



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of  
Supervisors

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**Department Name:** CEO  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** January 11, 2022  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:**  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer  
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**SUBJECT:** Appointments to CenCal Health Board of Directors

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**County Counsel Concurrence:**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form:

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Appoint the following persons to the CenCal Board for a two-year term effective January 1, 2022 – December 2023:
  - i. Reappointment of Daniel Herlinger (Consumer Classification -Community Business),
  - ii. Reappointment of Sue Andersen (Provider Classification-Hospital Administrator (South County),
  - iii. Reappointment of Edward Bentley, MD (Central Coast Medical Association Representative); and
- b) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

**Summary Text:**

CenCal Health is authorized as the local Medi-Cal fiscal intermediary for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Per the CenCal Health By-laws, Santa Barbara County holds three seats on the CenCal Health Systems Board of Directors. One seat must be filled by a member of the Board of Supervisors and two are discretionary. Third District Supervisor Joan Hartmann, Daniel Nielson, Director of Social

Services, and Dr. Van Do-Reynoso, PhD, director of the Public Health Department currently serve on the Board as the County representative. The Board also appoints various other members to the CenCal Board representing sectors of the local and medical community.

The item before your Board today is to reappoint three current CenCal Health Board Members. Mr. Daniel Herlinger has been serving on the CenCal Health Board of Directors since 2009 and is seeking reappointment. Ms. Sue Andersen is President & CEO of Marian Regional Medical Center in Santa Maria and on the CenCal Health Board of Directors since 2020 and will serve as the Provider Classification-Hospital Administrator representative. The Hospital Association of Southern California recommends Ms. Andersen for appointment. Dr. Edward Bentley is a physician with Santa Barbara Gastroenterology Consultants and, on the CenCal Health Board of Directors since 2020 and will serve as the Central Coast Medical Association representative. The Central Coast Medical Association recommends Dr. Bentley for appointment. Applications for those seeking reappointment are attached.

**Background:**

The CenCal Health Board of Directors is comprised of 13 members who are appointed by the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo County Boards of Supervisors. The CenCal Health Board of Directors is composed of local government representatives, physicians, hospital representatives, member representatives, other health care provider representatives, and business representatives. Openings on the CenCal Board are noticed through advertisement on the CenCal website, as well as local newspapers. Once an application is submitted, CenCal sends the application to the appropriate agency referenced in the By Laws for review and, if recommended for appointment by the agency, ultimately to the Board of Supervisors for appointment. The County Board of Supervisors makes the final decision regarding appointments

Per the adopted By Laws of the Board of Directors of the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Health Authority or CenCal, the Board is composed of the following:

Three (3) members elected or appointed officers or employees of Santa Barbara County, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors.

Two (2) members elected or appointed officers or employees of San Luis Obispo County, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors.

These five (5) Directors, have no specified terms or office. They serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors that appointed that officer or employee.

The remaining eight (8) Directors are appointed from three groups:

1. Two (2) Non-provider Santa Barbara County residents:

- a. A Medi-Cal or Medicare or Medi-Cal/Medicare recipient
- b. A representative of a community business

2. One (1) Non-provider San Luis Obispo County resident:

- a. A Medi-Cal or Medicare or Medi-Cal/Medicare recipient

3. Five (5) representatives of providers of health care:

- a. A physician from a list provided by the Santa Barbara County Medical Society (a and b. are now one entity)

- b. A physician from a list provided by the San Luis Obispo County Medical Society (a and b are now one entity)
- c. Two (2) hospital administrators who shall be appointed from a list established by the local hospital councils.
- d. A non-hospital or non-physician health care provider.

Except for initial staggered terms that may be established by the Board, the term of office of each non-county member is two years and, in addition, time as necessary until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor.

The Board meets six times per year in Santa Maria (4 times), San Luis Obispo (1 time) and Santa Barbara (1 time). Board meetings are open to the public.

Through its network of seven ambulatory care clinics countywide, the Public Health Department (PHD) is CenCal Health's largest Santa Barbara County primary care provider, with approximately 23,000 assigned members. In addition, the clinics provide a range of specialty services to CenCal members that are not readily available in the private medical community.

**Attachments:**

- A. Mr. Daniel Herlinger Application
- B. Ms. Sue Andersen Application
- C. Dr. Edward Bentley Application

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