



County of Orange

Memorandum

November 20, 2023

To: Chairman Donald Wagner, Supervisor, Third District

From: Debra Baetz, Interim Agency Director, Health Care Agency

Subject: Recommended At Large Nominations To Orange County HIV Planning Council

Pursuant to Board of Supervisors Rule of Procedure 16 amended on July 13, 2021, the Health Care Agency recommends the following at large appointments to Orange County HIV Planning Council for placement on the December 19, 2023 Board meeting agenda:

1. Reappoint the following eight nominees to the Orange County HIV Planning Council for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025:
 - Homero Beltran
 - Adelmo Chan
 - Cindy "Michelle" Gallardo
 - Dr. Geeta Gupta
 - Fernando Martinez
 - Dr. Christopher Ried
 - Ricardo Velasco
 - Dr. Jeffrey Vu
2. Appoint the following two nominees to the Orange County HIV Planning Council for a two-year term effective January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025:
 - Eder De Leon
 - Brian DeGeer

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Information on the recommended at large nominations is contained in the attached Agenda Staff Report and candidate applications.

Please call me if you have questions.

Thank you.

Attachments

Cc: Clerk of the Board



**AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

MEETING DATE: December 19, 2023
LEGAL ENTITY TAKING ACTION: Board of Supervisors
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAIR: Chairman Donald Wagner
NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY (DEPT): Health Care Agency
DEPARTMENT CONTACT PERSON(S): Regina Chinsio-Kwong (714) 834-2729
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SUBJECT: At-Large Nomination(s) for Appointment(s) to the Orange County HIV Planning Council

CEO CONCUR	COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW	CLERK OF THE BOARD
N/A	N/A	Consent
		3 Votes Board Majority

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

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SUMMARY:

The approval of the reappointment of eight members and the appointment of two new members to the Orange County HIV Planning Council will ensure federally mandated responsibilities are met to set service category priorities and funding allocations for Ryan White Act Part A funds in Orange County.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Orange County HIV Planning Council (Council), composed of up to 27 members, is an appointed planning body by your Honorable Board of Supervisors (Board) as required by the Ryan White Part A grant (Ryan White). The Council may also have up to five affiliate non-voting members appointed by the Director of the Health Care Agency (HCA). The mission of the Council is to “work in partnership with affected communities, service providers, philanthropists and public health professionals, to support an accessible, culturally competent continuum of HIV prevention and care services that promotes optimal health, fosters self-sufficiency, reduces stigma and discrimination and results in a community where new HIV infections are rare.”

HCA receives approximately \$6 million annually in Ryan White Part A funding, over which the Council has federally mandated responsibilities that include:

1. Developing a multi-year plan and conducting an assessment of the service needs of Persons Living with HIV (PLWH) that includes: an epidemiological profile; an assessment of service needs and barriers; a resource inventory; a profile of provider capacity and capability; an estimation and assessment of unmet need (PLWH who are not in medical care) and an estimation and assessment of individuals who are HIV-positive and undiagnosed.
2. Establishing priorities for care, treatment and supportive services for PLWH and determining the allocation of Ryan White Part A funds to services prioritized within Orange County, including instructions on how best to meet each priority.
3. Assessing the ongoing efficiency of the administrative mechanism (i.e., HCA) to rapidly allocate funds to the areas of greatest need within Orange County.

The Ryan White grant includes specific requirements to assure that the Council has broad representation, including a requirement that membership be composed of at least 33 percent of members representing the unaligned (non-conflicted) consumer of HIV services. The grant also requires that the Council composition strive to reflect the local HIV epidemic with respect to gender, ethnicity, current age and personal risk for HIV. Membership requirements and the application process are defined in the Council Bylaws, policies and procedures. The Board may also submit recommendations for appointment to the Council. The Board most recently approved appointments to the Council on August 22, 2023, for the term ending December 31, 2024.

REAPPOINTMENTS:

Homero Beltran has been a Council member since 2020. The applicant fulfills a General Community Member membership category and is an unaligned consumer.

Adelmo Chan has been a Council member since 2018. The applicant fulfills a General Community Member membership category and is an unaligned consumer.

Cindy “Michelle” Gallardo has been a Council member since 2020. The applicant fulfills the mandated membership category (L) grantees under other Federal HIV programs, including but not limited to, providers of HIV prevention services and represents the Housing Opportunities for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) program.

Dr. Geeta Gupta has been a Council member since 2018. The applicant fulfills the mandated membership category (L) grantees under other Federal HIV programs, including but not limited to, providers of HIV prevention services and represents the AIDS Education Training Center.

Fernando Martinez has been a Council member since 2018. The applicant fulfills the mandated membership category (H) non-elected community leaders and is an unaligned consumer.

Dr. Christopher Ried has been a Council member since 2003. The applicant fulfills the mandated membership category (J) Part C Provider.

Ricardo Velasco has been a Council member since 2021. The applicant fulfills the mandated membership category (G) affected communities, including people with HIV/AIDS, members of a Federally recognized Indian tribe as represented in the population, individuals co-infected with hepatitis B or C and historically underserved groups and subpopulations. The applicant is also an unaligned consumer.

Dr. Jeffrey Vu has been a Council member since 2022. The applicant fulfills the mandated membership category (E) local public health agencies and represents the HCA.

NEW APPOINTMENTS:

Eder De Leon is a Case Manager III at Access to Prevention Advocacy & Treatment (APAIT). The applicant fulfills the mandated membership category (D) mental health and substance abuse providers.

Brian DeGeer is a Program Manager at CalOptima. The applicant fulfills the mandated membership category (F) Hospital planning agencies or health care planning agencies.

HCA has complied with procedures, as directed by the Board, in nominating appointments for Boards, Commissions and Committees. Please see information below:

Name	Orange County Resident? (Y/N)	Registered Voter? (Y/N)	Membership Category	Term
Homero Beltran	Y	Y	General Community Member	01/01/24 – 12/31/25
Adelmo Chan	Y	Y	General Community Member	01/01/24 – 12/31/25
Cindy “Michelle” Gallardo	N	Y	(L) Other Federal HIV Program	01/01/24 – 12/31/25
Dr. Geeta Gupta	Y	Y	(L) Other Federal HIV Program	01/01/24 – 12/31/25
Fernando Martinez	Y	Y	(H) Non-elected community leader	01/01/24 – 12/31/25
Dr. Christopher Ried	Y	Y	(J) Part C Provider	01/01/24 – 12/31/25
Ricardo Velasco	Y	Y	(G) Affected communities: including people living with HIV and historically underserved subpopulations	01/01/24 – 12/31/25
Dr. Jeffrey Vu	Y	Y	(E) Local public health agencies	01/01/24 – 12/31/25

Eder De Leon	Y	Y	(D) Mental health provider/substance abuse provider	01/01/24 – 12/31/25
Brian DeGeer	Y	Y	(F) Hospital planning agencies or health care planning agencies	01/01/24 – 12/31/25

With approval of these appointments, the Council still has the capacity to fill ten additional seats including two mandated membership categories. The vacant mandated membership categories include: (I) State government (including the State Medicaid agency and the agency administering the program under part B of this subchapter).

HCA requests the Board approve the proposed appointments to the Council as referenced in the Recommended Actions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

N/A

STAFFING IMPACT:

N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment A - Homero Beltran Board Application, Nomination Form, Council Application and Resume

Attachment B - Adelmo Chan Board Application, Nomination Form, Council Application and Resume

Attachment C - Cindy “Michelle” Gallardo Board Application, Nomination Form, Council Application and Resume

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