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HOSPITAL EQUITY MEASURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HEMAC)

AGENDA

April 8, 2026, Meeting
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. (PDT)

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Location:

Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) Headquarters,
2020 West El Camino Ave, Conference Room 1237, Sacramento, CA 95833

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9:00 a.m. Item #1: Welcome and Meeting Minutes – Welcome and review of hybrid meeting ground rules and procedures. Review and vote to approve September 3, 2025, meeting minutes.

Presenters: Ash Amarnath, MD, Chair, Chief Medical Officer, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems; Elia Gallardo, JD, Chief Equity Officer, HCAI (or designee)

9:10 a.m. Item #2: September 3, 2025, Meeting Recap – Review of September meeting and goals for today's discussion items.

Presenter: Elia Gallardo, JD, Chief Equity Officer, HCAI (or designee)

9:20 a.m. Item #3: Chief Data Officer Updates – Presentation on division policy and program activities of interest.

Presenter: Michael Valle, MPA, Chief Data Officer, HCAI (or designee)

9:30 a.m. Item #4: Initial Review of the 2025 Hospital Equity Measures Reporting Data – Presentation providing a high-level review of data reporting themes across hospital submissions.

Presenters: Christopher Krawczyk, PhD, Chief Analytics Officer, HCAI; Ying Yang, M.S., Research Scientist Supervisor I, HCAI (or designee)

10:15 a.m. Item #5: Review of the Equity Report Evaluation Framework – Presentation outlining a methodology for equity report evaluation and summary of preliminary results, delivered by Hospital Quality Measures subject matter experts.

Presenters: Bruce Spurlock, MD, President & CEO, Convergence Health Consulting; Natalie Graves, Director Research & Implementation, Convergence Health Consulting (or designees)

11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 a.m. Item #6 Key Insights from the First Year of the Program Implementation Process and Next Steps – Presentation and discussion on reporting program implementation and proposed regulation amendments.

Presenters: Christopher Krawczyk, PhD, Chief Analytics Officer, HCAI; Shannon Conroy, PhD, MPH, Research Scientist Supervisor II; Elizabeth Ballart, JD, Attorney IV, HCAI; and Michael Valle, MPA, Chief Data Officer, HCAI (or designees)

11:50 a.m. Item #7: Committee Wrap Up – Closing discussion including recap of items covered and action items for the next advisory committee meeting.

Facilitator: Ash Amarnath, MD, Chair, Chief Medical Officer, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (or designee)

12:00 p.m. Item #8: Public Comment

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12:10 p.m. Item #9: Adjournment

Facilitator: Ash Amarnath, MD, Chair, Chief Medical Officer, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (or designee)

Committee
Members:

Amy Adome, MD, MPH, Senior Vice President of Clinical Effectiveness, Sharp Healthcare

Joan Allen, Governmental Relations Advocate, Service Employees International Union

Ash Amarnath, MD, MS, Chief Medical Officer, California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems, HEMAC Chair

Dannie Ceseña, MPH, Director, California LGBTQ Services Network

Denny Chan, JD, Directing Attorney, Justice in Aging

Neil Maizlish, PhD, MPH, Senior Data Advisor, Public Health Alliance of Southern California

Cary Sanders, MPP, Senior Policy Director, California Pan-Ethnic Health Network

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