



Legislation Text

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Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board:

- 1) Nominate the HHS Director, with the Deputy Director of Public Health as an alternate, to represent El Dorado County on the Health Plan of San Joaquin Board; and
- 2) Change the nomination to the Director of Public Health or Public Health Officer, once either of those positions is filled, as the Director of Public Health is serving as the Interim HHS Director and a recruitment is in process for the Public Health Officer.

FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION / BACKGROUND:

For more than two decades, the Health Plan of San Joaquin (HPSJ) has provided healthcare services to the Central Valley community as a non-profit Health Maintenance Organization (HMO) that receives public funding. HPSJ has collaborated with the Medi-Cal Managed Care Division (MMCD) of the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to deliver healthcare to Medi-Cal members through organized systems of care networks that prioritize primary and preventive care. This approach ensures high-quality healthcare and improves access to it while being cost-effective.

In 2024, HPSJ plans to expand its services to the Medi-Cal community in El Dorado County. As part of this effort, HPSJ is seeking board representation and has requested that El Dorado County nominate a potential HPSJ board member. This presents a unique opportunity for the nominee to have a direct impact on HPSJ's operations ensuring they represent the unique needs of El Dorado County. The individual nominated should have a broad health perspective and can be a member of the EDC Board of Supervisors, a MediCal provider, a MediCal member, or a County Employee. Many counties place public health leadership in this position as they often have a broad health perspective. Board meetings meet on the last Wednesday of every month from 5-7PM. The Director of Public Health is currently serving at the Interim HHS Director and a recruitment for a Public Health Officer is ongoing. Due to these leadership transitions, El Dorado County, Health and Human Services Agency recommends the Board nominate the HHS Director, with the Deputy Director of Public Health as an alternate, to represent El Dorado County on the Health Plan of San Joaquin Board. Once either the Director of Public Health or Public Health Officer is filled, staff recommends that the nomination be automatically be transferred to either the Director of Public Health or Public Health Officer, with the Deputy Director of Public Health as an alternate, to represent El Dorado County on the Health Plan of San Joaquin Board.

ALTERNATIVES:

Should the Board decline the opportunity, the County of El Dorado would lose the opportunity to have a potential HPSJ board member.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION:

N/A

OTHER DEPARTMENT / AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

N/A

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

Approve as recommended.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with this Agenda item.

CLERK OF THE BOARD FOLLOW UP ACTIONS:

N/A

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENT:

Good Governance

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