



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 10, 2017
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
Director(s) Terri Nisich, Assistant CEO
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SUBJECT: Appointment to CenCal Health Board of Directors

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 Dr. Douglas Metz to the CenCal Health Board of Directors representing Santa Barbara County, 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:

This item is on the agenda to formally appoint Dr. Douglas Metz to the CenCal Health Board of Directors representing Santa Barbara County. CenCal Health is authorized as the local Medi-Cal fiscal intermediary for Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Per the CenCal Health bylaws, 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. Second District Supervisor Janet Wolf and Daniel Nielson, Director of Social Services currently serve on the Board. With the departure of Dr. Takashi Wada from Santa Barbara County, it is necessary to appoint an individual to the open seat.

Dr. Metz has been involved with managed health care of over 25 years; first as a medical practitioner and then as an executive administrator at various community health centers. During his career Dr. Metz has worked with multiple county managed care organizations including those in Santa Clara, Alameda and Santa Cruz Counties. In addition, he taught managed health care and medical economics for six years at San Jose State University. He currently serves as the Deputy Director of Public Health (Primary Care/Family Health) overseeing the operations of the County of Santa Barbara Federally Qualified Health Centers. Dr. Takashi Wada has recommended that Dr. Metz be appointed to serve on the CenCal Health Board of Directors.

Background:

Dr. Wada left County Service on January 3, 2017 and relinquished his seat on the CenCal Health Board of Directors in December 2016. 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.

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. Dr. Metz Application and Resume

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