



**Joint Meeting of the
Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (VCMCC)
dba Gold Coast Health Plan and the Compliance Oversight Committee**

Special Meeting

Monday January 9, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Due to the public health emergency, the Community Room at Gold Coast Health Plan is currently closed to the public.

The meeting is being held virtually pursuant to AB 361.

Members of the public can participate using the Conference Call Number below.

Conference Call Number: 1-805-324-7279

Conference ID Number: 857 408 734#

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Due to the declared state of emergency wherein social distancing measures have been imposed or recommended, this meeting is being held pursuant to AB 361.

AGENDA

CLERK ANNOUNCEMENT

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CALL TO ORDER

INTERPRETER ANNOUNCEMENT

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public has the opportunity to address Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (VCMMCC) and Committee doing business as Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP) on the agenda.

Persons wishing to address VCMMCC and Committee are limited to three (3) minutes unless the Chair of the Commission extends time for good cause shown. Comments regarding items not on the agenda must be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission and Committee.

Members of the public may call in, using the numbers above, or can submit public comments to the Commission and Committee via email by sending an email to ask@goldchp.org. If members of the public want to speak on a particular agenda item, please identify the agenda item number. Public comments submitted by email should be under 300 words.

CONSENT

1. Joint Findings of the Commission and Committee to Continue to Hold Remote Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361.

Staff: Scott Campbell, General Counsel

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Commission and Committee adopt the findings to continue to meet remotely.

2. Approval of Contract for Recruitment Services with Morgan Consulting for Chief Financial Officer.

Staff: Michael Murguia, Executive Director of Human Resources

RECOMMENDATION: Provide authorization for the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract with Morgan Consulting for recruitment of the Chief Financial Officer.

3. Contract for Additional Financial Supports for Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Transition

Staff: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests approval of the contract for additional financial supports as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Date and location of the next meeting to be determined at the January 23, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting

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In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact (805) 437-5512. Notification for accommodation must be made by the Monday prior to the meeting by 1:00 p.m. to enable the Clerk of the Commission to make reasonable arrangements for accessibility to this meeting.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

TO: Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission and Compliance Oversight Committee

FROM: Scott Campbell, General Counsel

DATE: January 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Findings to Continue to Hold Remote Teleconference/Virtual Commission and Committee Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION:

At its May 23, 2022, regular meeting, the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (“Commission”) dba as Gold Coast Health Plan (“Plan”) made findings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 to continue to meet remotely. On October 21, 2022, at the meeting of the Compliance Oversight Committee (“Committee”), which was held virtually pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, and which was now deemed a standing Committee pursuant to the Corporate Integrity Agreement, the Committee expressed the desire to continue to meet remotely. To continue this practice, it is required, that the Commission and Committee determine that the COVID-19 state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor still exists and has been considered by the Commission in deciding to continue to have teleconference meetings and that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19, and that as result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Because these findings must be made every thirty (30) days, it is time to make the findings.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Traditionally, the Brown Act allows for teleconference or virtual meetings, provided that the physical locations of the legislative body’s members joining by teleconference are posted on the agenda, that those locations are open to the public and that a quorum of the members is located within its jurisdiction. Newly enacted AB 361 provides an exception to these procedures in order to allow for fully virtual meetings during proclaimed emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since March of 2020 and the issuance of Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20, which suspended portions of the Brown Act relating to teleconferencing, the Commission and Committee have had virtual meetings without having to post the location of the legislative

body members attending virtually. Most public agencies have been holding public meetings using virtual platforms since this time. In June of 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which provided that the exceptions contained in EO N-29-20 would sunset on September 30, 2021.

On September 10, 2021, the Legislature adopted AB 361, which allows public agencies to hold fully virtual meetings under certain circumstances without the posting of the agenda from each location a legislative body member is attending. Governor Newsom signed the bill into law on September 16, 2021. Because it contained an urgency provision, it took immediate effect.

Specific Findings Required under AB 361

Under AB 361, the Commission and Committee, can hold virtual meetings without providing notice of the Commissioner's teleconference location if they make the determination that there is a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency which they will consider in their determination, and one of two secondary criteria listed below exists:

1. State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19; or
2. The Commission and Committee determine that requiring a meeting in person would present an imminent risk to the health or safety of attendees.

COVID-19 continues to present an imminent threat to the health and safety of Commission and Committee members, and its personnel, and the Governor's declaration of a COVID-19 emergency still exists. Although vaccines are now widely available, many people in the State and County are still not fully vaccinated and remain susceptible to infection. Additionally, several Commissioners and Committee members attend meetings in medical facilities or offices, and allowing members of the public to attend meetings at these posted locations when they may not be vaccinated would pose a threat to the health or safety of attendees. Further, as winter approaches, COVID-19 continues to spread through the county and world and social distancing requirements still exist. .

Re-Authorization is Required Within 30 Days

The Commission made the findings listed above for itself and Commission Committees at its October 25, 2021 and at its following meetings. The Committee met on October 21, 2022. Consistent with the provisions of Government Code Section 54953(e), the findings must be made every 30 days "after teleconferencing for the first time" under AB 361. Thus, if the Commission and Committee desire to continue to meet remotely without having to post the location of each teleconference location, the Commission and Committee must find that the

COVID-19 emergency still exists and that one of the two following findings can be made: that state or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing in connection with COVID-19, or, that a result of the COVID-19 emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

It is recommended that the Commission and Committee make these findings.

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Commission and Committee will have to follow the Brown Act provisions that existed prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

That the Commission and Committee make the findings under AB361 at their joint January 23, 2023 meetings.

ATTACHMENT:

None.



AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

TO: Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

FROM: Michael Murguia, Executive Director of Human Resources

DATE: January 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval of Contract for Recruitment Services with Morgan Consulting for Chief Financial Officer

SUMMARY:

Due to the resignation of the Chief Financial Officer, Gold Coast Health Plan (Plan) needs to initiate a recruitment for a replacement. The Plan has successfully used Morgan Consulting in the past and would like to use them for this search. Morgan Consulting is familiar with the Plan, having recently been involved in several recruitment efforts, including the Chief Executive Officer position. Morgan's fee is will be 25% of the salary for the Chief Financial Officer, which is estimated to be \$75k- \$85k dependent upon new hires salary.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a contract for the recruitment of a new Chief Financial Officer.

ATTACHMENTS:

NONE.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3

TO: Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

FROM: Nick Liguori, Chief Executive Officer

DATE: January 9, 2023

SUBJECT: Contract for Additional Financial Supports for Chief Financial Officer Transition

SUMMARY:

Gold Coast Health Plan requires comprehensive support with various strategic financial operations related to the transition to a new Chief Financial Officer (“CFO”). These supports include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. General CFO advisory services for strategies of the health plan;
2. Planning for future financial operations;
3. CFO recruitment and transition planning;
4. Financial analysis and strategies for provider contracting negotiations; and
5. Financial readiness modelling for the operational and reserve investments needed for the Dual Special Needs Plan required (by 2026) as part of Cal AIM.

Consentia Health is a leading consultancy in these areas and in all strategic, financial, and operational services for health plans. The firm is led by Michael Cornelison, who has 40+ years of leadership experience with health plans, including as CEO, CFO and COO of health plans and as CFO of United Healthcare’s national services business. Mr. Cornelison has a track record of delivering superior member and provider services and high performing health plan operations while ensuring sustained financial strength. Mr. Cornelison is currently supporting Gold Coast Health Plan through a limited Statement of Work (“SOW”) for services related to provider contracting analysis and strategies. We propose to expand the SOW to include the strategic financial operations related to the transition to a new CFO. The aggregate costs for these services (at up to \$400/hour) can be expected to exceed \$100,000 and will depend on the extent of the need for these services as determined by a review of Gold Coast Health Plan financial capabilities now underway. We will return to the Commission should actual costs for this contract appear to be on track to approach \$350,000.