

**Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission
(VCOMMCC) dba Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP)
Commission Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 3:02 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
May Lee Berry, Medi-Cal Beneficiary Advocate
Anil Chawla, MD, Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.
Lanyard Dial, MD, Ventura County Medical Association
Laurie Eberst, Private Hospitals / Healthcare System (arrived 3:14 p.m.)
David Glycer, Private Hospitals / Healthcare System
Robert Gonzalez, MD, Ventura County Health Care Agency
Robert S. Juarez, Clinicas del Camino Real, Inc.

EXCUSED / ABSENT COMMISSION MEMBERS

John Fankhauser, MD, Ventura County Medical Center Executive Committee
Peter Foy, Ventura County Board of Supervisors
Catherine Rodriguez, Ventura County Medical Health System

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Engelhard, CEO
Nancy Kierstyn Schreiner, Legal Counsel
Michelle Raleigh, CFO
Traci R. McGinley, Clerk of the Board
Sherry Bennett, Provider Network Manager
Guillermo Gonzalez, Government Relations Director
Charlie Cho, MD, Chief Medical Officer
Andre Galvan, Vendor Contract Manager
Lupe Gonzalez, Manager of Health Education & Disease Management
Steven Lalich, Communications Manager
Debbie Rieger, Consultant
Melissa Scrymgeour, IT Director
Lyndon Turner, Finance Manager
Cassie Undlin, Interim COO
Nancy Wharfield, MD, Medical Director Health Services

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

1. APPROVE MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting of February 25, 2013

Commissioner Glycer moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2013. Commissioner Chawla seconded. The motion carried. **Approved 7-0.**

2. APPROVAL ITEMS

a. Tatum Contract Amendment

CEO Engelhard reviewed his written report with the Commission and stressed that the work the consultants are doing is essential to continuing with the progress the Plan is making in the operations area. The Plan is heading into the fourth quarter of the fiscal year and several critical projects are approaching, including the Healthy Families Program transition to Medi-Cal, planning and implementing more than one plan-to-plan subcontract, and preparing for the implementation of Medi-Cal expansion. The COO role is a critical position and once it gets filled with a full-time employee, the consultant would be transitioned out.

Commissioner Eberst arrived.

Commissioner Juarez expressed concern and added that the decisions made by the consultant continue to negatively affect his organization.

Commissioner Dial moved to approve the Tatum contract with regard to the COO position. Commissioner Glycer seconded. **The motion carried. Approved 5-3;** with Commissioners Berry, Chawla and Juarez voting no.

Discussion was held as to the fact that the Plan has used Tatum consultants for a year. Commissioner Araujo expressed concern that they were to be used temporarily and to show the Plan where there were problems, not to be used as employees. CEO Engelhard concurred, but also explained that the Plan experienced extraordinary gaps in senior leadership that needed to be filled. Numerous high-level positions were unfilled for much of the past year, including the CEO, COO and Director of IT to name a few.

Commissioner Dial moved to approve the Tatum contract with regard to the Senior IT operations consultant for up to ninety days. Commissioner Glycer seconded. The motion carried. **Approved 5-3;** with Commissioners Berry, Chawla and Araujo voting no.

b. ACS Contract Ratification

CEO Engelhard reviewed his written report with the Commission and explained that this would extend the contract through the calendar year and may be extended if needed, though that is not the Plan's intention. ACS's medical management system will stay in operation while GCHP reviews MMS systems and implements a new system with a target date of January 1, 2014. The new rates in the contract extension will save Gold Coast Health Plan more than \$200,000 compared to rates in the current contract.

Commissioner Juarez moved to approve the ACS Contract Ratification. Commissioner Araujo seconded. The motion carried. **Approved 8-0.**

3. ACCEPT AND FILE ITEMS

a. CEO Update

CEO Engelhard reviewed his written report with the Commission. Of particular note was the discussion regarding the Healthy Families Transition and the upcoming contracting efforts, including those with Kaiser, the Ventura County Health Care Plan and certain IPAs who currently see members of the Healthy Families program in the county.

Commissioner Araujo moved to accept and file the CEO Update. Commissioner Eberst seconded. The motion carried. **Approved 8-0.**

b. January Financials

CFO Raleigh provided an overview of the financials and noted that they had been reviewed in detail by the Executive / Finance Committee on March 7, 2013.

Commissioner Araujo requested that the Total Expenditure YTD chart be changed to a graph to allow tracking of information as it changes.

Commissioner Eberst moved to accept and file the January Financials. Commissioner Araujo seconded. The motion carried. **Approved 8-0.**

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a. Tatum Work Update

CEO Engelhard briefly highlighted the Tatum work plan and accomplishments.

b. Medi-Cal Expansion / Bridge / Covered California

Government Relations Director Guillermo Gonzalez reviewed his report and noted that the basic coverage option under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) was postponed until 2015. California Legislature is reviewing a Narrow Bridge plan for those in Medi-Cal who become ineligible due to an increase in income. There are still questions and concerns, such as how managed care plans would collect premiums and how long someone may stay in a "bridge" plan.

CEO Engelhard added that the program would be to “bridge” people from Medi-Cal to the insurance exchange. He added that there may be a requirement to have a Knox Keene or a waiver in order to participate, but that many of the final rules have not been written yet, nor has the bridge plan been approved at this point.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Berry reported that she had attended the Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC) Meeting which had been extremely informative.

CLOSED SESSION

Legal Counsel Kierstyn Schreiner explained the purpose of the Closed Session items.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Commission adjourned to Closed Session at 4:55 p.m. regarding the following items:

Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Sziklai v. Gold Coast Health Plan *et al*, VCSC Case No. 56-2012-00428086-CU-WT-VTA

Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Hernandez v. Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission, VCSC Case No. 56-2012-00427535-CU-OE-VTA

Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 Lucas v. Regional Government Services *et al*, VCSC Case No 56-2013-00432444-CU-CE-VTA

Closed Session Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) (One Case)

**Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(e)
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: Chief Executive Officer**

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

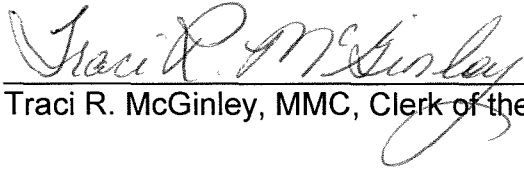
The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:44 p.m.

Legal Counsel Kierstyn Schreiner announced that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Traci R. McGinley, MMC, Clerk of the Board