

HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS/FARMWORKER HEALTH PROGRAM (HCH/FH)

Co-Applicant Board Meeting Agenda

455 County Center, COB 1, Redwood City, CA, 94063

December 11th 2025, 10:00am - 12:00pm

This meeting of The Health Care for The Homeless/Farmworker Health board will be held in-person at

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Remote participation in this meeting will not be available. To observe or participate in the meeting please attend in-person at above location.

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***Please see instructions for written and spoken public comments at the end of this agenda.**

A. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Victoria Sanchez De Alba

10:00am

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

Persons wishing to address on matters NOT on the posted agenda may do so. Each speaker is limited to three minutes and the total time allocated to Public Comment is fifteen minutes. If there are more than five individuals wishing to speak during Public Comment, the Chairperson may choose to draw only five speaker cards from those submitted and defer the rest of the speakers to a second Public Comment at the end of the Board meeting. In response to comments on a non-agenda item, the Board may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed as allowed by the Brown Act (Government Code Section 54954.2) However, the Boards general policy is to refer items to staff for comprehensive action or report.

C. ACTION TO SET THE AGENDA & CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am

1. Approve meeting minutes from:
 - a. November 13th Board Meeting
2. Budget and Finance Report
3. HCH/FH Director's Report
4. Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Update

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D. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Communications and Announcements are brief items from members of the Board regarding upcoming events in the community and correspondence that they have received. They are informational in nature and no action will be taken on these items at this meeting. A total of five minutes is allotted to this item. If there are additional communications and announcements, the Chairperson may choose to defer them to a second agenda item added at the end of the Board Meeting.

Community updates

Board Members

10:15am

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E. BUSINESS AGENDA

Approval of Updated HCH/FH Sliding Fee Discount Program (SFDP)	Jim Beaumont	10:30am
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F. REPORTING & DISCUSSION AGENDA

Federal Updates and Impacts on HCH/FH Program	Jim Beaumont	10:45am
Board Member Recruitment	Victoria Sanchez De Alba	11:00am

G. ADJOURNMENT

12:00pm

Future meeting: **January 8th, 2026**

Time: **10am - 12pm**

Location: **TBD**

*Instructions for Public Comment During Meeting

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Written public comments may be emailed in advance of the meeting. Please read the following instructions carefully:

1. Your written comment should be emailed to rnash@smcgov.org.
2. Your email should include the specific agenda item on which you are commenting or note that your comment concerns an item that is not on the agenda or is on the consent agenda.
3. Members of the public are limited to one comment per agenda item.
4. The length of the emailed comment should be commensurate with the two minutes customarily allowed for verbal comments, which is approximately 250-300 words.
5. If your emailed comment is received by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the meeting, it will be provided to the Members of the HCH/FH board and made publicly available on the agenda website under the specific item to which your comment pertains. If emailed comments are received after 5:00p.m. on the day before the meeting, HCH/FH board will make every effort to either (i) provide such emailed comments to the HCH/FH board and make such emails publicly available on the agenda website prior to the meeting, or (ii) read such emails during the meeting. Whether such emailed comments are forwarded and posted, or are read during the meeting, they will still be included in the administrative record.

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Meeting Minutes



**HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS/FARMWORKER HEALTH PROGRAM (HCH/FH)
Co-Applicant Board Meeting Minutes**

500 County Center (COB 3) Manzanita Hall
November 13, 2025, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Co-Applicant Board Members Present	County Staff Present	Members of the Public	Absent Board Members/Staff
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian Greenberg Janet Schmidt Robert Anderson Judith Guerrero Jim Beaumont (Ex Officio) Suzanne Moore Victoria Sanchez De Alba (Chair) Tony Serrano Tayisha Deldridge Steve Kraft Gabe Garcia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gozel Kulieva Jocelyn Vidales Anessa Farber, PHPP Frank Trinh, PHPP Amanda, MHPC Raven Nash Irene Pasma, CEO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ophelle Vico, Puente Cristhian Landaverde, ALAS Jorge Sanchez, Puente Vanessa Gutierrez, interpreter Micaela Altamirano, interpreter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Francine Dickson-Serafin Steve Carey

A. Call to order & roll call	Victoria Sanchez De Alba called the meeting to order at 10:08 am and did a roll call.	
B. Public Comment		
C. Action to set the agenda and consent agenda.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Approve meeting minutes from October 2025 Board Meeting Budget and Finance Report HCH/FH Director's Report Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance Update Management Analyst Report 	Request to approve the Consent Agenda was MOVED by Robert Anderson and SECONDED by Tayisha Deldridge APPROVED by all Board members present.
D. Community Announcements	Jorge, ALAS Provided community updates, support for patients with Kaiser and educational activities	

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	<p>Suzanne Moore Suzanne discussed concerns regarding Section 8 housing, and cuts that would impact landlords and tenants with vouchers. She reported that 5,000 recipients have subsidized housing and their vouchers may be at risk and advised partners to direct tenants to the San Mateo County Legal Aid for assistance.</p> <p>Brian Greenberg Referenced an article from the SF Daily Journal. Key concerns included the impacts of Prop 36 and treatment due to requirement for participants to plea to felony charges. He discussed cuts concerns regarding vacant beds and cuts to Rapid Rehousing which undermine Housing First principles.</p> <p>Suzanne Inquired about which bed types are vacant, and Brian responded that drug treatment beds are open.</p> <p>Victoria Sanchez De Alba Discussed the high relapse rate and noted a fast turnover trend among transitional-aged youth (TAY).</p>	
E. Business Agenda	No Business Agenda.	

<p>F. Guest Speaker Irene Pasma, Management Analyst</p>	<p>Irene Pasma</p> <p>Shelter Evaluation Overview</p> <p>Discussed the evaluation period from July 2022–September 2024, covering 3,264 individuals. Methodology included literature and document review, data analysis, interviews, listening sessions, and focus groups. Demographic data reviewed included race/ethnicity, household type, age, gender, and self-reported chronic conditions.</p> <p>System Context SMC has invested \$50M in homelessness services; shelter capacity increased 62% since 2021, while the people experiencing homelessness (PEH) population increased 31% from 2021–2024. The report reviewed all shelter sites and onsite services across adult, family, and TAY programs.</p> <p>Key Findings Four themes: (1) length of stay, (2) population and geographic differences, (3) alignment of roles and policies, and (4) staffing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average planned LOS: 120 days. Families average 162 days with strong PH placement. Median LOS: 21 days (congregate) and 108 days (non-congregate). Racial disparities: Black households have lower PH exit rates; Black and Latino/a/o households have lower non-congregate placements, which are associated with higher PH exits. Geographic gaps for coastal communities: Nav Center under-serving households with MH/chronic conditions. Staffing challenges include high turnover, limited multilingual capability, and inconsistent resource knowledge; expanded training and multilingual services recommended. <p>Q&A Summary</p> <p>Janet Inquired about use of median vs. average LOS and the applicability of standard deviation.</p>	
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	<p>Irene explained median was used to reduce distortion from outliers and emphasized the goal is establishing a system framework, not enforcing specific LOS targets.</p> <p>Anessa Asked about benchmarks tied to contract targets and how they relate to PH placement rates. Irene noted no national standard exists. Brian highlighted that clients actively pursuing housing plans are not exited to homelessness. Anessa emphasized that shelter-to-shelter exits should not be considered positive outcomes. Brian clarified that referenced exit rates pertain specifically to exits to PH.</p> <p>Suzanne Asked who represents CEH at HomeStat. Jocelyn stated that Gozel serves as the program representative and provides bi-monthly updates.</p> <p>Robert Asked about case management support after PH placement and outcomes of “wet” vs. “dry” shelters. Irene stated these topics fall outside the FS review; shelter types were not categorized in this manner.</p> <p>Frank Requested information on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Data on transitions from congregate to non-congregate shelters: Irene confirmed availability. Coordinated Entry (CE) assessment involvement for other departments: Irene confirmed opportunities exist. Expected impacts of federal changes: Irene noted this is a priority for BOS/CEO, with uncertain impacts that may require service adjustments due to Measure K funding reliance. <p>Suzanne</p>	
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<p>Asked whether exit interviews were reviewed.</p> <p>Item</p> <p>Confirmed they were and recommended improved data collection on exit reasons.</p> <p>Next Steps</p> <p>FS concludes that County homelessness interventions remain strong. CEH is preparing updates for the CEO's Office and for presentation at an upcoming Homestart meeting.</p>	
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<p>Jim Beaumont, HCHFH Program Director</p> <p>Federal and State Updates</p> <p>Reported that the federal shutdown has ended. The County is awaiting clarification on potential impacts to the EH grant, which is expected to be incorporated into the base grant. Monitoring continues on federal and state budget developments. Dental services in California will no longer be available for LIS beginning July 1. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (PRCA) reinterpretation has been blocked in court.</p> <p>Localyn</p> <p>Reported decreasing no-show rates for Expanded Hours (EH) and noted that additional partners will be invited to refer farmworker patients. Announced that today is her final day with HCHFH; she will be transitioning to a position with the City of Sunnyvale.</p> <p>Board Officer Nominations</p> <p>Victoria was nominated for Chair and Tony for Vice Chair. Robert seconded the nominations, and Suzanne expressed support.</p> <p>Gabe</p> <p>Jim called the motion to a vote. The board voted and the nominations were approved.</p> <p>Jim</p> <p>Raised concerns about the Sonmas contract and whether patients must be asked about LIS status to access care.</p> <p>Jim</p> <p>Clarified that patients are evaluated for coverage and referred to HCU; they may qualify for federal Medi-Cal, state-only Medi-Cal, private coverage, or none. State-only Medi-Cal patients are generally assumed LIS.</p> <p>Judith</p> <p>Added that LIS status is not explicitly asked but is inferred from eligibility information, and noted that PRCA interpretation changes could affect this.</p>	<p>Board Chair & Vice Chair Elections</p> <p>Jim Beaumont</p>
<p>Request to Nominat Board Chair & Vice Chair</p> <p>MOVED by Robert Anderson and SECONDED by Suzanne Moore, APPROVED by all Board members.</p>	<p>G. Reporting & Discussion Agenda</p> <p>Jim Beaumont - Federal Updates and Impacts on HCHFH Program</p>

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G. Adjournment	Future meeting: 455 County Center, Rm 101, Redwood City, CA, 94063	The meeting was adjourned at 11:23am, Board commenced closed session
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Program Budget and
Financial Report



San Mateo Medical Center
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DATE: December 11, 2025

TO: Co-Applicant Board, San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworker Health (HCH/FH) Program

FROM: Jim Beaumont
Director, HCH/FH Program

SUBJECT: HCH/FH PROGRAM BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT

Preliminary grant expenditures for November 2025 total an estimated \$133,063. This total does not include almost any expenses outside of salary and benefits and a couple of contract invoices. Overall, the current known total for expenditures are \$2,463,510.

Based on the total year-to-date, we look to be expending slightly under the original estimates, at just under \$3,000,000. Our Salaries are running slightly behind projections for the year, which is appropriate since salary increases occur during the last quarter of the year and we will be down a position for the last couple of months.

Actual expenditure totals were updated through September 30, 2025 based on actual drawdown submissions.

Attachment:

- GY 2024 Summary Grant Expenditure Report Through 11/30/25



GRANT YEAR 2025

Details for budget estimates	Nov-25		updated to actual drawdown thru 09/30/25		Projected for GY 2026	
	Budgeted [SF-424]		To Date (11/30/25)	Projection for end of year		
EXPENDITURES						
<u>Salaries</u>						
Director, Program Coordinator						
Management Analyst ,Medical Director						
new position, misc. OT, other, etc.						
	725,000	56,765	656,378	715,000	740,000	
<u>Benefits</u>						
Director, Program Coordinator						
Management Analyst ,Medical Director						
new position, misc. OT, other, etc.						
	225,000	19,506	206,808	250,000	230,000	
<u>Travel</u>						
National Conferences (2500*8)	20,000		4,709	7,250	12,000	
Regional Conferences (1000*5)	5,000		250	250	1,500	
Local Travel	500			0	250	
Taxis	500			0	250	
Van & vehicle usage	1,000			0	1,000	
	27,000		4,959	7,500	15,000	
<u>Supplies</u>						
Office Supplies, misc.	10,000		1,269	1,500	2,000	
Small Funding Requests						
	10,000		1,269	1,500	2,000	
<u>Contractual</u>						
2022 Contracts			154,132	154,132		
2022 MOUs				0		
Current 2023 MOUs	1,000,000		536,632	875,000	1,000,000	
Current 2023 contracts	950,000	47,336	750,970	825,000	900,000	
---unallocated---/other contracts						
	1,950,000		1,441,734	1,854,132	1,900,000	
<u>Other</u>						
Consultants/grant writer	40,000		15,835	15,835	10,000	
IT/Telcom	55,000	9,057	107,163	120,000	60,000	
New Automation				0	-	
Memberships	5,000		2,875	2,875	3,000	
Training	10,000			0	2,000	
Misc	5,000	399	26,489	30,000	5,000	
	115,000		152,362	168,710	80,000	
TOTAL	3,052,000	133,063	2,463,510	2,996,842	2,967,000	
GRANT REVENUE						
Available Base Grant	2,858,632		2,858,632	2,858,632	2,858,632	
Prior Year Unexpended to Carryover (verified)	333,590		333,590	333,590		
Other					195,000 carryover	
HCH/FH PROGRAM TOTAL	3,192,222		3,192,222	3,192,222	3,053,632	
BALANCE						
	140,222	Available	728,712	195,380	86,632	
			Current Estimate	Projected		
based on est. grant of \$2,858,632						
<u>Non-Grant Expenditures</u>						
Salary Overage	10,000	250	4,688	9,000	12,000	
Health Coverage	123,000	16,468	104,021	110,000	143,000	
base grant prep	0			0		
food	6,000		2,939	5,750	7,500	
incentives/gift cards	1,000			1,500	1,500	
	140,000		111,648	126,250	164,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,192,000	149,781	2,575,158	3,123,092	NEXT YEAR 3,131,000	

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HCH/FH Director's
Report



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DATE: December 11, 2025

TO: Co-Applicant Board, San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworker Health (HCH/FH) Program

FROM: Jim Beaumont, Director, HCH/FH Program

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR'S REPORT & PROGRAM CALENDAR

Program activity update since the November 13, 2025, Co-Applicant Board meeting.

With the ending of the Federal Shutdown, activities with HRSA have been slowly ramping up. Most recently, we have received a series of Notice of Actions (NOAs) closing the Expanded Hours (EH) effective 11/30/25 (it had an original end date of 11/30/26 as the initial 2-year award). The second NOA provided the equivalent of one month's EH funding into our Base Grant for 2025, thereby giving us the EH funding through the end of the year. We are expecting another NOA that will put the original 2026 EH funding into our Base Grant for 2026.

This, along with our Behavioral Health Services Expansion (BHSE) award, will now result in the Program's Base Grant increasing by \$1 million annually. This will provide the Board with a great deal of flexibility moving forward as we approach our next contracting cycle and the current contract awarded through the BHSE and EH awards hit their end of term.

Program continues to work with HR on finding the best possible manner to fill the HCH/FH Planning & Implementation Coordinator's position. There appears to be some possibility of a transfer, but we are still working through that process.

Litigation on recent federal Executive Orders and policy changes are ongoing, with nothing new to report at this time.

Seven Day Update

ATTACHED:

- Program Calendar





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Health Care for the Homeless & Farmworker Health (HCH/FH) Program
2025 Co-Applicant Board Calendar
Board meetings are in-person on the 2nd Thursday of the Month 10am-12pm

MONTH	AREA			
	Programmatic	Learning/Conferences	Recognition (Health, DEI, Holidays and Misc.)	
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (1/9)- HRSA Operational Site Visit (OSV) (1/14-1/16)- OSV Special Board Meeting (1/15)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Glaucoma Awareness Month• Cervical Cancer Screening Month• National Human Trafficking Prevention Month• International Holocaust Remembrance Day (1/27)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Year's Day (1/1)• Martin Luther King Day (1/20)• Inauguration Day (1/20)• Lunar New Year (1/29)
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (2/13)- Finance Subcommittee Meeting (2/13)- UDS submission - Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Alliance to End Homelessness Winter Conference: Innovations and Solutions for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness. (Los Angeles, CA – Feb 26-28)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Children's Dental Health• American Heart Month• National Cancer Prevention Month• National Wear Red Day (2/7)• Black History Month• World Day of Social Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lincoln's Birthday (2/12)• Valentine's Day (2/14)• President's Day (2/17)
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (3/13)- QI/QA Subcommittee Meeting (3/13)- Updated Sliding Fee Discount Scale (SFDS) - Approve		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month• Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month• National Doctors Day (3/30)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lent Begins (3/5)• Daylight Saving Time Starts (3/9)• St. Patrick's Day (3/17)
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (4/10)- Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting (4/10)- SMMC Annual Audit - Approve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 Midwest Stream Forum-Agricultural Worker Conference (TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alcohol Awareness Month• Sexual Assault Awareness Month• Counseling Awareness Month• National Minority Health Month• Defeat Diabetes Month• National Public Health Week (4/7-4/11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lent Ends (4/19)• Passover (4/13 – 4/20)• Easter Sunday (4/20)
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (5/8)- Finance Subcommittee Meeting (5/8)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Healthcare for the Homeless Conference. (Baltimore, MD – May 12-15)• NRHA Health Equity Conference. (Atlanta, GA – May 19-20)• NHRA Annual Rural Health Conference (Atlanta, GA – May 20-23)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Stroke Awareness Month• High Blood Pressure Education Month• Mental Health Awareness Month• National Trauma Awareness Month• Asian Pacific American Heritage Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mother's Day (5/11)• Memorial Day (5/26)
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (6/12)- QI/QA Subcommittee Meeting (6/12)- Services/Locations Form 5A/5B – Approve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NCFH Agricultural Worker Health Symposium (TBD – May/June2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PTSD Awareness Month• Cancer Survivor's Month• LGBTQIA+ Pride Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Father's Day (6/15)• Juneteenth (6/19)



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JULY	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (7/10)- Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting (7/10)- Budget Renewal (Program) Approve		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month• Healthy Vision Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Independence Day (7/4)
AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (8/14)- Finance Subcommittee Meeting (8/14)		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Breastfeeding Month• National Immunization Awareness Month• National Health Center Week (8/10 – 8/16)	
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (9/11)- QI/QA Subcommittee Meeting (9/11)- Program Director Annual Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Street Medicine Symposium. (Hilo, Hawai'i – Sept 9 – 12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Healthy Aging Month• National Suicide Prevention Month• Gynecological Cancer Awareness Month• Hispanic Heritage Month (Starts 9/15)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Labor Day (9/1)
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (10/9)- Strategic Plan Subcommittee Meeting (10/9)- Annual Conflict of Interest Statement due- Board Chair/Vice Chair Nominations		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breast Cancer Awareness Month• Depression Awareness Month• Domestic Violence Awareness Month• Health Literacy Month• Patient-Centered Care Awareness Month• Child Health Day (10/6)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day (10/13)• Halloween (10/31)
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (11/13)- Finance Subcommittee Meeting (11/13)- Board Chair/Vice Chair Elections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• East Coast Migrant Stream- Agricultural Worker Conference Forum (TBA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• American Diabetes Month• National Sexual Health Month• Native American Heritage Day (11/28)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daylight Savings Time Ends (11/2)• Veteran's Day (11/11)• Thanksgiving (11/27)
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- HCH/FH Board Meeting (12/11)- QI/QA Subcommittee Meeting (12/11)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Forum (TBD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Seasonal Affective Disorder Awareness Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Christmas Eve (12/24)• Christmas Day (12/25)• New Year's Eve (12/31)

BOARD ANNUAL CALENDAR	
Project	Timeframe
HRSA Operational Site Visit (OSV)	January 14 - 16
SMMC Annual Audit - Review	April/May
UDS Submission - Review	Spring
Sliding Fee Discount Scale (SFDS)	Spring
Services/Locations Form 5A/5B – Approve	June/July
Budget Renewal - Approve	July/August/September (Program)– December/January (Grant)
Annual Conflict of Interest Statement	October (and during new appointments)
Program Director Annual Review	Winter
Annual QI/QA Plan – Approve	Winter
Board Chair/Vice Chair Elections	November/December

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QI/QA Report



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TO: Co-Applicant Board, San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless/Farmworker Health (HCH/FH) Program

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Raven Nash on behalf of Alejandra Alvarado, HCH/FH Clinical Services Coordinator

SUBJECT: QI/QA COMMITTEE REPORT

QI/QA Staffing

- Alejandra will return to the program in January 2026 to resume regular duties and quality improvement projects.

Clinical Quality Metrics and San Mateo Medical Center Improvement System

- The HCH/FH Program has requested for San Mateo Medical Center to formally incorporate the HCH/FH Program QI/QA clinical quality metrics into their new improvement system. The primary goal of this alignment will be to improve health care and health outcomes for homeless and farmworker patients served by SMMC and County Health.

San Mateo Medical Center Colon Cancer Screening Initiative

- SMMC will adopt Cologuard as the new primary colorectal cancer screening method. The technical integration with Epic is complete, enabling orders and results to flow seamlessly within the system. Cologuard detects blood and 10 DNA biomarkers, compared to FIT's single biomarker. Its sensitivity for cancer detection is approximately 92% versus FIT's 74%. The test is valid for 3 years, unlike the annual FIT. This is supported by a pivotal study involving 10,000 patients (NEJM, 2014).

QI/QA Board Subcommittee Meeting

- The next subcommittee meeting will occur on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 12:30pm. The meeting will take place at 455 County Center, Room 402, Redwood City, CA 94063.

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Approval of Updated Sliding
Fee Discount Program Policy

HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS/FARMWORKER HEALTH (HCH/FH) SLIDING FEE DISCOUNT PROGRAM (SFDP)

Description

The SFDP program offers patients who are experiencing homelessness (PEH) and farmworkers and their dependents whose incomes are below 200% FPL. This policy represents the Healthcare for the Homeless/Farmworker Health (HCH/FH) federal requirement to ensure that all PEH and farmworkers and their dependents can access San Mateo Medical Center services regardless of ability to pay.

Scope of Services

The SFDP program will provide a discounted rate for all outpatient services (excluding emergency services) provided by San Mateo Medical Center. A schedule of discounts will be adjusted annually to align with the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and will be reviewed and approved annually by the HCH/FH Board. The discounted rate is \$0 for patients with household incomes at or below 100% FPL, and ranges between \$20-30 for patients whose household incomes are between 101-200% FPL.

San Mateo County Health Care for the Homeless Farmworker Health (HCH/FH) Program (HRSA 330 Program/FQHC)

Sliding Fee Discount Schedule 2025

Monthly Income Thresholds by Family Size for Sliding Fee Discount Policy

Poverty Level*	0-100%	101-138%	139-175%	176-200%	>200%
Family Size					
1	\$1,304	\$1,800	\$2,282	\$2,608	\$2,609
2	\$1,763	\$2,432	\$3,084	\$3,525	\$3,526
3	\$2,221	\$3,065	\$3,886	\$4,442	\$4,443
4	\$2,679	\$3,697	\$4,689	\$5,358	\$5,359
5	\$3,138	\$4,330	\$5,491	\$6,275	\$6,276
6	\$3,596	\$4,962	\$6,293	\$7,192	\$7,193
7	\$4,054	\$5,595	\$7,095	\$8,108	\$8,109
8	\$4,513	\$6,227	\$7,897	\$9,025	\$9,026
For each additional person add:	\$458	\$633	\$802	\$917	\$917
Patient Cost	No Charge	\$20	\$25	\$30	No sliding fee discount**

* Based on 2025 HHS Poverty Guidelines ([Poverty Guidelines | ASPE](#))

** Reduced payments may be available through other state or locally funded discount programs

Eligibility Criteria

The SFDP program offers a discount to SMMC patients experiencing homelessness and farmworkers and their dependents who can demonstrate that their household income is at or below 200% FPL.

If proof of income is not available, homeless and farmworker patients may verbally self-attest to their income.

The SFDP program is a last resort program, and clients should only be enrolled if they refuse or are ineligible to participate in Medi-Cal or a SMMC Financial Assistance program.