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Recommendation for Council Action

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| Austin City Council | Item ID | 13136 | Agenda Number | 22. |
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| Meeting Date: | 3/22/2012 | Department: | Health and Human Services |
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Subject

Approve appointment of PHILIP P. HUANG, M.D., M.P.H. as Health Authority and designation of PAUL HINCHEY, M.D., BIRCH DUKE KIMBROUGH, M.D., and JOSE G. CABANAS, M.D., each individually, as an Alternate Health Authority for Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department effective April 1, 2012.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating budget of the Health and Human Services Department.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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| Purchasing Language: | |
| Prior Council Action: | Approval of Health Authority and two designated Health Authority Alternates in 2010. |
| For More Information: | Carlos Rivera, HHSD Director, 972-5010; Chris Crookham, Agenda Coordinator, 972-5010. |
| Boards and Commission Action: | |
| MBE / WBE: | |
| Related Items: | |

Additional Backup Information

Philip P. Huang, M.D., M.P.H. will continue serving as Medical Director for the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) effective April 1, 2012, to provide medical leadership in monitoring and responding to potential disease outbreaks and ensure that all medical-related activities in the department are performed in accordance with applicable license, regulatory and accreditation standards. As Medical Director, he will also perform the duties of the Health Authority as described in State statutes (i.e., quarantine, required reporting of infectious diseases, birth and death records), City ordinance, and County regulations.

This RCA requests City Council to approve the re-appointment of Dr. Philip Huang as Health Authority for the two-year term commencing April 1, 2012 and ending March 31, 2014. With the approval of Carlos Rivera, HHSD Director, Dr. Philip Huang has designated Dr. Paul Hinchey, Dr. Duke Kimbrough, and Dr. Jose Cabanas, each individually, as Alternate Health Authority.

Under state law (Health and Safety Code Section 121.029), the Health Authority may delegate any power or duty

imposed on the health authority to a properly qualified physician to act while the health authority is absent or incapacitated. The physician designated by the health authority must:

- Meet license and residence requirements;
- Be appointed as a designee in the same manner as the Health Authority; and
- File the Oath of Office, executed by a duly appointed Notary Public, with the Texas Department of Health.

The delegation is effective during the term of the Health Authority making the delegation; the Health Authority is responsible for the acts of the physician to whom the powers have been delegated; and the entity that appoints the Health Authority must have procedures in place to prevent duplication of authority and provide notice to the HHSD Director when authority is transferred. HHSD has had a "Delegation of Back-Up Health Authority" in effect since July 1, 2000.

ELIGIBLE APPOINTEES

Philip P. Huang, M.D., M.P.H. received his medical degree from The University of Texas-Southwestern Medical School and M.P.H. from Harvard School of Public Health. He is licensed to practice in the State of Texas and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Practice. His clinical experience includes internship and residency in Family Practice at Brackenridge Hospital including serving as Chief Resident in Family Practice. His professional experience includes Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and employment at the Texas Department of State Health Services (formerly Texas Department of Health) including Chief of the Bureau of Chronic Disease and Tobacco Prevention and as Medical Director—Chronic Disease Prevention. Dr. Huang meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be appointed Health Authority by Carlos Rivera, HHSD Director, Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department.

With the approval of the HHSD Director, Dr. Huang has requested that Dr. Paul Hinchey, Dr. Birch Kimbrough, and Dr. Jose Cabanas be designated, each individually, as an Alternate Health Authority.

Dr. Hinchey received his medical degree from State University of New York at Buffalo- School of Medicine and Biomedical Science. His medical education included a residency in emergency medicine at the University of North Carolina as well as an EM Fellowship at the University of North Carolina. He holds board certifications from the American Board of Emergency Medicine (2006) and the United States Medical Licensing Examination Step I-III as well as numerous other special certifications. Dr. Hinchey served as Medical Director of the Austin/Travis County EMS, was Deputy Medical Director of Wake County EMS in Raleigh, NC and Medical Director of WakeMed Mobile Critical Care Air and Ground Services and Medical Director of WakeMed Emergency Services Institute Special Operations at WakeMed Health Hospitals in Raleigh, NC. Dr. Hinchey meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority.

Dr. Kimbrough is currently appointed as an Alternate Health Authority. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio, TX. His medical education included an internship at North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, NC and residencies in general surgery at North Carolina Memorial Hospital and Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA. He holds board certifications from the American Board of Surgery in General Surgery (1983; recertified 1991, 2003), American Board of Emergency Medicine (1992; recertified 2001) and numerous special certifications in Advanced Cardiac Life Support, Advanced Trauma Life Support, and Swift Water Rescue. Dr. Kimbrough served as staff physician and Chief Medical Officer at several medical facilities during his military career and was a staff physician in the Emergency Department at South Austin Medical Center. Since 1989 he has been Medical Director of the Paramedic Technology Program at Austin Community College. Dr. Kimbrough also currently serves as an Associate Medical Director in the Austin/Travis County Office of Medical Director and meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority.

Dr. Cabanas received his medical degree from Ross University, Dominica, West Indies. His medical education included a residency in emergency medicine at the University of Puerto Rico, a health policy internship at George Washington University, as well as an EMS fellowship at the University of North Carolina. He holds board certifications from the American Board of Emergency Medicine, the North Carolina Medical Board, the Texas State Medical Board as well as numerous other special certifications. Dr. Cabanas served as Medical Director of Special Operations, Associate Director of Research- Emergency Services Institute, Emergency Medicine Attending Physician,

and Deputy Medical Director at WakeMed Health and Hospitals in Raleigh, NC. Currently, Dr. Cabanas serves as Deputy Medical Director of HHSD.

A current curriculum vitae is attached for the Health Authority and each Alternate Health Authority as well as a copy of the required appointing documents required by the Texas State Department of Health Services.