



MERCED COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

JOINT MEETING WITH  
MERCY MEDICAL CENTER MERCED  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2001  
10:00 a.m.

MERCY MEDICAL CENTER  
MERCED/CATHOLIC HEALTH  
CARE WEST  
301 EAST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
MERCED, CALIFORNIA 95340

CHAIR GLORIA CORTEZ KEENE.....DISTRICT 1  
KATHLEEN M. CROOKHAM....DISTRICT 2  
JOE RIVERO.....DISTRICT 3  
DEIDRE F. KELSEY....DISTRICT 4  
JERRY O'BANION.....DISTRICT 5  
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During regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.*

The Agenda is available online at [www.co.merced.ca.us](http://www.co.merced.ca.us)

10:00 A. M. - SCHEDULED ITEM

County Staff will review lease compliance procedures and status and process of indigent health care services.

Hospital Staff will review the transition process, licensing and accreditation, Community Campus services including new services, consolidated services and the Residency Program, staffing issues, equipment issues, the status of the Community Advisory Board, the status of the new hospital and health care trends in general and specific for the Merced area.

**REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGE 2 AND 3**

**RECEIVED REPORTS AND INPUT AND APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS CONCERNS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITHIN 45 DAYS**      **AYES: ALL**

## **BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES**

### **JOINT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 26, 2001**

#### **10:00 A. M. SCHEDULED ITEM**

#### **2001-09-26 HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

The time and date previously set for a Joint Meeting with the Mercy Medical Center Merced Board of Directors and the Merced County Board of Supervisors to formally interact, exchange information and issues of concern as well as hear reports from County and Hospital Staff on operational matters as submitted by the Health Department.

#### Members Present:

Board of Supervisors Members Gloria Cortez Keene, Kathleen M. Crookham, Joe Rivero, Deidre F. Kelsey and Jerry O'Banion, County Administrator Demitrios O. Tatum, Director of Public Health Michael Ford and County Counsel Fernanda Saude.

Mercy Medical Center Merced Board of Directors Members Dr. Ben Duran, Dr. Atulkumar Roy Sr., Esther Lango, Peter Fluetsch, Walt Adams III, Bert Crane, Cynthia Temple and CEO John Heading.

Director of Public Health Michael Ford (on behalf of Merced County) submits and reviews the Hospital Lease and Healthcare Monitoring Operating Agreements - Monitoring Report for Period of April 1, 2001 to September 26, 2001.

The Board discusses the southside services status and transportation shuttle.

Mercy CEO John Heading presents and reviews the following areas: Transition Process/Assumption of Operations, Licensing/Accreditation, Attorney General Stipulations, Community Advisory Committee, Financial Status, Residency Program, Capital/Program Expansions, Operational Issues, Service Line Consolidation, Indigent Care Program and New Hospital Planning.

Supervisor Rivero expresses the desire to work with the Hospital to help in difficult situations and requests the hospital let the County know how they can help.

Supervisor Cortez Keene states a possibility of helping the hospital is utilizing PITD funds with contracts with the college.

Supervisors Crookham expresses appreciation for the Long Range Planning Report.

Dr. Lawrence Mueller submits and reviews a letter dated September 24, 2001 outlining his concerns with nursing salaries, shortage and coverage of beds, morale problems, messages being given to the physicians and support by the local hospital.

The Chairman notes for the record a letter has been received by Dr. Nevatt.

Keith Uriate, AFSCME Representative, states there is a critical health care shortage and coverage in this area. He requests a health care study be done to identify problems and directs risk management be allowed our CHW to include in this health plan.

Nancy Breeding, an employee of the Clinical Lab at the Dominican Campus, states she has been employed for over 10 years with Mercy and has never seen the morale so low.

Supervisor Kelsey expresses concern with the issues that have been brought before the Board today and suggests we have a subcommittee between the hospital board and the county staff meet and come together with a solution.

Chairman Cortez Keene suggests a Working Group consisting of Director of Public Health- Michael Ford, CAO Demitrios Tatum, Mercy CEO John Headding, Mercy Board of Director Member Bert Crane and herself to review health care concerns and report back to the Board.

Supervisor Kelsey requests Auditor Jim Ball be included also.

Supervisor O'Banion states that Merced County does have a contract with the Hospital and a responsibility for the health care of the community and the county hospital. He states Merced County can work with CHW to make this happen by the possible use of some of the tobacco tax monies.

Following discussion, Supervisor O'Banion accepts the request by the Chairman to also serve on this Working Group Committee.

Following further discussion, the Board sets the time frame parameter to come back to the Board in 45 days or sooner.

The Meeting is adjourned.