The County of Yuba

County Administrator

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: County Administrator, Kevin Mallen

SUBJECT: County Administrator: Receive information on applicants to the Partnership Healthplan of California Commission and take action as appropriate on appointments for the vacancy. (10 minute estimate)

DATE: April 9, 2024

NUMBER: 166/2024

Recommendation

Receive information on applicants to the Partnership Healthplan of California Commission and take action as appropriate on appointments for the vacancy.

Background

Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission is a multi-county commission that has created a Medi-Cal managed health care plan for Medi-Cal recipients. The Commission negotiated a contract with the California Department of Health Care Services, as specified in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 14087.5, to arrange for the provision of health care services provided under Welfare and Institutions Code Chapter 7, Part 3, Division 9.

On January 23, 2024, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors approved Ordinance No. 1623, which authorized the County of Yuba to join the Commission.

Discussion

The Commission is comprised of Commissioners appointed by the Board of Supervisors of each member county. The number of Commissioners is based on the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries enrolled in the Commission's health plan in that county according to the following formula:

(1) 0-45,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries within the county equals one Commission seat
(2) 45,001-60,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries within the county equals two Commission seats
(3) 60,001 + Medi-Cal beneficiaries within the county equals three Commission seats

Yuba County qualifies for one Commission seat based on the above mentioned formula. The Commission encourages member counties to consider selecting Commissioners from the following settings: safety net providers (including providers at federally qualified health centers), behavioral health providers, regional center providers, local education authorities, dental providers, Indian Health Service facility providers, and hospital providers with special efforts to select candidates, as opportunity allows, who reflect the diversity of the community and regions (including, but not limited to race, ethnicity, language, and disability status). The Commissioner shall serve for a term of four years.

On February 22, 2024, applicants were solicited for the vacancy on the Committee. Solicitations used the standard process the Clerk of the Board undertakes to fill vacancies on Board appointed committees. Three applications were received from Dr. Guprit Bains, Dr. Phuong Luu and Kathy Walker, and are attached for your review.

Health and Human Services Director and County Administrator met to discuss the applications received. Their recommendation to the Board is to appoint Dr. Luu to act as the Yuba County representative to the Partnership HealthPlan of California Commission for a term ending April 9, 2028.

Committee Action

This item is presented directly to the full Board for consideration.

Fiscal Impact

None

Attachments

Bains, Dr. Guprit Partnership HealthPlan Application Redacted
Luu, Dr. Phuong Partnership HealthPlan Application Redacted
Walker, Kathy Partnership HealthPlan Application Redacted