



**Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (VCMMCC)
dba Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP)**

Executive/Finance Committee Meeting

Special Meeting

Friday, November 19, 2021 – 3:00 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: 805-324-7279

Conference ID Number: 388 035 280#

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

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Persons wishing to address VCMMCC 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.

Members of the public may call in, using the numbers above, or can submit public comments to the 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.

FORMAL ACTION

1. Adoption of AB 361 findings to continue virtual meetings every 30 days.

Staff: Scott Campbell, General Counsel

RECOMMENDATION: Make the Findings Outlined in the Staff Report to Continue to Hold Remote Teleconference/Virtual Executive Finance Committee Meetings Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361

2. Adoption of Schedule for 2022, including special meetings to comply with AB 361.

Staff: Scott Campbell, General Counsel

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the proposed schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Date and location of the next meeting to be determined at the November 19, 2021 meeting.

Administrative Reports relating to this agenda are available at 711 East Daily Drive, Suite #106, Camarillo, California, during normal business hours and on <http://goldcoasthealthplan.org>. Materials related to an agenda item submitted to the Committee after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public review during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Board.

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 Tuesday prior to the meeting by 3 p.m. will enable the Clerk of the Board to make reasonable arrangements for accessibility to this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1

TO: Executive Finance Committee of the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

FROM: Scott Campbell, General Counsel

DATE: November 19, 2021

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

SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION:

At its October 20, 2021, the Executive Finance Committee (“Committee”) of 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. To continue this practice, it is required, that the Committee determine that the COVID-19 state of emergency proclaimed by the Governor still exists and has been considered by the Committee 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, the Committee will have to make these findings at its upcoming December 16, 2021 meeting (which will be help immediately prior to the Commission’s Strategic Planning meeting and thirty (30) days thereafter.

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 Committee has 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 Committee, can hold virtual meetings without providing notice of the Committee legislative body member's teleconference location if the Committee makes the determination that there is a Governor-proclaimed state of emergency which the Committee 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 Committee determines 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 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. The disease can still spread rapidly through person-to-person contact and those in close proximity. Further, more contagious variants of the disease are now present in the State and County, the most predominant of which is the Delta variant. Additionally, several Committee legislative body 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.

Re-Authorization is Required Within 30 Days

The Committee made the findings listed above at its October 20, 2021 Committee meeting. 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 Committee desires to continue to meet remotely without having to post the location of each teleconference location, the Committee must again 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 Committee make these finding.

CONSEQUENCES OF NOT FOLLOWING RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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

FOLLOW UP ACTION:

That the Committee make the findings under AB 361 at its December 16, 2021 meeting

ATTACHMENT:

None.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2

TO: Executive Finance Committee of the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission

FROM: Scott Campbell, General Counsel

DATE: November 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Adoption of Schedule for 2022, including special meetings to comply with AB 361

SUMMARY:

This item will establish dates for the Executive Finance Committee (Committee) meetings for 2022. In order to comply with AB 361, the Committee has to meet every thirty days to continue to have virtual meetings without posting at each location a Commissioner will be present. This was the direction of the Committee at the October 20th meeting. The following schedule has quarterly regular meetings where financial statements will be reviewed. In addition, the June meeting to be dedicated to the budget and the October meeting focused on the audit. The other meetings will be special meetings which are expected to last 5 minutes and will consist of making the findings required by AB 361.

Regular Executive Finance Committee Meetings

Time: 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Dates: Thursday, March 24, 2022
Thursday, June 23, 2022
Wednesday, October 19, 2022

Special Executive Finance Committee Meetings

Time: 1:00 – 1:30 pm, with the exception that the January 10 meeting will immediately precede the special Commission meeting.

Dates: Monday, January 10, 2022
Thursday, February 3, 2022
Thursday, February 24, 2022
Thursday, April 21, 2022
Thursday, May 19, 2022
Thursday, June 2, 2022
Thursday, July 21, 2022
Thursday, August 18, 2022
Thursday, September 15, 2022
Thursday, October 6, 2022
Thursday, November 17, 2022
Thursday, December 15, 2022

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2022 Executive Finance Committee meeting calendar as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

Copy of 2022 Executive Finance Committee Meeting Calendar.



2022
Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care
Executive Finance Committee Meetings

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 Exec/Finance Mtg (Special)

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