Commission Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2010

Commission Members in Attendance

- **Michael Powers**, Director, Ventura County Health Care Agency
- **Lanyard Dial, MD**, Physician, Ventura County Medical Association
- **David Araujo, MD**, Director, Ventura County Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program
- **Maylee Berry**, Medi-Cal Beneficiary Advocate
- **John Fankhauser, MD**, Physician, Ventura County Medical Center Executive Committee.
- **Rick Jarvis**, Private Hospitals/Healthcare System

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- **Terrie Stanley**, Interim CEO, Ventura COHS
- **Tin Kin Lee**, Counsel
- **Dee Pupa**, Interim Assistant Clerk of the Board
- **Alison Sawyer**, Interim Clerk of the Board

 Guests

- **Jennifer Bower**, Human Resources Director, RGS-LGS
- **Candice Limousin**, Human Resource Manager, RGS-LGS

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1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
   Michael Powers | • The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m.
   • Pledge of Allegiance | |
2. Roll Call | • All Commissioners present, except for Catherine Rodriguez, Supervisor Long (excused).
   • A quorum was present | |
3. Public comment/correspondence | • Jim Hensley (League of United Latin American Citizens) encouraged the Commission to open the CEO selection process to the public, noting that this is an important job. He suggested that the Commission take time and allow the candidates to be vetted by the public. | |
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|                         | • David Cruz (Health Education League of America) urged the Commission to collaborate with the public—noting the importance of giving the community an opportunity to engage.  
• Maria Elena Cruz (Health Education League of America) encouraged the Commission to pick the best qualified individual, noting that it is important that the CEO be willing to work with the community. |              |
|                         | Mr. Powers thanked the speakers for their comments and agreed that the CEO is a vital position. He noted that the Commission is looking for someone with experience working with the Medicaid population and with the community. He emphasized that the Commission does not want to be hasty—they want to take the time to get it right. He felt that, with eighty applications, the recruitment had been a robust process.  
Mr. Juarez commented that he understood the speakers’ concern and that the Commission wanted to make sure the process is done right. He noted that seven candidates had been interviewed from the eighty applicants. Mr. Powers added that the Executive/Finance Committee had, after the seven candidate interviews, recommended four to the Commission for final interviews.  
Mr. Juarez sought clarification as to whether, if the Commission reaches a decision, an offer may be made in closed session. Counsel Lee stated that the offer could be made in closed session; however, the announcement would be made in open session. Mr. Powers noted that any contract would be brought back to a public meeting of the Commission for discussion.  
Mr. Hensley commented that he thought the interviews could be conducted in public. Mr. Powers responded that, while he understands the need for a public process, keeping such discussion in closed session is done in fairness to the candidates. Dr. Dial agreed, noting that due diligence has been done to find exceptional candidates, who would be an asset for the community. Mr. Powers emphasized that the members of the Commission are representative of community providers and beneficiaries. |              |
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<td>4. Closed Session</td>
<td>Mr. Powers announced the intent of the Commission to go into Closed Session to conduct interviews for the purpose of Public Employee Appointment or Employment (Gov. Code §54957) Title: Chief Executive Officer Commissioner Rodriguez is in attendance.</td>
<td>Interim CEO, Interim Clerks of the Board were excused. Closed Session start: 3:21 p.m. Closed Session end: 7:47 p.m. After returning to Open Session, Chairman Powers stated that no action was taken.</td>
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<td>5. Final Comments from Commissioners</td>
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<td>6. Adjourn</td>
<td>Mr. Powers adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.</td>
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Submitted by: [Signature]
Recorder