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Department: Health Services			<input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Not Required	
Contact: Rita Scardaci	Phone: (707) 565-4700	Board Date: 9/22/2009	Deadline for Board Action: 9/22/2009	
<p>AGENDA SHORT TITLE: County Organized Health System – Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission Appointments.</p> <p>REQUESTED BOARD ACTION: Resolution appointing seven members to the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission.</p>				
<p>CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT - None.</p>				
<p>Explanation (if required): None.</p>				
<p>Prior Board Action: 9/1/09 – Approved Ordinance adding Chapter 34 of the Sonoma County Code to join an existing multi-county commission entitled Partnership HealthPlan for the arrangement of provision of health care services 8/25/09 – Resolution introducing, reading title of, and waiving further reading of proposed Ordinance.</p>				
<p>Alternatives – Results of Non-Approval: Lost opportunity to appoint Sonoma County representation to the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission.</p>				

Background:

On September 1, 2009, the Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance authorizing the County to join the existing commission referred to as Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC). Three existing PHC counties (Napa, Solano and Yolo counties) are amending their current ordinances to include Sonoma County. The powers and duties of the commission include:

1. Authority to negotiate the exclusive contract with the California 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.
2. Authority to function separate from the County of Sonoma with all the rights, powers, duties, privileges and immunities conferred by the Welfare and Institutions Code referenced above.
3. Authority to acquire, possess, and dispose of real or personal property, as may be necessary for the performance of administrative functions, to employ personnel and contract for services required to meet its obligations, and to sue or be sued.

The Commission operates separate from county government with the authority and responsibility to arrange for the provision of health services to Medi-Cal enrollees in the four designated counties.

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, and the boards of the other participating counties, are responsible for appointing members to the Commission. Each county appoints two Commissioners plus one Commissioner for every 10,000 MediCal members in its county. This formula provides Sonoma County with seven out of a total twenty-two members to serve on the Commission. The ordinance sets forth the criteria for selection of members. The term of office for each member is four years, however, three of the initial appointees will have two year terms so that succession is staggered.

Appointment of Members to the Commission

1. One member shall be a physician identified by the Sonoma County Medical Association (Physician Representative).
2. One member shall be a Community Clinic representative identified by the Redwood Community Health Coalition (Clinic Representative).
3. One member shall be a representative from a Sonoma County hospital identified by the hospitals in Sonoma County (Hospital Representative).
4. One member shall represent Medi-Cal consumers and be identified by the Sonoma County Human Services Department (Consumer Representative).
5. One member shall be either a member of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors or an officer or employee of the County of Sonoma identified by the Department of Health Services (County Official).
6. Two members from the community (Public Representatives).

The process for nominating members to the Commission included soliciting interest from members of the Medi-Cal Managed Care Planning Group, receiving nominations from stakeholders, and providing appropriate public notice. The Department of Health Services took the following criteria into consideration regarding the Public Representatives:

- a. Geography
- b. Knowledge of the healthcare needs of children, the aged, and disabled
- c. Business experience
- d. Political experience
- e. Finance experience

The Department recommends the following representatives be appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as members of the Commission:

Representative	Individual recommended	Term
Physician Representative	Dr. Kirk Pappas, past President of Sonoma County Medical Association and physician executive with Kaiser Hospital, Santa Rosa	Four years
Community Clinic Representative	Jack Neureuter, Chief Executive Officer, Alliance Medical Center, Healdsburg	Four years
Hospital Representative	Mich Riccioni, Chief Financial Officer, St. Joseph Health System, Santa Rosa	Four years
County Official	Rita Scardaci, Director, Department of Health Services, County of Sonoma	Four years
Consumer Representative	Kim Seamans, Human Services Section Manager, County of Sonoma	Consumer Representative
Public Member	Damon Doss, Executive Director, Petaluma Health Care District	Two years
Public Member	Richard Fogg, Retired Business Executive, Board member, Sonoma Valley Hospital	Two years

Next Steps

The Department of Health Services and appointees to the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission will participate in an orientation in the next several weeks and join the existing PHC Board at the next scheduled meeting on December 2, 2009. The Department will provide periodic updates to the Board of Supervisors.

Attachments: Resolution appointing seven members to the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission; Summary of Ordinance 5849 adding Chapter 34 of the Sonoma County Code.

On File With Clerk: None.

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Board Action (If other than "Requested")	Vote: