

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



**ITEM: 2.12  
(ID # 11230)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, November 5, 2019

**FROM :** (RUHS) RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM:

**SUBJECT:** RUHS- FQHC Clinics: Approval of One Appointment to Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Community Health Center Board; All Districts. [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Dr. Richard Rajaratnam (Patient Representative) to the FQHC Community Health Center Board for a term of November 1, 2019 until October 31, 2023.

**ACTION:**Consent

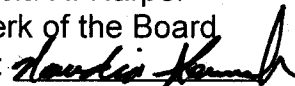
  
Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer - Health System 10/30/2019

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: November 5, 2019  
xc: RUHS

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment: No</b>	
			<b>For Fiscal Year: 19/20</b>	

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** [CEO use]

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

As a requirement of the Federal Qualified Health Center (FQHC) designation from the U. S. Department Health and Human Services, the County must have a governing board for the RUHS Community Health Centers. The Community Health Center Board (CHCB) was established by County Ordinance 751 in 1996. The CHCB presently has thirteen (13) to twenty-five (25) positions of which a majority must be users of services at the Community Health Centers. While the members as a whole must also be broadly representative of the characteristics of the population served by the FQHCs, certain positions are reserved for representatives of the County departments that work most directly with the CHCs to ensure integration of effort on behalf of the CHCs.

The individual listed below applied to, has been reviewed by and is recommended by the CHCB Board to this Board for membership on the CHCB:

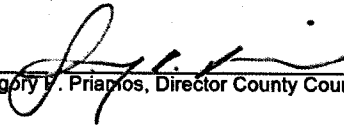
**Patient Representative** - Richard G. Rajaratnam, MD, FRCS, FACS.

Dr. Rajaratnam is currently a physician at Loma Linda University Health. He also serves as the Chief Operational Advisor for the Social Action Community Health Systems (SACHS) federally qualified health center associated with Loma Linda. He previously served as a Member of the Board of Directors, Southern California Kaiser Permanente Medical Group and as Chairman of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery for Kaiser Permanente Riverside Medical Center/ Southern California Permanente Medical Group. Dr. Rajaratnam is also a patient of the RUHS Community Health Centers.

**Impact on Residents and Businesses**

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An active, properly constituted FQHC Board is an important element of maintaining high quality care at the county's FQHC clinics.

  
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Gregory V. Priamos, Director County Counsel      10/30/2019