

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Riverside University Health System (RUHS) – Medical Center

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 15, 2016

SUBJECT: Initiation of Amendment to Ordinance No. 751 Establishing the Community Health Center Board; [\$6,000s], Hospital Enterprise Fund

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

- (1) Adopt an order initiating an amendment to Ordinance No. 751 that would make certain changes to accommodate current requirements from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) program;
- (2) Direct the Community Health Center Board Staff to prepare and process the ordinance amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Summary

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Jennifer Cruikshank

Jennifer Cruikshank on behalf of
Zareh H. Sarrafian,
Assistant CEO - Health System

FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:	Next Fiscal Year:	Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost:	POLICY/CONSENT (per Exec. Office)
COST	\$ 6,000	\$	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NET COUNTY COST	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Hospital Enterprise Fund 40050

Budget Adjustment: No

For Fiscal Year: 16/17

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

BY: *Christopher M. Hans*

County Executive Office Signature Christopher M. Hans

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FORM APPROVED COUNTY COUNSEL
BY: *Karsha Decker* 8/15/16
DATE
MARSHA L. VICTOR

Departmental Concurrence

- A-30
- Positions Added
- 4/5 Vote
- Change Order

Prev. Agn. Ref.:

District: 5

Agenda Number:

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FORM 11: Approve and execute the Professional Service Agreement with ShiftWise, Inc. to provide contingent temporary labor for up to \$9,000,000 per year for five years; District 5; [\$45,000,000 over 5 years], Hospital Enterprise Fund

DATE: August 23, 2016

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BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

Ordinance No. 751 serves as the “co-applicant agreement” between the Board of Supervisors and the Board of the Community Health Center supporting the Center’s status as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). FQHCs qualify for enhanced reimbursement from Medicare and Medicaid, as well as other benefits. All FQHCs must serve an underserved area or population, offer a sliding fee scale, provide comprehensive services and have an ongoing quality assurance program. The program also has very detailed governance requirements, including that a majority of the members of the “governing board” of the FQHC must be individuals who are served by the health center.

Public agency FQHCs, including Riverside County’s, may meet these governance requirements through a “co-applicant agreement” which spells out the roles and responsibilities of the public agency’s governing body and those of the “co-applicant”. Since 1995, Ordinance No. 751 has served this function. However, since it was last amended in 1996 the federal agency responsible for FQHCs, the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), has clarified and made its expectations more specific. Amendment of this Ordinance is therefore needed to meet these requirements in 2016.

Specifically, HRSA has recently issued clarifications relating to the size and make-up of the “co-applicant” board, the need for the “Agreement” to contain a dispute resolution mechanism and also a formal acknowledgement of the need to obtain approval from HRSA before making changes to the budgeted capability and capacity of the FQHC. Other needed changes to the Bylaws of the CHCB have also been identified and will be recommended at the same time by the Board of the Community Health Center for approval.

Impact on Citizens and Businesses

The ten (10) Clinic locations provide primary health care services to thousands of County residents. The enhanced reimbursement available through the FQHC program is a substantial reason that these clinics can remain open, continuing to serve these residents. Meeting HRSA’s requirements for the “co-applicant” agreement and other matters is part of continued program participation.

Cost of preparing, processing and implementing the ordinance amendment

The cost of preparing and submitting this Amendment has been estimated at \$6,000 – consisting primarily of time spent by CHCB staff reviewing the proposed changes and requirements as well as time spent by the assigned County Counsel.