

**Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission
(VCMMCC) dba Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP)
Special Commission Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2012**

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a number of issues relating to the recent resignation of the Plan's CEO and Legal Counsel.

Notice of said meeting was duly given in the time and manner prescribed by law. Affidavit of compliance is on file in the Clerk of the Board's Office.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Dial called the Special Meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in Suite 200 at the Ventura County Public Health Building located at 2240 E. Gonzales Road, Oxnard, CA 93036.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

COMMISSION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Araujo, MD, Ventura County Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program
Maylee Berry, Medi-Cal Beneficiary Advocate
Anil Chawla, MD, Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.
Lanyard Dial, MD, Ventura County Medical Association
Laurie Eberst, RN, Private Hospitals / Healthcare System
John Fankhauser, MD, Ventura County Medical Center Executive Committee
Robert Gonzalez, MD, Ventura County Health Care Agency
Rick Jarvis, Private Hospitals / Healthcare System
Roberto S. Juarez, Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.
Kathy Long, Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Catherine Rodriguez, Ventura County Medical Health System

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Charlie Cho, MD, Chief Medical Officer
Sonia DeMarta, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Traci R. McGinley, Clerk of the Board
Andre Galvan, Member Services Director
Steven Lalich, Communications Director

Language Interpreting and Translating services provided by GCHP from Lourdes González Campbell of Lourdes González Campbell and Associates.

PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE

Lezli Stroh introduced herself as a staff member of the Plan, she expressed the need for the Plan to have a strong leader and asked the Commission to appoint a regular Interim CEO and give them the authority to fix mistakes.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION GC § 54957 – CEO & EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE

The Commission adjourned to Room 280 for Closed Session at 4:27 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:55 p.m. Chair Dial reported that the Commission did not appoint an Interim CEO, but have assigned the task to a Special Committee consisting of Commissioners Gonzalez, Juarez and Rodriguez. He also noted that Commissioners Eberst and Jarvis left the meeting prior to reconvening at open session.

Commissioner Long moved to ratify appointment of Commissioners Gonzalez, Juarez and Rodriguez to a Special Committee to review, interview and appoint an Interim CEO. Commissioner Chawla seconded. The motion carried. **Approved 9-0.**

1. ROLES AND AUTHORITY OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Juarez noted that Commissioners have been guilty of not following the County Ordinance that created the Commission or our Bylaws and acting individually.

Discussion was held regarding Commission and CEO roles and responsibilities.

Commissioner Long moved that the Executive Finance Committee review rules and regulations; as well as the Bylaws regarding Commission Roles and responsibilities and the CEO Authority and bring back to the Commission for review and approval. Commissioner Araujo seconded. **Approved 9-0.**

2. COHS LEGAL REPRESENTATION

Chair Dial announced that the Commissioners received a resignation letter from Legal Counsel Tin Kin Lee. Action will need to be taken to secure legal representation.

There was Commission consensus that this be on the next meeting's agenda.

3. CANCELLATION OF CLINICAS DEL CAMINO REAL, INC AND ACS MEETING

Commissioner Juarez stated that Clinicas has spent over \$150,000 working on a contract with the Plan. Again the roles and responsibilities of the Commission and Staff were discussed. Commissioner Juarez noted that it has negatively affected his business. He expressed that Clinicas has acted in good faith and others have not.

4. **PERSONNEL ISSUES RELATED TO THE VACANCIES IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

Commissioner Juarez noted that having an Executive position is critical. He added that he heard that some of the Plan's leadership made racist comments regarding Clinicas. Racial comments are not acceptable and there will be an investigation. Commissioner Juarez stated that he hoped that the comments were not made.

Commissioner Gonzalez moved that the "Special Committee" have the added responsibility of seeking leadership alternatives inside and outside; as well as legal representation and that the matters be brought back to the Commission. Commissioner Long seconded. **Approved 9-0.**

5. **CEO AUTHORITY**

This Agenda Item was discussed and handled with Agenda Item 1, *Roles and Authority of Commission Members*.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Long noted that the Plan provides care and access to services for members and none of us should lose sight of that.

Commissioner Juarez stressed the commitment of the Commission in keeping the Plan staff employed to continue to provide services. Most of the Commissioners have competing interests, but must work as a team and put this aside. We take responsibility and are committed to making this work.


Commissioner Gonzalez added that the Commission has tremendous responsibility and staff does as well. He added that he believes this can be repaired; patients and providers are the top priorities. We need to fix the problems and get providers paid. We have dedicated staff that works hard.

Commissioner Gonzalez added that everyone will have to commit to additional meetings and the frequency of meetings will go up.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



Traci R. McGinley, MMC, Clerk of the Board