



# California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA)

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Providing low-cost financial assistance to public hospitals and private, nonprofit health care providers in California

## CHFFA News

### Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program (IMHWGP) Update:

CHFFA's newest grant program, the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program, is taking shape. Members of the board and staff convened four public forums (West Sacramento, Oakland, Santa Ana and Fresno) and also held a webinar to discuss grant program concepts and to hear public comments and concerns. In addition, the Authority has held two public board meetings to discuss program development and to entertain public comment. Emergency regulations for the program will be presented to the board at its October 31 meeting for discussion and approval. Once approved by the board, staff will work with the Office of Administrative Law to formalize the proposed emergency regulations. Once the emergency regulations have been approved, the new grant program will be open for business. Notices will be posted on the Authority's website concerning upcoming application deadlines and possible application information sessions. To sign up for automatic notifications, please visit our [website](#).

### California Health Access Model Program (CHAMP) Update:

CHFFA has received eleven grant applications for the demonstration project phase of the California Health Access Model Program (CHAMP). Staff is reviewing the grant applications, and from them, one or more demonstration projects will be chosen to receive grant funding up to a combined total of \$1.5 million. CHAMP's purpose is to support innovative methods of delivering cost-effective and quality health care services, including preventive services to individuals where they live or congregate. If a demonstration project results in measurable improvements, a second phase of CHAMP will support organizations that want to replicate the model in other communities. Projects invited to apply include demonstrations of innovative dental care, primary care where mental health services are provided, and health care coordination. A list of organizations invited to apply is available at [www.treasurer.ca.gov/chffa/champ/index.asp](http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/chffa/champ/index.asp).

### CHFFA Team Updates:

We congratulate and welcome Michael Cohen, the new Director of Finance, as a new member of CHFFA's nine-member board. We also welcome Mr. Cohen's delegate, Eraina Ortega, who will be attending future CHFFA board meetings. Finally, we would like to welcome Joan Regeleski, a retired annuitant, who is assisting us in developing the emergency regulations for the Investment in Mental Health Wellness Grant Program and Angelica Hernandez, our new Office Technician.

### CHFFA Board Members



**Bill Lockyer**  
State Treasurer  
and Chair



**John Chiang**  
State Controller



**Michael Cohen**  
Director of  
Finance



**Judith Frank**



**Jay Hansen**



**Ann Madden  
Rice**



**Oscar Sablan,  
M.D.**



**Jack Buckhorn**



**Samuel Qiu**

## Featured CHFFA Board Member

### Dr. Oscar Sablan

*Dr. Oscar Sablan has been a CHFFA board member for a little over eight years. He holds his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Hawaii, John A. Bums School of Medicine and a Bachelors of Arts degree in Biology from Saint Louis University. Dr. Sablan owned and operated with his wife, Dr. Marcia Sablan, the Sablan Medical Clinic for 30 years in Firebaugh, a rural city of approximately 7,500 residents in Fresno County. Recently, it was acquired by Valley Health Team. He serves on the board of Firebaugh Las Deltas Unified School District, a passion of his, and his wife is the mayor of the city of Firebaugh. They are both very involved in their community, and around Christmas time, the Sablans along with the Rotary club and members of the community host a party for their whole community. In addition to providing medical services himself, through his position as a CHFFA board member, Dr. Sablan gets a better understanding on how healthcare is financed throughout the state. He enjoys seeing the different types of healthcare facilities, their different needs, and how they operate around the state. He is the oldest of 13 from Saipan, a U.S. commonwealth island in the western Pacific Ocean. He enjoys playing golf, fishing, and traveling. He frequently travels to Mexico and Europe with his wife. He really loves spending quality time with his four children and eight grandchildren, and presently has one more grandchild to love and enjoy on the way.*

## CHFFA Recent Financings

Casa Colina, Inc. ("CCI") was recently approved by the board for \$30 million in tax exempt bonds to be used for the purpose of refunding all of the outstanding CHFFA Series 2001 Bonds that were used to finance and/or refinance the construction, renovation, expansion and equipping of certain portions of its health care and related facilities. CCI estimates a net present value savings of approximately \$2 million over the life of the bonds. *Michael Tang and Bianca Smith*

Eggleston Youth Centers, Inc. ("Eggleston") was recently approved by the board for a HELP II loan in the amount of \$1 million to be used to purchase three residential homes. The homes are to be used as group homes for foster youth to replace existing homes being leased by Eggleston, and they will accommodate a total of approximately 13 bedrooms. This transaction will result in an estimated cash flow savings of approximately \$104,000 annually. *Michael Tang*

Shingletown Medical Center ("Shingletown") was recently approved by the board for a HELP II loan in the amount of \$250,000 to be used to purchase equipment and to finance various repairs and renovations of an existing facility owned and operated by Shingletown. *Brock Lewis*

## Health Care News Summary

*Prepared by Bianca Smith*

September 26, 2013

Sierra Health Foundation dedicates \$3 million to beef up region's community clinics

The Sacramento Bee *Cynthia H. Craft*

The Sierra Health Foundation announced it will give \$1.5 million to five regional community clinic networks to expand their capacity. Officials expect the overflow from emergency rooms to shift over to the community clinics, which must follow federal guidelines for quality care, accept Medi-Cal patients and welcome the uninsured. By January, an estimated 227,000 newly eligible Medi-Cal enrollees will be looking for places to get health care as the Affordable Care Act goes into effect. Expanding the community clinics will go a long way toward making sure the region's safety net is not overwhelmed, foundation officials said. Another \$1.5 million will go toward supporting public education, community engagement and a continuing public policy partnership involving the four major hospital systems in Sacramento Dignity Health, Sutter Health, Kaiser Permanente and UC Davis Medical Center.

## IMHWGP Public Forum with Treasurer Bill Lockyer



## Stem Cell News Summary

*Prepared by Brock Lewis*

October 3, 2013

Stem cells help repair traumatic brain injury by building a 'biobridge'

Medical Press—*University of South Florida*

University of South Florida researchers have suggested a new view of how stem cells may help repair the brain following trauma. In a series of preclinical experiments, they report that transplanted cells appear to build a "biobridge" that links an uninjured brain site where new neural stem cells are born with the damaged region of the brain. The transplanted stem cells serve as migratory cues for the brain's own neurogenic cells, guiding the newly formed host cells towards the injured brain tissue.

## Featured CHFFA Employee

**Brock Lewis**

*Brock Lewis has been a Treasury Program Analyst with CHFFA for about six months. He holds two B.S degrees, one in Marketing and one in Kinesiology. He also has an MBA degree with an emphasis in Finance. Brock was previously a part of the State Treasurer's Office for about a year and a half as an intern for the Investments Division. He worked with the credit manager to monitor the creditworthiness of investment instruments. Through his work at CHFFA, Brock is proud of the fact that he does something worthy for the community, which also happens to be within his area of interest. He is involved in charity events through his Crossfit gym where he helps raise money and awareness for worthy causes. Brock likes all types of sports, and is willing to try almost any activity. He plays in a local dodgeball league and a hockey league, and he has taken windsurfing and paddleboarding lessons in the past two summers. Next up is a SCUBA class. He also enjoys traveling; his most recent trip was to Canada to visit family. Brock was born and raised in Sacramento where most of his family resides, but he spent four years living in Los Angeles to see how the other half of the state lives.*

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