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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

5:00 PM

2311 Loveridge Rd.

Los Medanos Room

Pittsburg, CA 94565

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Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Roll Call and Introductions

This was approved.

Present Emily Gerber, Arlene Kobata, Lloyd Mason, Dennisha Marsh, and Saima Shah

Absent Sefanit Mekuria

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

No public comment.

3. APPROVE Committee Chair and Co Chair for 2026

Dennisha Marsh was nominated as Chair of the Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee (LMHAC). Lloyd (Lee) Mason was nominated as Co-Chair.

A motion was made by Marsh, seconded by Kobata, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Marsh

Second: Kobata

4. RECEIVE and APPROVE Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee Schedule for 2026

A motion was made by Mason, seconded by Kobata, that this item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Motion: Mason

Second: Kobata

5. RECEIVE Annual Brown Act Information and Meeting Attendance Information

Attachments: [2026-01-05 Teleconference and Accommodations Memo](#)
[Brown Act \(Januay 2026\)](#)

This Discussion Item was received.

6. RECEIVE Los Medanos Health Advisory workgroup plan

Attachments: [DRAFT Govnc & Membership Workgroup Charter](#)
[DRAFT Grant Admin Workgroup Charter](#)
[DRAFT Planning Workgroup Charter](#)

Erica McWhorter, LMHA Consultant, recommended the LMHA committee to self-selected into their respective work groups. The work groups include: Governance; Planning; and Grants Administration Process. Below are the LMHA members self-assigned selections:

- i. **Governance & Membership:*** Ensures that LMHAC's governing procedures are relevant, effective, and followed, and supports the full body's lifecycle of membership. **(Emily Gerber, Saima Shah, Dennisha Marsh)**
- i. **Administration:*** Supports with planning, implementation, and evaluation of the LMHAC's annual grant competition, ensuring

all grant administration aligns with the body's adopted Grant Plan priorities. **(Lloyd Mason, Dennisha Marsh, Arlene Kobata)**

- ii. Planning:* Provide focused planning, oversight, and recommendations to the full LMHAC regarding the body's operational improvements and strategic transition. **(Arlene Kobata, Sefanit Mekuria)**

Each work group has its own draft charter and will be approved at their first meeting. They were drafted broadly so each work group can identify and set their own priorities. Work groups will meet monthly and are established until the end of 2026.

This Discussion Item was received.

7. RECEIVE copy of 2026-27 Los Medanos Budget Draft

Attachments: [Copy of FY26-27 Los Medanos Budget Draft.DM.2.5.26](#)

Staff was requested to follow up on the increase percentage of the reserves above 5%.

This Discussion Item was received.

8. RECEIVE Staff Report on the 2026-27 grant cycle

Staff report was presented to the committee. Staff clarified that contract terms have been inconsistent in the past, and the current contracts for 2025-2027 will ensure standardizing of the terms start and end dates. Fiscal reporting will continue to follow the fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th). Contractors will have the opportunity to indicate in their reporting if no grant dollars have been spent down for any project activity.

This Discussion Item was received.

9. CONSIDER Special 1 year RFP cycle for 2027

The LMHAC requested staff to explore an additional grant cycle at the end of 2026. Staff responded that Supervisor Scales Preston is considering a single-year cycle for agencies that did not receive funding cycle for 2026-2027. However, the LMHAC would need to create a proposal for this single-year cycle and submit it to the LMHOC for their review and approval. The individual grant amount has been recommended for up to \$50,000 per agency. LMHAC will discuss the single-year cycle during the Grants Administration work group and return to LMHAC without a recommendation.

This Discussion Item was forwarded without recommendation.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 PM.

This was approved.

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