



SUBMITTAL TO THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SYSTEM MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 18.6  
(ID # 29783)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

FROM : RUHS-MEDICAL CENTER

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

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Reappoint Steve Otta (Patient Representative) to the FQHC Community Health Center Board for a term of August 1, 2025 until July 31, 2029.

ACTION: Consent

*Jennifer Cruikshank*  
Jennifer Cruikshank, Chief Executive Officer – Health System

1/14/2026

*Jacqueline Ruiz*  
Jacqueline Ruiz, Principal Analyst

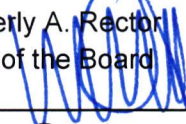
1/21/2026

---

MINUTES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

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: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: January 27, 2026  
xc: RUHS-MC, Board, Appointee, COB/AB/WM

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

**SUBMITTAL TO THE RIVERSIDE UNIVERSITY HEALTH  
SYSTEM MEDICAL CENTER GOVERNING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

<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:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	25/26 – 29/30

**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 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 individual listed below applied to, been reviewed by the CHCB Board for renewal of their membership on the CHCB:

**Patient Representative**

Steve Otta is a long-time patient of the Community Health Centers and serves as a patient representative on the Board. Through his years of lived experience, he provides valuable insight into the patient journey and helps ensure patient perspectives, concerns, and grievances are meaningfully represented in Board discussions and decision making.

**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.