



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Submitted on:
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Department Name: County Health Department
Department No.: 041
Agenda Date: December 9, 2025
Placement: Administrative Agenda
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Director: Mouhanad Hammami, County Health
Contact: Lars Seifert, Deputy Director of Operations, County Health
SUBJECT: **Emergency Medical Care Committee Appointments**

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Appoint members to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) as follows:
 - i. Bette Jenkins, hospital representative, nominated by Marian Regional Medical Center;
 - ii. Ryan Stevens, hospital representative, nominated by Lompoc Valley Medical Center;
 - iii. Terrance McGovern emergency physician, nominated by the Hospital Association of Southern California; and
- b) Determine the above action does not constitute a project subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), as the actions are organizational or administrative activities that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes to the environment.

Summary Text:

This agenda item is to appoint new members to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) of the County of Santa Barbara, nominated by Marian Regional Medical Center, Lompoc Valley Medical Center, and the Hospital Association of Southern California. These appointments will replace previously appointed members on the EMCC who have resigned their positions prior to the end of their term of appointment. On October 10, 2023, the Board established the EMCC with the goal of

enhancing the County's Emergency Medical Services System to further serve and protect the health and safety of medical patients in the County, and these appointments will provide critical advisory capacity as acute care representatives from hospital systems.

Discussion:

By Resolution, the EMCC acts as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and the Local Emergency Medical Services Agency (LEMSA) on all matters related to emergency medical services as directed by the Board of Supervisors. County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 23-217 (adopted October 10, 2023) established the membership and nomination process for EMCC members. Pursuant thereto, committee nominations for Board appointment include, among other organizations, one member nominated by each hospital system: Cottage Health, Dignity Health, and the Lompoc Valley Health Care District, as well as an emergency physician position to be nominated by the Hospital Association of Southern California.

Background:

On October 10, 2023, your Board passed Resolution 23-217 establishing the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) with the goal of enhancing the County's Emergency Medical Services System to further serve and protect the health and safety of pre-hospital medical patients in the County. By Resolution, the EMCC serves as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors and the Santa Barbara County Local Emergency Medical Services Agency.

On November 5, 2024, the Board appointed 15 members. Three of these previously appointed EMCC members have since resigned their appointments.

This Board action appoints three replacements as follows:

- Dignity Health has nominated Bette Jenkins (Attachment A) to be considered for appointment to the EMCC to replace Lisa Abeloe, who has retired.
- Lompoc Valley Medical Center has nominated Ryan Stevens (Attachment B) to be considered for appointment to the EMCC to replace Melinda DeHoyos, who has resigned their position on the EMCC.
- The Hospital Association of Southern California has nominated Terrance McGovern, MD (Attachment C) to be considered for appointment to the EMCC to replace Lars Sjolholm, MD, who has resigned their position on the EMCC.

Nominees, if appointed by your Board, will replace their respective members and will complete the four-year term of office as established by Resolution No. 23-217. The term of office for these replacement appointees will expire on January 31, 2029.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: N/A

Attachments:

Attachment A – EMCC Nomination Packet for Bette Jenkins, Dignity Health

Attachment B – EMCC Nomination Packet for Ryan Stevens, Lompoc Valley Medical Center

Attachment C – EMCC Nomination Packet for Terrance McGovern, MD, Hospital Association of Southern California

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