institute presents the Quality Leaders Awards to "showcase the innovative approaches to improve care and advance population health in California's public health care systems." This year, SMMC Ambulatory Services received the award for Ambulatory Care Redesign. This recognition was due to SMMC's team-based approach to implementing Telehealth services. Congratulations to all the clinics for their work in this area.

Annual Nursing Reports Highlights Outstanding Accomplishments in Midst of Pandemic: Each year our Chief Nursing Officer, Joan Spicer, RN, MBA, PhD, produces the SMMC Annual Nursing Report. This year's report is even more notable as many of the accomplishments occurred in the context of the pandemic. Achievements include a reduction in the number of falls occurring on the inpatient units from 3.39 falls per 1000 patients to 2.02 on the medical/surgical unit and from 3.24 per 1000 patients to 0 in the ICU. Other highlights include the improvement in nursing sensitive patient experience scores on the inpatient units, the virtualization of part of Basic Life Support Training, and the implementation of curbside COVID-19 testing at the 39th avenue campus. Thank you to all of our amazing nurses!

#### November 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	23,730 (October 2020)	1.5%	7.6%
SMMC Emergency Department Visits	2,682 (October 2020)	5.8%	-23.3%
New Clients Awaiting Primary Care Appt.	3 (November 2020)	-90.9%	-97.6%

#### Leticia Davalos honored by Women in County Government



Leticia Davalos of the Health Coverage Unit will be honored by Women in County Government (WICG) at the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Recognition and Charity Event on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Leticia will receive the Public Service/Going the Extra Mile award. She was nominated by eleven staff members, and the recognition event will coincide with her tenth year of service to San Mateo County. As lead health benefits analyst, she has assisted many of the most vulnerable uninsured residents, coordinating eligibility and enrollment assistance for San Mateo Medical Center clients who have been admitted for inpatient care. Since many County Health and community partner agency colleagues rely on Leticia to navigate the most complex uninsured client cases, she is often referred to as a "miracle worker." A total of six staff from County Health were

nominated for WICG awards this year, a testament to their commitment to public service and dedication to the clients they serve.

#### Correctional Health Services launches Electronic Health Record

Correctional Health Services' implementation of an Electronic Health Record (EHR) and pharmacy automation system (*photo, right*) went live on October 19th. Managed by Health Information Technology and two years in the making, the project involved planning and coordination by Correctional Health, San Mateo Medical Center, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, the Sheriff's Office, ISD, and vendor consultants. The EHR collects electronic forms, assessments, reports, radiology and lab orders and results, and other patient information and makes it accessible by clinicians across the health care system. The need for an accurate and accessible base record of care is especially important in Correctional Health Services, since inmates housed in two jail



facilities receive coordinated medical and behavioral health services from County Health and contracted providers. The EHR also facilitates the dispensing of medications from two newly implemented

pharmacy automated machines at the Maguire and Maple Street facilities. Bar codes ensure that prescriptions, validated via the EHR and filled by the SMMC pharmacy, can be dispensed accurately, increasing medication administration safety while saving hours of prep time eliminating much of the medication waste experienced in previous processes.

#### County Health receives \$500K grant to support asthma mitigation

County Health has received a grant of up to \$500,000 from the State of California Department of Health Care Services and the Sierra Health Foundation to support asthma home visiting services, including education and environmental trigger mitigation. Family Health Services' (FHS) Asthma Mitigation Project aims to provide one hundred children receiving Medi-Cal with as many as five asthma-related home visits per year. In addition to funding staff time for 1.5 FTE Senior Community Workers and a .5 FTE Public Health Nurse, up to \$1,000 per client may be used for minor to moderate remediation of environmental asthma triggers. Service providers administer an asthma medical assessment to identify the client's current knowledge/needs, medical history, and current asthma plan adherence in order to develop an individual service plan. It is anticipated that half of the children enrolled in the program will receive three or more home visits. The program hopes to increase kids' and parents' knowledge of how to manage asthma, to avoid more acute episodes and hospitalizations and emergency department visits. "The goal is to keep kids healthy and staying in school," said FHS Director Lizelle Liro de Luna. "Fewer sick days for kids with asthma is definitely an intended outcome."