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## Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

5:00 PM

Los Medanos Conference Room  
2311 Loveridge Rd. Pittsburg, CA 94565  
ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82859010573>

**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

- Present** Dionne Adams, Emily Gerber, Lloyd Mason, Dennisha Marsh, and Saima Shah
- Absent** Sefanit Mekuria
- Late** Arlene Kobata

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

George Amiri, a psychiatric patient, advocates for more training for peace officers and first responders on handling 72-hour involuntary psychiatric detentions. Amiri shares his personal experience of being unjustly detained in 2006 and the long-term impact on his mental health. Amiri calls for stronger policies and higher burdens of proof for first responders, and increased de-escalation training.

**This was approved.**

3. RECEIVE AND APPROVE LMHAC 2.2.2026 Meeting Minutes [26-1388](#)

**Attachments:** [LMHAC Meeting Minutes\\_2-02-26](#)

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

**Motion: Marsh**

**Second: Mason**

4. INTRODUCE Dionne Adams, Mayor of Pittsburg [26-1389](#)

**Committee member Adams was not present. Item continued to next meeting.**

5. RECEIVE Staff Report regarding Los Medanos Health Area Working Groups [26-1390](#)

Erica McWhorter, consultant for the Los Medanos Health Advisory Committee (LMHAC), highlighted a transition towards structured grant administration starting in May 2026. The upcoming work group meetings will focus on establishing clear health priority areas, managing standing grants, and facilitating interim funding to support community organizations. Erica McWhorter underscored the value of learning from other departments and regional programs to identify best practices. While programs like the Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund also serve these areas, they differ in structure, often operating on a cost-reimbursement basis and having broader geographic eligibility.

**This Item was received.**

**6. RECEIVE Staff Report- 2025-2027 LMHA Grant Administration Update [26-1391](#)**

Denise Milosevich, LMHA Program Manager, provided an update on the 2025-2027 LMHA Grant Status, with 16 contracts executed and a remaining 13 contracts in the final stretches of review or awaiting signatures. Denise noted that there are a few award adjustments with (2) LMHA awarded contractors. La Concordia Wellness Center officially declined their grant award at this time and the Cypress Resilience Project has accepted the opportunity to modify their original scope of work and budget to better fit with their organizational needs. Denise noted that the 4-6 month lead time for contract execution is a significant factor for contractors to begin their program work and she is seeking process improvements and coordination with county leadership to ensure future cycles are more agile.

Diana Aleman, LMHA Program Coordinator is working on developing a LMHA newsletter for all contractors to act as a central hub for sharing updates, success stories, and upcoming LMHA program and fiscal deadlines. Diana also intends to share an ongoing Community Spotlight email to all 25-27 LMHA contractors to share and highlight their upcoming community events. As an example, Diana mentioned the upcoming Family Harvest Farm's annual plant sale, a key event for local gardeners and food security advocates, as well as new community program opportunities hosted by organization such as Ujima and Monument Impact. In addition to the Community Spotlight upcoming events, Diana will also be sharing information related to funding opportunities, such as the upcoming Keller Canyon Mitigation Fund bidders conference to all 25-27 LMHA contractors.

**This Item was received.**

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 12, 2026 at 5PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

**This was approved.**

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