

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



**ITEM: 2.12
(ID # 23316)**

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, October 31, 2023

FROM : (RUHS) RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM:

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

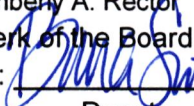
- 1) Reappoint Greg Rodriguez (Patient Representative) to the FQHC Community Health Center Board for a term of May 1, 2023 until April 30, 2027.
- 2) Reappoint Arnold Tabuenca, MD (Patient Representative) to the FQHC Community Health Center Board for a term of May 1, 2023 until April 30, 2027.
- 3) Reappoint Richard Rajaratnam, MD (Patient Representative) to the FQHC Community Health Center Board for a term of September 1, 2023 until August 31, 2027.
- 4) Reappoint Alonzo Barrera (Community Representative) to the FQHC Community Health Center Board for a term of October 1, 2023 until September 30, 2027.

ACTION:Consent

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Perez
Date: October 31, 2023
xc: RUHS, Appointee(s), COB_{LW}

Kimberly A. Rector
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: 22/23-26/274	

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

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 nine (9) 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 individuals listed below applied to, and have been reviewed by the CHCB Board for renewal of their membership on the CHCB:

Patient Representative

Greg Rodriguez is the Deputy Director of Economic Development within Riverside County. Since he has served as the CHC Board Chairman, he has utilized his knowledge of Riverside County's demographics to best serve the community. Greg would like to continue to lead the CHC Board ethically and efficiently.

Patient Representative

Arnold Tabuenca, MD is currently Riverside University Health System's Associate Chief Medical Officer. His unique perspective dealing with patient care enables him to advocate for patients. He is eager to continue participating on the CHC Board for another term.

Patient Representative

Richard Rajaratnam, MD , FRCS, FACS has many years of experience within the medical field as the Chief Integration Officer for Loma Linda University Health. His previous membership on other boards proves he is an active part of his community as well. He aims to continue being a voice that contributes to the CHC Board.

Community Representative

Alonzo Barrera currently works at the Executive Office in Riverside County as a Principal Analyst. His distinct field allows him to analyze how to improve the clinics overall. Alonzo hopes to continue his efforts to see the clinics excel in all areas.

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Impact on Residents and Businesses

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

Jacqueline Ruiz
Jacqueline Ruiz, Sr. Management Analyst 10/24/2023