



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.
45

For the meeting of: June 5, 2018

Date: May 23, 2018
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Connie Beck, Director, Department of Health and Human Services *CB*
Subject: Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission Appointment

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors appoint Cheyenne Spetzler to represent Humboldt County on the Partnership HealthPlan of California Board of Commissioners.

SOURCE OF FUNDING: Federal and State Medi-Cal dollars

DISCUSSION: As part of the 2012/13 state budget, the State of California authorized expansion of Medi-Cal managed care into twenty-eight rural counties, including Humboldt. On May 14, 2013, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 2501 (Attachment 1) authorizing the County of Humboldt to join the Partnership HealthPlan of California, a regional County Organized Health System (COHS) model of Medi-Cal managed care. The COHS model has been shown to be an effective Medi-Cal managed care model for improving patient health care outcomes for Medi-Cal recipients, with a focus on prevention and primary care, and allows for local representation in its governance structure.

Humboldt County is allocated three representatives on the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission (Commission), based on the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in the HealthPlan. Ordinance 2501 enacting Title V, Division 9, Chapter 1 of the County Code, Section 591-3 states that: "The members appointed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors shall serve at the pleasure of the board and shall be selected as follows: (1) One member shall be the Director of Health and Human Services or Director's designee. (2) Additional members will be nominated by local health care providers that serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The Director of Health and Human Services will receive and evaluate nominations

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CAO Approval *[Signature]*

REVIEW: Auditor _____ County Counsel _____ Personnel _____ Risk Manager _____ Other _____

TYPE OF ITEM:
 Consent
 Departmental
 Public Hearing
 Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor *Wilson* Seconded by Supervisor *Bass*
Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson*
Nays _____
Abstain _____
Absent _____

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. H-2

Meeting of: April 23, 2013

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: 6/5/18
By: *[Signature]*
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors”.

This item requests that the Board appoint Cheyenne Spetzler to represent Humboldt County on the Commission (Attachment 2). Ms. Spetzler is the Chief Executive Officer of Open Door Community Health Centers and has previously served as Chief Operations Officer and Program Director over the last 40 years. Open Door Community Health Centers operates twelve community clinics in Humboldt County and is the area’s largest safety net provider, serving more than 60,000 patients each year.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no additional financial impact to the County General Fund associated with the recommendation before your board. This action supports the board’s strategic framework by protecting vulnerable populations and creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Partnership HealthPlan, clinics, hospitals and other Medi-Cal health care providers.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: The board could elect not to appoint the recommended candidate, to solicit further applications or to appoint another individual.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Ordinance No. 2501

Attachment 2: Nomination form, Cheyenne Spetzler

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DIVISION 9

PARTNERSHIP HEALTHPLAN OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSION

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CHAPTER 1

591-1. INTENT.

Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission ("commission") is a multi-county commission that has created a managed health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients. The purpose of this chapter is to authorize the County of Humboldt to join the existing commission. This will allow the implementation of a county organized health system in Humboldt County as authorized by Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

The commission has a proven record of improving health care access to its members, who are Medi-Cal recipients, and improving Medi-Cal reimbursement rates to health care providers. The commission links each member with a primary care provider and has been successful in reducing inappropriate use of emergency rooms, providing appropriate levels of inpatient care for its members, developing innovative case management programs and arranging for the provision of an enhanced level of local health care services. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

The commission will negotiate an exclusive contract with the California Department of Health Care Services authorizing the expansion of the Partnership HealthPlan of California into Humboldt County. This expansion is expected to occur on or about June 1, 2013. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

591-2. AUTHORIZATION TO JOIN COMMISSION.

Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the County of Humboldt to join the commission. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

591-3. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMISSION.

Commission representation shall be based on the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in the HealthPlan in each county as follows: one commissioner per zero to ten thousand beneficiaries; two commissioners per ten thousand to twenty-five thousand beneficiaries; three commissioners per twenty-five thousand to forty thousand beneficiaries; and four commissioners per more than forty thousand beneficiaries. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

The members appointed by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors shall serve at the pleasure of the board and shall be selected as follows: (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

(1) One member shall be the Director of Health and Human Services or Director's designee. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

(2) Additional members will be nominated by local health care providers that serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

The Director of Health and Human Services will receive and evaluate nominations and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

591-4. TERM OF OFFICE.

The term for the commissioners shall be for four-year periods. Nothing herein shall prohibit a person from serving more than one term. Each commission member shall remain in office at the conclusion of that member's term until a successor member has been selected and installed into office. An office shall become vacant if a board member discontinues to function in the area from which appointed, or fails to attend three meetings in a row of the commission. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

591-5. POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMISSION.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14087.54 of the Welfare and Institutions Code as it exists on the date of adoption of this ordinance, the commission shall: (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

A. Have the power to negotiate the exclusive contract with the California State Department of Health Care Services as specified in Section 14087.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and to arrange for the provision of health care services provided under Chapter 7, Part 3, Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code; (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

B. Be considered an entity separate from the county of Humboldt; (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

C. File the statement required by Section 53051 of the Government Code; (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

D. Have the power to acquire, possess, and dispose of real or personal property, as may be necessary for the performance of its functions, to employ personnel and contract for services required to meet its obligations, and to sue or be sued; and (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

E. Have all the rights, powers, duties, privileges, and immunities conferred by Article 2.8 of Chapter 7, Part 3, Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code in addition to those previously specified in this section. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

591-6. OBLIGATIONS OF COMMISSION.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14087.54(d) of the Welfare and Institutions Code as it exists on the date of adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter, any obligations of the commission, statutory, contractual, or otherwise, shall be the obligations solely of the commission and shall not be the obligations of the County of Humboldt. The commission shall do business as the Partnership HealthPlan of California. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

591-7. COMMITTEES.

The commission may establish advisory committees from time to time for any purpose that will be beneficial in accomplishing the work of the commission. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

591-8. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

The commission shall continue to represent Humboldt County until such time as the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors terminates the representation. To terminate the representation, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors or its designee shall provide ninety-day notice to other participating counties and the State Department of Health Care Services, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code § 14087.54(g). (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

591-9. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and every section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase be declared unconstitutional or invalid. (Ord. 2501, § 1, 05/14/2013)

Partnership HealthPlan of California Board of Commissioners Nomination Form

NAME: Cheyenne Spetzler

AFFILIATION: Open Door Community Health Centers, Inc.

NOMINATED BY: Tim Rine, North Coast Clinics Network

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Arcata, Ca 95521

QUALIFICATIONS: Cheyenne Spetzler is the Chief Executive Officer of Open Door Community Health Centers, Inc and she has served as the Chief Operations Officer and Program Director in her capacity with the organization over the last 40 years. In her current position, Ms. Spetzler provides the leadership, guidance and vision for fourteen community health centers sites encompassing 2 counties and serving over 60,000 patients. Ms. Spetzler has extensive experience within the healthcare industry and she serves on several advisory boards and agencies caring for the underserved and she is a longtime advocate for rural communities. Ms. Spetzler is regarded as a leading expert in rural health and safety-net delivery systems and she has been instrumental in the design and operations of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) across the state.

I strongly believe that Cheyenne Spetzler has the expertise, critical thinking skill set, and enthusiasm to thoughtfully represent Humboldt County and its residents on the Partnership HealthPlan of California's Board of Commissioners. Her experience in working with isolated rural communities and her in-depth knowledge of the Medicaid program make her an ideal candidate for the position. I am nominating Ms. Spetzler without reservation to the Humboldt County DHHS as a potential candidate for the PHC commission.

Respectfully,
Tim Rine
Executive Director,
North Coast Clinics Network