

MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 21, 2024
CENTRAL HEALTH
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

On Wednesday, February 21, 2024, a meeting of the Central Health Budget and Finance Committee convened in open session at 4:35 p.m. in person at the Central Health Administrative Offices and remotely by toll-free videoconference. Clerk for the meeting was Briana Yanes.

Committee members present in person: Chair Museitif, Manager Martin, Manager Motwani, and Manager Valadez

Board members present in person: Manager Brinson, Manager Kitchen, Manager Jones, and Manager Zamora (arrived at 4:49 p.m.)

COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. **Approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Budget and Finance Committee meeting.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 4:39 p.m.

Manager Brinson moved that the Committee approve the minutes of the January 17, 2024 Budget and Finance Committee meeting.

Manager Kitchen seconded the motion.

Chairperson Museitif	For
Manager Martin	For
Manager Motwani	For
Manager Valadez	For
Manager Brinson	For
Manager Valadez	For
Manager Jones	For

2. **Receive a presentation on the preliminary December 2023 financial statements for Central Health.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 4:39 p.m. Mr. Jeff Knodel, Chief Financial Officer, and Patti Bethke, Controller, presented the December 2023 financial statements. The presentation included year-to-date highlights, a look at the balance sheet and sources & uses. Lastly, Mr. Knodel shared a healthcare delivery summary and a look at healthcare delivery specialty care purchased services.

3. **Receive and discuss the quarterly financial and operational reports for CommUnityCare Health Centers and Sendero Health Plans.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 4:53 p.m.

Mr. Jaeson Fournier, CommUnityCare President & CEO, and Ms. Tara Trower, CommUnityCare Chief Strategy Officer, presented a CommUnityCare quarter one report. The presentation began with a look at their patients served. Next, they shared some data on their Medicaid campaign text messaging and a look at their year-to-date financial performance. Lastly, they shared that the Austin American Statesman recognized CommUnityCare as a top workplace in the last quarter.

The Sendero report was discussed in Executive Session.

At 5:42 p.m. Chairperson Museitif announced that the Committee was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 3 under Texas Government Code §551.085 Governing Board of Certain Providers of Health Care Services.

At 6:04 p.m. the Committee returned to open session.

4. Receive an update and take appropriate action on contractual issues and the status of the Central Health Third Party Administrator for patient claims processing.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:04 p.m. Mr. Jeff Knodel, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Jonathan Morgan, Chief Operating Officer; and Ms. Sharon Alvis, Sendero President & CEO, presented on the planned Central Health Third Party Administrator for patient claims processing. Staff requested approval from the Central Health Board of Managers for implementation of an internal claims system for both Central Health and Sendero in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000. Staff explained that a termination notice was received from both Central Health and Sendero's current Third Party Claims Administrator and that the best option for moving forward would be to implement an Internal Claims Administrator function. Lastly, they shared some risks and a financial summary.

Manager Kitchen moved that the Committee recommend that the Board of Managers approve funding in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000 to implement an internal claims administration system for Central Health and Sendero.

Manager Valadez seconded the motion.

Chairperson Museitif	For
Manager Martin	For
Manager Motwani	For
Manager Valadez	For
Manager Brinson	For
Manager Valadez	For
Manager Jones	For
Manager Zamora	For

5. Confirm the next Budget and Finance Committee meeting date, time, and location.

Manager Motwani moved that the Committee adjourn.

Manager Valadez seconded the motion.

Chairperson Museitif	For
Manager Martin	For
Manager Motwani	For
Manager Valadez	For
Manager Brinson	For
Manager Valadez	For
Manager Jones	For
Manager Zamora	For

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

ATTESTED TO BY:



Maram Museitif, Chairperson
Central Health Budget and Finance Committee



Manuel Martin, Secretary
Central Health Board of Managers