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February 28, 2023

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

SUBJECT: Approval of the Appointment of Melissa Livingston to the Ventura County Medi-Cal Managed Care Commission for the County Organized Health System, Also Known as Gold Coast Health Plan, for the Term Ending March 15, 2027

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the appointment of Melissa Livingston to the Commission, in accordance with Division 1, Chapter 3, Article 6, Section 1381-2(j) of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, for the term ending March 15, 2027.

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 January 10, 2023, your Board approved repealing Ordinance No. 4593, Ventura County Organized Health System Ordinance, and reenacting the provisions of the ordinance, with modifications, including changing the composition of the Commission with the addition of two Commission members: Consumer Representative – Beneficiary, allocated to a Medi-Cal beneficiary, and HSA Representative, allocated to the County's Human Services Agency Director or designee.

At this time, we recommend the appointment of Melissa Livingston, Human Services Agency Director. Ms. Livingston would serve as the HSA Representative for a four-year term ending March 15, 2027.

The County Executive Office will return with a recommendation for the Consumer Representative – Beneficiary appointment after a posting of public notice for the open position.

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
Interim County Executive Officer