

County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District Five
Supervisor Liz Kniss



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DATE: June 9, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: 
Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District 5

SUBJECT: Report of the Health & Hospital Committee

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report from Health and Hospital Committee relating to meeting of May 20, 2009. (Kniss)

Possible action:

- a. Approve medical credentials, amendments to the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Medical Staff Bylaws (committee agenda item 6 a and b), and various policies and procedures (committee agenda item 10).
- b. Approve reduction in the number of appointees to the Santa Clara County Health Advisory Commission from 11 to 15, and maintain the current Commission standing committee structure.
- c. Approve the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Work Plans from the Health Advisory Commission and the HIV Health Services Planning Council.
- d. Adopt resolution delegating authority to the SCVHHS Chief Executive Officer, or designee, to execute agreements and subsequent amendments with Advanced Clinical Employment Staffing, LLC, Cross Country TravCorps, Inc. dba Cross Country Staffing, HealthSource Global Staffing, Inc., HRN Services, Inc., Maxim Healthcare Services, Inc. dba TravelMax, and Medical Staffing Network, Inc. dba InteliStaf Travel relating to the provision of travel nurse staffing at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, and Children's Shelter and Custody Health Services in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million per fiscal year for period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on June 30, 2011. (Roll Call Vote)

e. Accept Committee agenda Items 4 and 11-16 as Board information only.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Pending Board items were reviewed by the Committee with the following requests and clarifications made.

1. When the Mental Health Department brings to the Board a request for delegation of authority for Agreements with Hospitals for Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalizations, a maximum financial cap must be included in the transmittal.
2. Supervisor Kniss requested information on the number of hours that dental services will be available to VHC Sunnyvale in totality, prior to the El Camino Hospital funds and with the El Camino Hospital funds.
3. Regarding the topic, consider recommendations relating to a Downtown San Jose Clinic and Measure A Bond Funds, both Supervisors clarified the process as providing a report back to HHC on August 19 and to the Board following that date.
4. The contracts for Travel Nurses was discussed and based on data showing use and trends over the past several years both Supervisors agreed their recommendation to the Board is for a two-year delegation of authority at \$1.5 million per year, maximum of \$3 million over the period of delegation. A 5 year delegation is not appropriate at this time.

Based on the request from the Health Advisory Commission (HAC), both Committee members agreed to a reduction in the number of HAC appointees from 15 to 11. Regarding consideration of deleting the HAC Emergency Medical Services Committee and in its place establishing an Emergency Services Committee that would report directly to the Board of Supervisors, the Committee agreed this is not something they think should take place at this time. They refer to a broader review and discussion that is taking place related to all Board and Commissions that began during the recent FY10 Board Workshops. Regarding the proposed change to HAC Standing Committees, Supervisor Kniss suggests using an approach of "age group" and then a broad policy category to restructure, and states they might continue to have a Maternal Child Health Committee, add an Adult/Older Adult Committee, and a Health Policy, Planning and Access Committee. The HAC is asked to consider this suggestion and return to the HHC for any further action related.

The Committee recommends approval of the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Annual Work Plan from the HIV Health Services Planning Council. The Committee recommends approval of a modified Fiscal Year 2009 -2010 Annual Work Plan for the Health Advisory Commission in that any reference to the EMS Committee being separated from the HAC or references in conflict with agenda item 7 as discussed above are not approved.

The Committee accepted verbal information from Departments relating to the Fiscal Year 2010 CEO recommended budget for the Santa Clara Valley Health and Hospital System, and received public testimony.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board will inform the Health Advisory Commission of the Boards decision and work with them accordingly to enact any changes.

ATTACHMENTS

- 5/20/09 HHC Agenda
- Supp Info 1 - Medical Staff Credentials
- Supp Info 2 - Medical Staff Bylaw amendments
- Supp Info 3 - Policies and Procedures
- Supp Info 4 - Health Advisory Commission and HIV Health Services Planning Council Work Plans