



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2014
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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON TRAVIS COUNTY APPOINTMENTS TO THE CENTRAL HEALTH BOARD OF MANAGERS. (THIS ITEM MAY BE TAKEN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY EXCEPTION.)

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST: The Commissioners Court makes four appointments to the Travis County Healthcare District DBA Central Health Board of Managers. Additionally, the Commissioners Court and the Austin City Council jointly make one appointment to the nine-member board. Terms are for four years, and are staggered.

The term of **Brenda Coleman-Beattie** will expire on December 31, 2014. Ms. Coleman-Beattie has been a member of the Board of Managers since March 31, 2009. In addition, **Rebecca Lightsey** has announced her intention to resign from the Board of Managers at the end of this year. Ms. Lightsey has been a member since March 15, 2011, and her current term expires on December 31, 2015.

Appointments to the Central Health Board of Managers are governed by the Uniform Appointment Process.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Central Health 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

- ★ One term expiring at the end of 2014
 - Brenda Coleman-Beattie, served since 2009
- ★ One appointee resigning at the end of 2014
 - Rebecca Lightsey, served since 2011, term until 2015
- ★ Subject to the Uniform Appointment Process

Under the Uniform Appointment Process, Ms. Coleman-Beattie is eligible for reappointment. However, because her professional situation has changed, IGR seeks the Court's input.

By profession Ms. Coleman-Beattie is a consultant and advocate in the fields of mental health care as well as financial and operations management. After her appointment to the Central Health board, she was in turn appointed to represent Central Health on the Austin-Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC) Board of Trustees.

In May of this year, Ms. Coleman-Beattie was hired as the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Integral Care. (She resigned her position as an ATCIC board member at that time.)

Central Health provides funding for services provided by Integral Care. In the FY 2014 [budget](#), Central Health provided 13% of Integral Care's revenues. As a Central Health board member, Ms. Coleman-Beattie participates in and votes on the Central Health budget. However, since her employment with ATCIC, Ms. Coleman-Beattie has abstained from voting on any budgetary items relating to Integral Care, including those items in the FY 2014 Central Health budget.

In addition, both Central Health and Integral Care participate in the Community Care Collaborative, which is the entity set up to approve, fund and monitor healthcare delivery programs under the Medicaid 1115 Waiver.

Ms. Coleman-Beattie has spoken with the management at Central Health and at Integral Care regarding the conflicts of interest arising from her roles. She has disclosed her conflicts to the Central Health board, filed an affidavit, and abstained from participating and voting on any items relating to Integral Care.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING: No fiscal impact.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS: None.

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