

Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (VCMMCC)
dba Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP)
Executive / Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2010

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Lanyard Dial, MD, Physician, Ventura County Medical Association
Rick Jarvis, Private Hospitals / Healthcare System
Roberto S. Juarez, CEO, Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.
Michael Powers, Director, Ventura County Health Care Agency
Catherine Rodriguez, Ventura County Medical Health System

STAFF EX OFFICIO COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Earl Greenia, Chair, CEO

ABSENT: **Darlane Johnsen**, Vice Chair, Interim CFO was excused.

ADDITIONAL STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Traci R. McGinley, Interim Clerk of the Board
Bob Beltrans, Interim Chief Medical Officer
Candice Limousin, Interim Human Resources Director

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Terrie Stanley, Health Care Agency Deputy Director
Narcisa Egan, Assistant Health Care Agency CFO

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Chair Greenia called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Ventura County Public Health Building located at 2240 E. Gonzales Road, Suite 200, Oxnard, CA 93036.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the October 25, 2010 Executive / Finance Committee Meeting were presented for review and approval.

Committee Member Powers moved to approve the minutes as presented. Member Juarez seconded the motion, but expressed his concern about the Roll Call appearing that Terrie Stanley and Narcia Egan as Committee Members. Motion carried with Member Dial and Jarvis recusing themselves. **Approved 3-0**

The Minutes of the November 10, 2010 Executive / Finance Committee Meeting were presented for review and approval.

Committee Member Dial moved to approve the minutes as presented. Member Powers expressed that the first paragraph of Committee Member Comments, Page 4, should read that "...GCHP would be disadvantaged..." not "...GCHP is being punished..." Member Jarvis noted that on Page 2 he should be listed as a Member on the CFO Interview Panel. Member Powers seconded and the motion carried as amended. **Approved 5-0.**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT / CORRESPONDENCE

Michael Lurie, CMHS, explained that Auto Assignment was discussed in June and he thought it was settled. CMHS wants all of their facilities in Auto Assignment, not just the rural ones. He stated that the Centers are traditional Medi-Cal providers.

4. CEO UPDATE

Chair Greenia introduced new interim, Project Specialist, Andre Galvan. He then updated the Committee regarding other recruitment for open staff positions.

He advised the Committee that scheduling the panels for the CMO and CFO interviews has been challenging.

Staff continues outreach and had the State visit. Staff spoke with the State and they have agreed to re-run the rate calculations using May 1 as provisional start-date.

Staff is further exploring dental. State said there is waiting list of other counties. If they re-open the process it will take 24 months. If we are interested it will take work, the application would require county support and possible legislation.

Chair Greenia explained to the Committee that the "go live" date of April 1st is too soon and requested support for May 1st. Discussion was held with regard to the State's position on the go-live date change, to which Chair Greenia indicated that they would support that date.

Discussion was held regarding when the funds from the State are anticipated, to which Chair Greenia explained that the State said they could provide money with go live date. Further discussion was held with regard the funds. Chair Greenia stated we will exhaust our ACS credit line in April or May.

Even though the cash flow report shows we will run out of money in March, RGS could temporarily bridge payroll expenses.

Chair Greenia added that when this was discussed with his counterparts, they enforced that once we give the State a date they will do everything in their power to make it work.

No Committee Action was required.

5. FINANCIAL UPDATE

Chair Greenia explained that April shows a significant difference, March includes tenant improvements and additional staffing. He also noted that printing is a notable expense, as well as postage.

Discussion was held as to whether there was any flexibility with ACS and funding. Terrie Stanley explained that Tenant Improvements are the county's expense (as the landlord), COHS is only responsible for the monthly lease amount. Staff will confirm this and revise the projection as appropriate.

No Committee Action was required.

6. CEO HIRING AUTHORITY

Chair Greenia requested authority to hire regular employees.

Member Powers moved to authorize the CEO to have hiring and salary authority with the exception of the CFO and CMO positions, which would require Commission approval and participation in the interview and selection process. Member Dial seconded. **Approved 5-0.**

7. CEO CONTRACT EXECUTION AUTHORITY

After discussion regarding execution authority in other area government entities, Chair Greenia withdrew his request to change the approval threshold for purchased services. Further study was requested regarding Commission involvement in provider contracting.

8. AUTO-ASSIGNMENT OF BENEFICIARIES WITHOUT PCP SELECTION

Chair Greenia stated that he was tasked with contacting his counter-parts and of the three COHSs that responded, all have an open approach to auto assignment. They all use similar, if not the same definition for Safety-Net.

Chair Greenia expressed his philosophy that if there are providers that are willing to be on the panel, because of rates we should welcome them in order to maximize member choice and access. James Ward, Clinicas, stated that he did not believe the County or Clinicas would be in favor of that unless you want to open this up to commerce.

Discussion was held regarding how the County Ordinance specifically addresses protecting the Safety Net. Not necessarily turning providers down, but still protecting the Safety-Net.

The Committee discussed reviewing each case independently, but concern was raised that if Commissioners voted on who could and could not join then it will most likely get political.

James Ward, Clinicas, asked who would administer the process, as he had been in a number of states and does not believe there is a system that could handle that.

Terrie Stanley explained that it is weighted; there are maximum numbers that can be assigned to a practitioner based on current ratio. There are limits that the plan must be able to demonstrate, there are a number of rules that go into this.

Dial moved that the policy regarding auto assignment stay as is currently defined and that an ad hoc study group be established to review the definition of "traditional provider." Member Juarez seconded. The Motion carried. **Approved 5-0.**

9. PROVIDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Member Juarez moved to accept the appointments and add an additional position to accommodate community care and hospice. Member Powers seconded, the motion carried. **Approved 5-0.**

10. HELA RESPONSE: BENEFICIARY / ADVOCATE COMMISSIONER

There was Committee consensus that this was presented well and is to be taken forward to the Commission.

11. HELA RESPONSE: EXECUTIVE RECRUITMENT PROCESS

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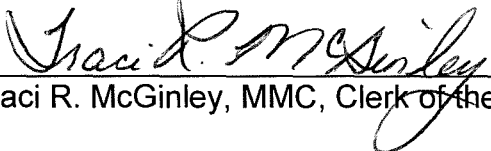
12. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Discussion was held regarding the previous filming of portions of the meetings, Chair Greenia read Government Code Section 94953.5 regarding filming during public meetings. After further discussion, Member Juarez requested the item be placed on the next Commission Meeting Agenda.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Greenia adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

APPROVED:


Traci R. McGinley, MMC, Clerk of the Board