

**Petaluma Health Foundation Board of Directors
Minutes of the April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting**

1) Call to Order

President Elece Hempel called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. President Hempel read PHF's mission into the record.

To support the health of the greater Petaluma community, adhering to the strategic priorities defined by the Petaluma Health Care District.

a) Roll Call

California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-21 on September 20, 2021, relating to the convening of public meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order, Board members will attend the meeting via Zoom.

The Board Clerk called the roll. The following Board members were present, constituting a quorum:

Directors Ambrosi, Dufour, Hempel, Nelson, and Tobias.

Also present via Zoom:

Staff:

Ramona Faith, CEO

Tucker Pinochi, Board Clerk

Andrew Koblick, Controller

Benjamin Spierings, Community Health Program Manager

Guests:

Jen Klose, Esq; Executive Director at Generation Housing

b) Call for Conflict

Director Hempel called for conflicts of interest pertaining to the items listed on the agenda. There were none.

2) Consent Calendar

a) Approval of April 20, 2022 PHF Board Agenda

b) Approval of March 16, 2022 PHF Board Minutes

c) Resolution #5-22: Gov. Code §54952(B) Authorizing Teleconference Meetings

Director Ambrosi made a motion, seconded by Director Dufour, to approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

Vote: Ambrosi: Y Dufour: Y Hempel: Y Nelson: Y Tobias: Y. The motion was approved unanimously (5-0).

3) Public Comments (non-agenda items)

There were no public comments.

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4) Generation Housing – Housing is Health Presentation

a) Sponsorship opportunity

President Hempel introduced Jen Klose, Executive Director of Generation Housing (GH hereafter). Jen thanked the Board for inviting her to speak, and briefly expounded on Elece's introduction. Jen shared that GH sprang from local housing data that followed the 2017 fires in Sonoma County. The destruction and displacement caused by the fires shined a light on the housing supply problems in Sonoma County. Jen identified a lack of political will as the primary barrier to increased production of housing. She said that the salience of housing as a determinant of health outcomes became clear to her after participating in a meeting about disaster recovery following the fires – every discussion came back to housing. She shared data outlining the relevant trends since the 2008 Recession; including building permits per year, the ratio of low-wage jobs to affordable housing units, and percentage of cost-burdened households. Decreasing supply due to less construction and job and population growth contributed to a higher-than-average percentage of cost-burdened households in Sonoma County relative to the rest of the state.

Moving on to discuss the second order impacts of high housing prices, Ms. Klose shared survey data reflecting the health costs of paying high prices for housing. Housing-insecure respondents reported delaying visits to the doctor and poorer health overall than those with secure housing. What's more, when housing isn't affordable, multiple families have to share space that is too small for them. Multiple families in a unit creates second order consequences for physical and mental health. These are exemplified by the COVID-19 crisis, as close quarters prevented proper isolation from sick family members. This was a primary driver of COVID-19 transmission among Sonoma County Latinos, who are ten times more likely to live in an overcrowded home. Jen outlined the other overlaps between housing policy and other areas; namely the positive impact on education policy, environmental policy, economic development policy, and disaster preparedness.

She ended the presentation with a target for housing construction: There is a current 38,000 deficit of housing units, which is expected to grow to 58,000 in the next decade. Ms. Klose asserts that changes to local zoning laws can help get the county moving in the right direction. She subsequently laid out how GH's work would contribute to those changes, describing its work on project advocacy, policy advocacy and development, and financing solutions to promote new housing construction.

Ms. Klose's presentation ended with a sponsorship request to the PHF Board. The Board was unable to vote before the meeting was adjourned.

5) Blue Zones Activate Petaluma

The Board was unable to address this agenda item before the meeting was adjourned.

6) Plus / Delta

7) Adjourn

Director Hempel adjourned the meeting of the Petaluma Health Foundation Board of Directors at 6:00 pm.

Recorded and submitted by Tucker Pinochi, Board Clerk.
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