



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2013
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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING JOINT TRAVIS COUNTY-CITY OF AUSTIN APPOINTMENT TO THE CENTRAL HEALTH BOARD OF MANAGERS, INCLUDING:

- A. PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEWS WITH CANDIDATES;
AND
- B. INTERVIEW SCHEDULE AND OTHER RELATED ISSUES.

SUMMARY AND IGR RECOMMENDATION:

The Commissioners Court and the Austin City Council jointly make one appointment to the nine-member Central Health Board of Managers. Applications were due February 22, and a screening committee reviewed the applications and identified finalists. The Commissioners Court has scheduled a work session for Thursday, March 21, at 1:30 p.m. to interview the finalists.

IGR recommends that the Court adopt the questions it wishes to ask of the finalists and authorize IGR to contact the finalists and schedule the times of their interviews.

BACKGROUND:

Membership

Central Health/Travis County Healthcare District (TCHD) Board of Managers:

- ★ Nine members, with four-year staggered terms
 - Four appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court

- Four appointed by the Austin City Council
- One appointed jointly by the two bodies
- ★ The current County-City appointee resigned at the end of 2012
- ★ Subject to the Uniform Appointment Process

Process

In January, the Court and the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the Austin City Council adopted a process for jointly selecting a member of the Central Health Board of Managers. Under that process, the deadline for applications was Friday, February 22, 2013. Eighteen qualified applications were received.

A screening committee was created by the City and the County, composed of an elected official and two senior staff people from each. Commissioner Margaret Gómez and County Executives Sherri Fleming and Danny Hobby represented the County. The screening committee reviewed all the applications with a goal to identify three finalists to be interviewed by both the Public Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the Austin City Council and the Commissioners Court.

Qualifications

With input from Central Health, the Court and the Subcommittee suggested the following qualifications in the Call for Applications:

1. Senior management-level experience in a non-governmental entity
2. Experience serving on Boards of Directors for high-level businesses or for-profit organizations
3. Demonstrated leadership experience requiring strategic planning, execution, and maintenance of successful business operations
4. Knowledge of the issues and components related to the “safety net” health system.
5. Understanding of the operating principles and value of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs).
6. Reflective of the diversity of the communities served by Central Health
7. Mature and seasoned community leader

In addition to these criteria, the County requires applicants to complete a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Affidavit.¹ Responses to the Affidavit provide

valuable information to the Court, but do not act as an absolute bar to service on the Central Health Board of Managers.

The County also requires a Central Health appointee, as a precondition for assuming his or her role, to complete a [Personal Financial Statement](#) document.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: Not applicable.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: None.

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¹ The City has a different conflicts requirement, but for purposes of this appointment adopted the County's approach.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Current roster of Central Health Board of Managers members, updated February 26, 2013.
- B. Proposed questions to be asked of finalists, for discussion and adoption on March 19, 2013.

ATTACHMENT A

Central Health Board of Managers

Current Membership	First Appointed	Date Reappointed	Term Expires
Rosie Mendoza, Chair Contact Phone: (512) 708-1690 E-mail Address: rosiem@rmendozacpa.com Nominated by: Mayor Lee Leffingwell Representing: City resident, if applicable	08/01/04	03/05/09	12/31/12
VACANT Contact Phone: E-mail Address: Nominated by: Outside Representing: City Council & Travis County	06/11/09 Resigned 12/31/12		12/31/16
Brenda Coleman-Beattie, Treasurer Contact Phone: (512) 329-9990 Nominated by: Travis County Representing: Travis County	03/31/09	10/05/10	12/31/15
Guadalupe Zamora, M.D. Contact Phone: (512) 482-0248 Email Address: GZamora1@austin.rr.com Nominated by: Travis County Representing: Travis County	01/15/13		12/31/16
Thomas Coopwood, M.D. Contact Phone: (512) 345-1316 E-mail Address: tcoopwood1@austin.rr.com Nominated by: Mayor Lee Leffingwell Representing: City resident, if applicable	01/01/08	12/08/11	12/31/14
Katrina Daniel Contact Phone: (512) 619-8638 E-mail Address: katrina.daniel@sbcglobal.net Nominated by: Mayor Lee Leffingwell	07/23/09	01/27/11	12/31/14
Clarke Heidrick Contact Phone: (512) 480-5636 E-mail Address: cheidrick@gdhm.com Nominated by: Travis County Representing: Travis County	08/01/05	12/29/09	12/31/13
Lynne Hudson Contact Phone: (512) 000-0000 E-mail Address: l.hudson@sbcglobal.net Nominated by: Mayor Lee Leffingwell	04/21/11		12/31/13
Rebecca Lightsey Contact Phone: (512) 473-2800 E-mail Address: rlightsey@texasappleseed.net Nominated by: Travis County Representing: Travis County	03/18/11	10/25/11	12/31/15



INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR APPLICANTS
To The Travis County Healthcare District Board of Managers.

1. What do you consider the primary mission, challenges and opportunities for the Healthcare District?

2. What are the most important attributes you would bring to the Healthcare District if selected to serve on the Board of Managers?

3. What role, if any, should neighborhood and homeowners' associations and other sources of public input play for the Healthcare District, particularly when considering any future clinic locations and/or clinic closings?

4. Describe an event or project in your personal or professional life where your leadership helped to navigate a diverse group to consensus on a difficult issue.

5. Describe your personal philosophy on public policy and fiscal accountability as it relates to the provision of public services.

6. What priority should be given to including mental healthcare into the services provided to the clients of the Healthcare District? How do you think it should be done?

7. What role, if any, should the Healthcare District play in the provision of pre-hospital emergency medical care?

8. Given that societal factors such as income, education and environment are the biggest determinants of health, what role, if any, should the Healthcare District play in addressing these factors in our community?

9. In making decisions about the distribution of limited resources, how would you weigh the effects of your decisions on emergency medical services?

10. What limitations, if any, are placed on the time you have available for service on the Board of Managers?

11. Are there any comments or questions for the members of the Commissioners Court?