



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-1194, **Agenda Item #:** 54.

2/7/2019

Posting Language

Approve the appointment of Mary Ann Rodriguez, M.D. as Health Authority, and designation of Ming Tang, M.D. and Mark Escott, M.D., M.P.H., each individually, as an Alternate Health Authority for the Austin Public Health Department effective immediately through December 31, 2019.

Lead Department

Austin Public Health.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

December 7, 2017- Council previously approved the appointment of Dr. Philip Huang as Health Authority with three alternate Health Authorities.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This RCA requests Council approve the appointment of Dr. Mary Ann Rodriguez as Health Authority commencing February 11, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019. Dr. Mary Ann Rodriguez has designated Dr. Ming Tang, and Dr. Mark Escott, each individually, as a Back-Up Alternate Health Authority.

Pursuant to Section 121.0331 of the Health and Safety Code, 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 residency requirements;
- Be appointed as a designee in the same manner as the Health Authority; and
- Take and subscribe to the official oath and file the Oath of Office, executed by a duly appointed Notary Public, with the Texas Department of State Health Services.

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 Austin Public Health Director when authority is transferred. The Austin Public Health Department (APH) has had a "Delegation of Back-Up Health Authority" in effect since July 1, 2000.

Dr. Mary Ann Rodriguez received her medical degree from the University of the Philippines, Manila, Philippines. She has

a license to practice in the State of Texas and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine. Her medical education included a residency in internal medicine at the University of Texas Southwestern at Seton Family of Hospitals at Brackenridge Hospital. Dr. Rodriguez currently serves as Medical Director over the Communicable Disease Unit at APH. Dr. Rodriguez previously served as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine in the General Medicine Division, Department of Medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Dr. Rodriguez meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority. Dr. Mary Ann Rodriguez has requested that Dr. Ming Tang, and Dr. Mark Escott be designated, each individually, as a Back-Up Alternate Health Authority.

ALTERNATE HEALTH AUTHORITY

Dr. Ming Tang received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and a Masters in Healthcare Management from the University of Texas at Dallas. He has a license to practice in the State of Texas and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine. He is also a Registered Pharmacist in Texas. His medical education included an internship and residency in Family Medicine at Brackenridge Hospital. Dr. Tang currently serves as the physician in the Refugee Program at APH. Dr. Tang previously served as a family medicine physician with the City of Austin and CommUnity Care. Dr. Tang meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority.

Dr. Mark Escott received his medical degree from Flinders University School of Medicine in South Australia and a Master's in Public Health from the University of Texas at Houston School of Public Health. He has a license to practice in the State of Texas and is subspecialty certified in EMS with the American Board of Emergency Medicine. His medical education includes an internship at the University of Adelaide-Modbury Public Hospital and a residency in emergency medicine at Pennsylvania State University-MS Hershey Medical Center, including serving as Chief Resident in Emergency Medicine. Dr. Escott currently serves as EMS System Medical Director for the City and Travis County. He previously served as Director of the Division of EMS and Disaster Medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine, and as Health Authority for the Montgomery County Public Health District. Dr. Escott meets all of the requirements of the Health and Safety Code to be designated as an Alternate Health Authority.

The 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.

PERFORMANCE

Related Department Goal: Promote a healthy community by preventing chronic and communicable diseases and promoting improvements in social/economic/environmental factors that will result in an improved overall health status and a reduction of health disparities.