

## Minutes

**Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council Meeting  
Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Pavilion  
2609 East Roosevelt Street, Phoenix, AZ 85008  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Classroom 1  
October 16, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Scott Jacobson, Chairman  
Earl Arbuckle, Treasurer – *participated remotely*  
Nelly Clotter-Woods, Member  
Chris Hooper, Member – *participated remotely*  
William O’Neill, Member – *participated remotely*  
Essen Otu, Member – *participated remotely*  
Wayne Tormala, Member – *participated remotely*

**Members Absent:** Eileen Sullivan, Vice Chairman  
Salina Imam, Member  
Norma Muñoz, Member  
Jane Wilson, Member

**Non-Voting Member Absent:** Mary Rose Garrido Wilcox, District Board

**Others/Guest Presenters:** Michelle Barker, DHSc, Chief Executive Officer of the Federally Qualified Health Centers  
Melanie Talbot, Chief Governance Officer; and Clerk of the Board– *participated remotely*  
Ijana Harris, JD, General Counsel – *participated remotely*

**Recorded by:** Denise Tapia, Deputy Clerk of the Board

### **Call to Order:**

Chairman Jacobson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

### **Roll Call**

Ms. Tapia called roll. Following roll call, she noted that six of the eleven voting members of the Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council were present, which represented a quorum. Dr. Clotter-Woods arrived after roll call.

For the benefit of all participants, Ms. Tapia announced the Governing Council members participating remotely.

### **Call to the Public**

Chairman Jacobson called for public comment. There were no comments.

**NOTE:** Dr. Clotter-Woods arrived at 5:36 p.m.

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**General Session, Presentation, Discussion and Action:**

1. Discuss, Review and Approve the Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, Organizational Chart for the Federally Qualified Health Centers

Dr. Barker review changes in the organizational chart.

Mr. Arbuckle asked for clarification on who reported to Christie Blanda, Senior Director of the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).

Dr. Barker noted all FQHC clinic managers and the dental service manager reported to Ms. Blanda.

**MOTION:** Dr. Clotter-Woods moved to approve the Maricopa County Special Health Care District dba Valleywise Health, organizational chart for the Federally Qualified Health Centers. Mr. Hooper seconded.

**VOTE:** 7 Ayes: Chairman Jacobson, Mr. Arbuckle, Dr. Clotter-Woods, Mr. Hooper, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Otu, Mr. Tormala  
0 Nays  
4 Absent: Vice Chairman Sullivan, Ms. Imam, Ms. Muñoz, Ms. Wilson  
**Motion passed.**

2. Discuss, Review, and Approve a Service Area Competition (SAC) application to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for funding opportunity #HRSA-25-015

Dr. Barker stated it was the second renewal for the Service Area Competition (SAC) grant. The grant was provided by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to help fund the FQHCs.

The grant application included all medical services, integrated behavioral health services, dental, and family resources centers. The total award amount would be \$1.1 million per year if awarded.

**MOTION:** Mr. Otu moved to approve the Service Area Competition application to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for funding opportunity #HRSA-25-015. Dr. Clotter-Woods seconded.

**VOTE:** 7 Ayes: Chairman Jacobson, Mr. Arbuckle, Dr. Clotter-Woods, Mr. Hooper, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Otu, Mr. Tormala  
0 Nays  
4 Absent: Vice Chairman Sullivan, Ms. Imam, Ms. Muñoz, Ms. Wilson  
**Motion passed.**

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**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Dr. Clotter-Woods moved to adjourn the October 16, 2024, Valleywise Community Health Centers Governing Council Meeting. Mr. Hooper seconded.

**VOTE:** 7 Ayes: Chairman Jacobson, Mr. Arbuckle, Dr. Clotter-Woods, Mr. Hooper, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Otu, Mr. Tormala  
0 Nays  
4 Absent: Vice Chairman Sullivan, Ms. Imam, Ms. Muñoz, Ms. Wilson  
**Motion passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



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Denise Tapia  
Deputy Clerk of the Board