



May 14, 2024

Board of Supervisors  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, California 93009

**SUBJECT: Approval of the Appointment of Phil Buttell to the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission (Commission) for the County Organized Health System, Also Known as Gold Coast Health Plan, for the Term Ending March 15, 2028**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the appointment of Phil Buttell to the Commission, in accordance with Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 1381-2(b) of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, for the term ending March 15, 2028.

**FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACT:**

None

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 29, 2009, your Board passed, by a unanimous vote, Ordinance No. 4409 (Ordinance), which created the Commission as the governing board for the Medi-Cal managed care plan to serve beneficiaries in Ventura County. The Commission was established for the purpose of designing and operating a publicly operated managed health care delivery system whose mission is to improve the health of its members through the provision of quality care and services. Subsequently, your Board has approved the repeal and reenactment of the Ordinance, on October 6, 2015, to change the composition of the Commission, on December 10, 2019 to expand your Board's ability to appoint commissioners with relevant experience and remove the residency requirement, on January 25, 2022 to change the composition of the Commission and remove the requirement that certain members of the Commission be selected from a list with a minimum of three nominees, and again on January 10, 2023 to change the composition of the Commission and increase the number of voting members. Section 1831-2 sets forth the composition, qualifications and terms of the Commission. The Commission is empowered to negotiate and enter into exclusive contracts with the State of California Department of Health Care Services pursuant to Welfare and Institutions

Code Section 14087.5, and to arrange for the provision of health care services to Ventura County Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The contract is administered by the 11-member Commission.

**DISCUSSION:**

On April 11, 2024, an unscheduled vacancy notice was posted by the Clerk of the Board for a Private Hospital/Healthcare System Representative seat formerly held by Ronald Farr. We are recommending your Board approve the appointment of Phil Buttell to serve as a Private Hospital/Healthcare System Representative, as provided for in the Ordinance. Mr. Buttell is Chief Executive Officer of the Los Robles Health System and will serve the remainder of Mr. Farr's term ending March 15, 2028.

Per the Ordinance, no commission member may serve more than two consecutive four-year terms, and vacancies will be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term. Appointments, with the exception of those filling an unscheduled vacancy, shall be deemed to commence on March 15 of the year of the appointment.

This letter has been reviewed by County Counsel. If you have any questions regarding this item, please call me at (805) 654-2681 or Robert Bravo at (805) 662-6868.

Sincerely,



Sevet Johnson, PsyD  
County Executive Officer