

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



**ITEM: 2.22
(ID # 19866)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, August 30, 2022

FROM : (RUHS) RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM:

SUBJECT: RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM-FQHC Clinics: Approval of Two Appointments to Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) Board, All Districts. (\$0)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Kim Saruwatari, MPH (County Representative - RUHS Public Health) to the FQHC Community Health Center Board for a term of August 1, 2022 until July 31, 2026.
2. Appoint Toni Binns (Patient Representative) to the FQHC Community Health Center Board for a term of August 1, 2022 until July 31, 2026.

ACTION:Consent

Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer - Health System 8/18/2022

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Spiegel, seconded by Supervisor Perez 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: August 30, 2022
xc: RUHS-FQHC

Kecia R. Harper
Clerk of the Board
By
Deputy

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| FINANCIAL DATA | Current Fiscal Year: | Next Fiscal Year: | Total Cost: | Ongoing Cost |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| NET COUNTY COST | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A | | | Budget Adjustment: | No |
| | | | For Fiscal Year: | 22/23- 25/26 |

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary (continued)

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 “Co-Applicant” Board, with the majority of members being actual users of the services at the FQHCs. The Community Health Center Board (CHCB), which was established by County Ordinance 751.1, serves as the FQHC CoApplicant. The CHCB has thirteen (13) to twenty-five (25) members of which a majority must be users of services at the Community Health Centers. The members as a whole must also be broadly representative of the characteristics of the population served by the FQHCs.

The individuals listed below have applied to, been reviewed by the CHCB and are recommended for membership on the CHCB:

County Representative – RUHS Public Health

Kim Saruwatari, MPH, is currently the department head for the County’s Public Health department. As a public health leader Ms. Saruwatari primarily focuses on preventing disease and injury by promoting healthy lifestyles. She assists with implementing educational programs, developing policies, conducting research, and regulating health systems to achieve these goals. Ms. Saruwatari has also served as a President for the County Health Executives Association of California, which includes Public Health and Health Agency Directors from throughout California, to recommend statewide policy related to public health issues. Ms. Saruwatari is an active member of the State Joint Advisory Committee for the California Department of Public Health.

Patient Representative

Toni Binns, MA, is a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and serves as a public and private practitioner. In this line of work, Ms. Binns provides guidance and mediation for her clients, either in groups or individually, to help address problems that need resolving. Previously she supervised, trained, managed and mentored children social service workers. Ms. Binns previously was the presenter of the Riverside County Caring for Kids – Child Abuse Treatment (CHAT) program

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throughout California. Ms. Binns brings a unique patient perspective that will be valuable on the board.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

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


Jacqueline Ruiz, Sr. Management Analyst 8/22/2022