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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, October 28, 2025**

Item Number: 1.12

MEETING DATE: 10/28/2025

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Tracey Belton

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Tracey Belton

SUBJECT:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY- T. BELTON

Approve the re-appointment of healthcare professional Ralph Armstrong M.D. as the At Large Representative and Tracey Belton, as the Health and Human Services Agency Director, to the Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced-San Benito-Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission for a four year term beginning November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2029.
SBC FILE NUMBER: 130

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On September 14, 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 1033, creating the Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced-San Benito-Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission. This Commission serves as the governing body for the Central California Alliance for Health, a County Organized Health System that arranges for the provision of Medi-Cal services to eligible individuals.

The Commission is a multi-county body representing the counties of Santa Cruz, Monterey, Merced, San Benito, and Mariposa. Its purpose is to negotiate exclusive contracts with the California Department of Health Care Services and to arrange for the provision of health care services to qualifying residents in these counties—specifically those whose income and assets are insufficient to cover the cost of necessary medical care without compromising their future well-being and financial security.

The Commission may have up to 25 voting members. Except for the Health Department (or Health Services Agency) director or designee—who must work in the respective county and be appointed by that county’s Board of Supervisors—all members must be legal residents of their respective counties and appointed by their county’s Board of Supervisors. Membership should reflect the diversity of skills, backgrounds, interests, and demographics of each county’s population.

Membership Requirements:

Each Commission member must demonstrate a commitment to a health care system that:

- Improves access to high-quality care for all persons, regardless of economic status;
- Delivers care that is genuinely high in quality; and
- Is financially sustainable.
- Members should also be deeply committed to a high-quality, publicly supported health care delivery system.

The number of voting members per county is based on the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries. For San Benito County, the formula provides:

- **15,000 to 30,000 Medi-Cal beneficiaries = 2 commission seats**, filled as follows:
 1. The Director of the County Health Department (or Health Services Agency) or their designee.
 2. One At-Large representative, either from the health care provider community or from the population of Medi-Cal beneficiaries served by the Commission.

On September 26, 2023, Dr. Ralph Armstrong was appointed as the At-Large Representative for the Santa Cruz-Monterey-Merced-San Benito-Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission. Tracey Belton was also on the Commission as the Health and Human Services Agency Director representative.

On August 12, 2025, Michael Schrader, Chief Executive Officer of the Alliance, formally requested that Dr. Ralph Armstrong and Health and Human Services Director Tracey Belton continue serving on the Commission. Both respectfully accepted the re-appointment for the Boards consideration.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the County of San Benito.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

[Board Agenda Fact Sheet -Managed Care Commission Appointments](#)
[Ordinance 1033-Managed Medical Care Commission](#)