



## MINUTES

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD July 16, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.**

The Governing Board Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday, July 16, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in the MHSA Administrative Office located at 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

**CALL TO ORDER** Board Member Lantz called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** Roll call was taken by JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos.

#### GOVERNING BOARD

**PRESENT:** Lorraine Canales, City of Pomona, Board Member  
Carolyn Cockrell, City of La Verne, Board Member  
Sandra Grajeda, City of Claremont, Board Member  
Paula Lantz, City of Pomona, Board Member  
Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, City of Pomona, Board Member (arrived at 5:20 p.m.)  
Jaime Earl, City of Claremont, Alternate Board Member  
Meshal “Kash” Kashifalgita, City of La Verne, Alternate Board Member

**ABSENT:** Jed Leano, City of Claremont, Chair  
Wendy Lau, City of La Verne, Vice-Chair

#### STAFF

**PRESENT:** Ontson Placide, Executive Director  
Steven Flower, General Counsel  
Diana Acosta, Chief Financial Officer  
Elizabeth Renteria, Chief Clinical Officer  
Dana Barford, Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services  
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Chief Compliance Officer  
Seeyam Teimoori, Medical Director  
Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

General Counsel Flower advised the need to appoint an Ad Hoc Chair for the duration of the meeting due to and Chair Leano and Vice-Chair Lau’s Absence.

There being no discussion, Alternate Board Member Earl moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded to appoint Board Member Lantz as Ad Hoc Chair for the July 26, 2025, Governing Board Regular Meeting. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members Earl and Kashifalgita; Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole, Vice-Chair Lau and Chair Leano.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Board Member Lantz opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

There being no further comment, Board Member Grajeda moved, and Board Member Canales seconded to approve the Consent Calendar Items No. 1 – 9. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members Earl and Kashifalgita; Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole, Vice-Chair Lau and Chair Leano.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18, 2025 GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING**

Recommendation: “A motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board Regular Meeting of June 18, 2025.”

**2. ONTSON PLACIDE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

**3. DIANA ACOSTA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT**

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

**4. LIZ RENTERIA, CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT**

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

**5. SEEYAM TEIMOORI, MEDICAL DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT**

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

**6. DANA BARFORD, DIRECTOR OF MHSA AND ETHNIC SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT**

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

**7. NATALIE MAJORS-STEWART, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT**

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

**8. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 798 ESTABLISHING THE AUTHORITY'S DRUG MEDICAL FEE PAYMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR BOTH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS) ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (AOD) CERTIFICATION AND THE SAPC (SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL) CONTRACT WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 2025**

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 798 establishing the Drug Medi-Cal Fee Payment Policy and Procedure to obtain AOD Certification from the DHCS and the SAPC Contract with the LAC Dept. of Public Health, effective July 16, 2025.”

**9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 799 APPROVING AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT FOR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM WITH THE TRUSTEES OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY (CSU) ON BEHALF OF CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREAFTER**

Recommendation: “Staff recommends that the Governing Board adopt Resolution No. 799 approving the Affiliation Agreement with the Trustees of the CSU on behalf of CSUF and authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Agreement, and any amendments thereafter.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 800 ADOPTING A REVISED MASTER CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE REFLECTING A 2% COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA), HEALTHCARE WORKER MINIMUM WAGE COMPLIANCE UNDER SB NO. 525, AND CLINICAL COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**

Human Resources Director Torregano presented a revised salary schedule to the board. The update included a 2% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), a \$1 base salary increase to \$24.00 an hour as required by State Law, and classification and compensation adjustments within the clinical series. These changes were based on recent salary data and aimed to align compensation with current market benchmarks.

Board Member Lantz opened the meeting for public comment; and there was none.

There being no further discussion, Alternate Board Member Kashifalgita moved, and Board Member Canales seconded, to approve Resolution No. 800 adopting the revised Authority's Master Classification and Salary Schedule reflecting a 2% COLA, HCW Minimum Wage Compliance under SB No. 525; and Salary Range adjustments for the Clinical classification series, effective July 1, 2025. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members Earl and Kashifalgita; Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, and Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole, Vice-Chair Lau, and Chair Leano.

**14. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 804 AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF \$5,790,000 FROM ITS CAPITAL FACILITIES AND TECHNOLOGICAL NEEDS (CFTN) PLAN FUNDS FOR PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY ENHANCEMENTS**

Item No. 14 was pulled out of order.

Chief Financial Officer Acosta presented updates on technology upgrades, including a list of items and descriptions that had been documented in her report. She also informed the board about the

opportunity to purchase a building to house staff and stated the proposal had been posted for a 30-day public comment period beginning on June 12, 2025, and no comments were received during that time.

Board Member Canales inquired about the source of funding for the new facility. Chief Financial Officer Acosta clarified that the funds would come from MHSA allocations, specifically from a block of funds set aside for a 10-year expenditure window. Although the funds were only 2–3 years into the block, she emphasized the importance of utilizing them. Executive Director Placide added that if not spent, the funds would revert.

Board Member Lantz expressed concern about the potential expenditure of up to \$4 million, stating discomfort with that amount and suggesting that housing needs were more pressing than administrative infrastructure. Chief Financial Officer Acosta responded that CFTN funds were designated specifically for buildings and could not be used for housing. Executive Director Placide reinforced that CFTN dollars were strictly for infrastructure and not for services or housing, which were supported by a separate funding stream. Board Member Lantz questioned whether the funds could be redirected toward infrastructure other than buildings, to which Executive Director Placide replied that the funds would revert if unused and result in less funding received in the future.

Board Member Canales asked whether the building under consideration was located in Claremont. Board Member Lantz clarified that the current discussion was about fund allocation and not tied to a specific property. Chief Financial Officer Acosta clarified the item was not to purchase a specific building but to allocate funds to purchase a building. General Counsel Flower confirmed that the proposal was subject to board approval. Board Member Canales asked whether the need for a new building was longstanding, and Chief Financial Officer Acosta affirmed that it was, noting that the current facility had been outgrown. Board Member Grajeda added that purchasing a building would be more cost-effective than continuing to lease.

Executive Director Placide noted the discussion was scheduled to be discussed further in Closed Session.

Board Member Lantz opened the meeting for public comment; and there was none.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Grajeda moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded, to approve Resolution No. 804 authorizing the Executive Director to utilize \$5,790,000 from the Authority's CFTN Plan Funds for property acquisition and technology enhancements. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members Earl and Kashifalgita; Board Members Canales, Cockrell, and Grajeda. NOES: Board Member Lantz. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole, Vice-Chair Lau and Chair Leano.

**11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 801 AWARDED THE AGREEMENT FOR LAPTOP FLEET REFRESH SERVICES TO INTELLI-TECH IN THE AMOUNT OF \$302,985,00; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT**

IT Systems Administrator & Security Officer Cesario explained all vendors had submitted their warranty and service proposals as part of their overall submissions. One of the lower-priced options included a more involved process for laptop repair and servicing. This option required scheduling time with the HP manufacturer and designating on-site space for an HP technician to

perform repairs, which would also require staff to be available to coordinate and attend to the technician.

He explained in contrast, the proposal from Intellitec offered a more streamlined approach. Their service included picking up the machines, transporting them to their authorized service center for repairs, and returning them once completed. While both options were largely comparable in terms of deliverables, the HP option introduced additional overhead for the IT team in managing warranty repairs.

Board Member Lantz opened the meeting for public comment; and there was none.

There being no further discussion, Alternate Board Member Kashifalgita moved, and Board Member Canales seconded to approve Resolution No. 801 authorizing the Executive Director to enter into an Agreement with Intelli-Tech for Laptop Fleet Refresh services in the amount of \$302,985,00, effective July 16, 2025. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members Earl and Kashifalgita; Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, and Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole, Vice-Chair Lau, and Chair Leano.

**12. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 802 APPROVING THE THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH CAPSTONE SOLUTIONS CONSULTING GROUP, LLC FOR COMPLETION OF THE DRUG MEDI-CAL CERTIFICATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES (DHCS), AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT**

Chief Clinical Officer Renteria stated TCMHA was close to a completed Drug-Medical Certification application and would be submitting within the next two weeks. She explained after completion, revisions and corrections would take place.

Board Member Lantz opened the meeting for public comment; and there was none.

There being no further discussion, Alternate Board Member Earl moved, and Board Member Cockrell seconded to approve Resolution No. 802 approving the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Capstone Solutions Consulting Group, LLC; and authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Amendment. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members Earl and Kashifalgita; Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, and Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole, Vice-Chair Lau and Chair Leano.

**13. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 803 APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CARE, INC. FOR SUICIDE POSTVENTION: SUPPORTING SCHOOLS, WORKPLACES, AND COMMUNITIES AFTER SUDDEN, UNEXPECTED LOSS TRAINING SERVICES, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AMENDMENT**

Chief Clinical Officer Renteria reported the first round of training was completed and had a positive reception. She stated the goal was to open to training to community partners, schools, and law enforcement.

At 5:20 p.m., Board Member Ontiveros-Cole arrived at the meeting.

Board Member Cockrell stated she was able to attend one of the trainings and found it beneficial.

Board Member Lantz opened the meeting for public comment; and there was none.

There being no further discussion, Board Member Cockrell moved, and Board Member Grajeda seconded to approve Resolution No. 803 approving the First Amendment to the Agreement with Riverside Community Care, Inc. for suicide postvention services, and authorizing the Executive Director to execute said Amendment. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members Earl and Kashifalgita; Board Members Canales, Cockrell, Grajeda, and Lantz. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Board Member Ontiveros-Cole. ABSENT: Vice-Chair Lau and Chair Leano.

### **GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS**

Board Member Lantz welcomed Alternate Board Member Kashifalgita to the meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no comment.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:21 p.m., the Governing Board recessed to a Closed Session pursuant to: 1) Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation, significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2), one case; 2) Conference With Real Property Negotiators, (Government Code § 54956.8), for property located at 431 West Baseline Road, Claremont, CA 91711, Agency Negotiators: Ontson Placide, Diana Acosta, Negotiating Party: The Renken Company, Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment; and 3) Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9) Patricia Kears v. Tri-City Mental Health Authority, et al., LA Superior Ct. Case No. 21PSCV00953.

### **RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

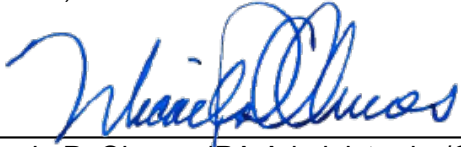
At 6:06 p.m. the Governing Board reconvened to an Open Session.

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

General Counsel Flower announced that as to Item Nos. 1 and 2 there are no reportable actions; and that regarding Item No. 3, the Board unanimously approved a settlement agreement in the litigation matter of Patricia Kears vs. Tri-City Mental Health Authority. The agreement, signed by Ms. Kears, included Tri-City agreed to pay Ms. Kears a total of \$275,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and litigation costs. In return, Ms. Kears was to provide a full release of all potential legal claims—both known and unknown—against Tri-City and her employment with the agency; and she also was to submit her irrevocable resignation, effective immediately. Tri-City committed to issuing the settlement payment within 21 days of the agreement date, and both parties agreed to bear their own legal fees and costs associated with the litigation. Upon receipt of the settlement payment, a dismissal with prejudice of the lawsuit was to be filed with the Los Angeles Superior Court.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:08 p.m., on consensus of the Governing Board its Regular Meeting of July 16, 2025, was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, September 17, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



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Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrador/Clerk