

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Health Services Agency mt

BOARD AGENDA # *B-8

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE January 12, 2010

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval to Reappoint Attorney Michael G. Loeffler, Steve Benak, M.D., and Betty King, R.N. to the Indigent Health Care Program (IHCP) Fair Hearing Panel for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012 and to Appoint Debbie Lewis, R.N. as an Alternate Nurse Panel Member

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approve the reappointment of Attorney Michael G. Loeffler, Steve Benak, M.D., and Betty King, R.N. to the Indigent Health Care Program (IHCP) fair hearing panel for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012.
2. Appoint Debbie Lewis, R.N. as an alternate nurse panel member to the Indigent Health Care Program (IHCP) fair hearing panel for a three (3) year term beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2012.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Each Fiscal Year, the Health Services Agency Indigent Health Care Program Budget includes funding estimated at \$2,600 for the services provided by these professionals. On average, five fair hearings are conducted per Fiscal Year based on the request of Medically Indigent Health Adult Program applicants or patients.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-014

On motion of Supervisor Monteith, Seconded by Supervisor DeMartini
and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:

Christine Ferraro

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

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DISCUSSION:

In 1988, pursuant to County of Stanislaus Ordinances 270 and 278, the Board of Supervisors authorized a Fair Hearing Board composed of an attorney, a physician, and a registered nurse to serve for the original terms of one, two, and three years, respectively, with subsequent terms of three years each for all members.

The Fair Hearing panel hears formal patient appeals resulting from eligibility determination or reflected treatment authorization requests that deny Medically Indigent Adult program eligibility or services requested which are outside the program's eligibility policies or scope of benefits. The terms for the previous appointments of these Fair Hearing panel positions require authorization by the Board of Supervisors to be renewed. The incumbents are highly qualified, objective and have indicated a strong interest in serving an additional term on this panel.

POLICY ISSUES:

The program promotes the Board of Supervisors' priority of *A healthy community and Efficient delivery of public services* as it provides community based review of administrative decisions to ensure fairness and appropriate expenditures related to eligibility medical necessity and benefits.

STAFFING IMPACT:

There is no staffing impact associated with this request.