



**Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency
Health Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes/ December 9, 2024**

Place:	Tulare County Government Plaza – RMA Main Conference Room	Start Time:	1:00 p.m.
	5957 S. Mooney Blvd, Visalia, CA 93277	End Time:	2:30 p.m.
Committee Members Present:	Supervisor Amy Shuklian, Dr. Ana Coll, Candace Hilvers, Lali Witrago, Nilsa Gonzalez, Ryan Gates, and Dr. Thomas Overton, Alexandra Yates, Cynthia Bartlett, and Melissa Mertz		
Committee Members Absent:	Marie Macedo, Frank Ardon, Christina Rodriguez		
Guests/Staff Present:	Karen Elliott, Staci Chastain, Lisanne Herrera, Sharon Minnick, Jessica Gocke, Luis Cortez, Cecilia Herrera, Gabriel Diaz-Carrera Nesreen Gusbi, Mila Orth, Jennifer Madrigal, Laura Villar, Dr. Muhammed Khan, Linda Borges-Furtado and Lauren Day, Dr. Patrick Matian		
AGENDA ITEM		SCHEDULED ACTIONS RECOMMENDATIONS	PERSON (S) RESPONSIBLE
I. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order by Chair Shuklian at 1:08 p.m.		CHAIR
II. Introductions	Round table introduction with members present.		ALL
III. Public Comment	No public comments.		
IV. Action Items			CHAIR
a. Approve Minutes from October 14, 2024	Cynthia Bartlett motioned her approval, which Candance Hilvers seconded.		
V. Reports / Discussion Items			
a. Adventist Health Mobile Care in the Central Valley	<p>The overall mission for AH is to focus on cultivating health and community power, aiming to improve healthcare access for underserved populations in the Central Valley.</p> <p>Adventist Health (AH) offers training programs that aim to educate doctors of the future. Available Training programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tulare Family Medicine • Tulare Internal Medicine • Hanford Family Medicine 		<p>Dr. Muhammad Khan</p> <p>Dr. Matian</p> <p>Linda Borges-Furtado</p> <p>Lauren Day</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hanford/Sonora RTT Family Medicine <p>Future Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bakersfield Internal Medicine 2025• Bakersfield Family Medicine 2026• Delano Family Medicine 2026• Tehachapi Family Medicine 2026 <p>Residency Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs: Include family and internal medicine residencies across Tulare, Hanford, Sonora, and Bakersfield. Some of the achievements include the inaugural class of the Tulare Family Medicine Residency graduated in 2024, with most graduates remaining in the Central Valley to serve local communities. <p>Some of the community needs and challenges include high rates of poverty and significant reliance on Medi-Cal and Medicare (over 60% of payer sources in Tulare/Kings counties).</p> <p>The health outcomes in the central valley are very poor. Concerns highlighted in the 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment included financial stability, access to care, and transportation. 76% of the community indicated financial stability as the main concern.</p> <p>Mobile Care Clinic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• This allows AH to bring healthcare directly to the underserved populations in the Central Valley, regardless of insurance status.• Some services include routine medical care, point-of-care testing, and vaccinations. They also provide referrals and connect them with specialists when needed. (Further details, see Presentation). <p>Patient success stories were shared via the presentation from AH. (See Presentation).</p> <p>Future Goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand access and quality of care		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Additional services like street medicine and medication-assisted treatment (MAT).• Mobile Dental Unit. <p>AH has partnered with schools, shelters, and other community organizations, such as Salt & Light. AH goes to locations that include homeless encampments, schools, senior centers throughout Tulare, Kings, and Fresno counties. AH has connected with the CA Farmworker Foundation and provided services to farmworkers as well. AH typically provides services during the day. AH has no bill/charge for these services. It is funded by Adventist Health. Any further information on connecting/requesting the Mobile Care Clinic can be found on the Adventist Health website.</p> <p>Dr. Coll suggested that Adventist Health connects with UCSF.</p>		
VI. Member Announcements	No member announcements.		ALL
VII. Agenda items for the next meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H5N1: Overview & Updates		Public Health Environmental Health
VIII. Adjournment and Next Meeting	<p>The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 p.m.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on February 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., in the RMA Main Conference Room - 5957 South Mooney Boulevard, Visalia, CA 93277.</p>		
Minutes Prepared By:	Mila Orth, Department Secretary, HHSA/Public Health Lisanne Herrera, Administrative Aide, HHSA/Public Health		