

STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE:

December 5, 2023

CATEGORY:

Consent Calendar {{item.number}}

SUBJECT:

Introduce and waive the reading of *"An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta, State of California, Amending Chapter 2.70 of the Shasta County Code, Concerning Partnership Healthplan of California Commission."*

DEPARTMENT:

Health and Human Services Agency-Administration

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT #:

All

DEPARTMENT CONTACT:

Laura Burch, Director, Health and Human Services Agency (530) 225-6289

STAFF REPORT APPROVED BY:

Laura Burch, Health and Human Services Agency Director

Vote Required?

Simple Majority Vote

General Fund Impact?

No General Fund Impact

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce and waive the reading of *"An Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Shasta, State of California, Amending Chapter 2.70 of the Shasta County Code, Concerning Partnership Healthplan of California Commission."*

DISCUSSION

Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) Commission was created in 1992 to serve as a managed health care plan for Medi-Cal beneficiary. PHC serves to link each Medi-Cal client with a primary care provider, which improves health care access for clients. This linkage for clients from their primary care provider to other medical services has proven successful in reducing inappropriate use of emergency rooms, providing appropriate levels of inpatient care, developing innovative case management programs, and arranging for an enhanced level of local health care services.

PHC negotiated with the California Department of Health Care Services an exclusive contract for PHC to expand into Shasta County. One of the advantages of the county organized health system (COHS) model is self-governance, which is not an option with for-profit managed care plans in the two-plan model counties.

On June 18, 2013, the Board approved the adding of Chapter 2.70 PHC to authorize Shasta County to join the existing commission, and then amended Section 2.70.030 in 2015 to update the formula or system of commission membership. This new amendment is requested due to new counties joining PHC, making it necessary to adjust the number of commission seats.

PHC is comprised of Commissioners from each of its member counties, with membership determined by the number of Medi-Cal clients within the county. PHC has recently expanded to include a total of 14 counties presently, and are adding 10 additional county members (Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Sutter, Tehama, and Yuba) effective January 2024. With these 10 new counties joining PHC, it is necessary for PHC to adjust the number of Commission seats beginning in 2024, which reduces Shasta County's present four seats to three.

Commissioners serve for a term of four years. Shasta County has over sixty thousand Medi-Cal beneficiaries and the Board of Supervisors would have the option to appoint three Commissioners. Commissioners shall include the Director of the Shasta County Health and Human Services Agency (or their designee), with the remaining 2 members nominated by the Shasta Health Assessment & Redesign Collaborative (SHARC) and/or local health care providers that serve Medi-Cal clients and recommended by the HHSA Director. If this ordinance is approved by the Board, recommendations for appointments to PHC will be brought separately to the Board for consideration.

ALTERNATIVES

The Board of Supervisors could elect not to approve the proposed amendment of the Shasta County Code to amend Chapter 2.70, request changes to the Ordinance, or provide alternate direction to staff. The alternative is not recommended as the proposed ordinance is required for Shasta County to continue as a PHC participant county, and the language of the ordinance must be consistent with all the other County members' ordinances. This partnership allows us to collaborate and provide continuity of care between the Mental Health Plan (County) and the Managed Care Plan (Partnership), and without this Ordinance we will not be able to successfully reduce emergency room visits, provide appropriate levels of inpatient care, or arrange for enhanced levels of health care services to our Medi-Cal clients.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The recommendation has been reviewed by the County Administrative Office. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Ordinance as to form.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost associated with the introduction of this ordinance.

ATTACHMENTS:

1: Proposed SCC Ordinance