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HOSPITAL EQUITY MEASURES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (HEMAC) AGENDA

September 3, 2025, 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 June 17, 2025, meeting minutes.

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

9:10 a.m. Item #2: June 17, 2025, Meeting Recap – Review of June meeting and goals for today's discussion items.

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

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

Presenter: Michael Valle, MPA, Deputy Director and Chief Information Officer, HCAI (or designee)

9:35 a.m. Item #4: Hospital Equity Measures Program Updates – An update of the equity report submission process, extension request process and reporting resources.

Presenter: Alma Lopez, Manager, Hospital Disclosures and Compliance Unit, HCAI (or designee)

- 9:50 a.m. Item #5: Presentation on HCAI Providing Quality Assurance and Quality Control around Data De-Identification Guidelines (DDG) validation– Technical assistance strategies to support DDG compliance in equity reporting.

Presenter: Zachary Gersten, PhD, Research Scientist II, HCAI (or designee)

- 10:50 a.m. Break

- 11:05 a.m. Item #6: HCAI Updates on Hospital Utilization of Reporting Resources – A presentation on hospital utilization of external analytic reporting resources including an overview of the Hospital Quality Improvement Platform.

Presenter: Chris Krawczyk, PhD, Chief Analytics Officer, HCAI (or designee)

- 11:25 a.m. Item #7: California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) Updates on Hospital Utilization of Reporting Resources – A presentation on hospital utilization of external analytic reporting resources; CMQCC maternal measures resources.

Presenter: Tamar Boyadjian, MPH, Program Manager Lead, CMQCC Maternal Data Center (MDC) (or designee)

- 12:00 p.m. Item #8: Committee Wrap Up – Closing discussion including recap of items covered and action items for the next advisory committee meeting.

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

- 12:15 p.m. Item #9: Public Comment

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

- 12:30 p.m. Item #10: Adjournment

Chair: Ash Amarnath, MD, 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

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