

DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Board of Directors May 14, 2019 4:00 P.M.

Jerry Stergios Building, 2nd floor Arthur H. "Red" Motley Boardroom 1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive, Palm Springs, California 92262

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AGENDA

Item Type

Any item on the agenda may result in Board Action

A. CALL TO ORDER - President Zendle, MD

Roll Call

____Director Borja____Director PerezGil____Director Rogers, RN

____ Director Matthews____Vice-President/Secretary De Lara

____President Zendle, MD

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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D. PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, comments from the audience may be made on items <u>not</u> listed on the agenda that are of public interest and within the subject-matter jurisdiction of the District. **The Board has a policy of limiting speakers to no more than three minutes.** The Board cannot take action on items not listed on the agenda. Public input may be offered on agenda items when they come up for discussion and/or action.

E. NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

 Interviews to consider the appointment of one (1) new Board member from Zone 5 of the District

	Candidates	City of Residence
3-6	1. Patricia Saleh	Thousand Palms
	2. Arthur Shorr	Palm Desert
17-21	3. Hermila "Mily" Trevino-Sauceda	Thousand Palms
22-23	4. SueAnn Stone	Rancho Mirage

 Appointment and selection to fill the vacancy of one (1) board member to serve until the November 3, 2020 election Action

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3. Consideration to approve Resolution #19-07 appointing **Action** Director to serve in Zone 5 of the District

F. OATH OF OFFICE

1. Administer Oath of Office to newly appointed Director

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration to approve a letter of support for AB 890 Action (Wood): Nurse Practitioners Scope of Practice

H. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION Public Employee Appointment pursuant to Government Code 54957 Title: Chief Executive Officer

I. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

J. REPORT AFTER CLOSED SESSION

K. ADJOURNMENT

If you have any disability which would require accommodation to enable you to participate in this meeting, please email Andrea S. Hayles, Special Assistant to the CEO and Board Relations Officer, at ahayles @dhcd.org or call (760) 323-6110 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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Patricia Saleh

35220 Bandana Circle Thousand Palms, CA 92276 Cell: 760-668-2843: Fax: 760-343-2440 E-Mail: <u>ps8888@msn.com</u>

To: The Desert Health Care District Board of Directors

April 25, 2019

Re: Appointment to the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors to fill the vacancy left by President Wortham in Zone 5.

Having served on the Thousand Palms Community Council since 2008 under all the Riverside County 4th District supervisors since Roy Wilson, and having served over several years as President of the Thousand Palms Chamber of Commerce, I am conscious of the concerns of the community. Thousand Palms has large Latino and senior populations, and a substantial percentage of working families with children. The safety of children attending Della Lindley Elementary School has been among my top concerns since I was appointed to the Council in 2008. It has led to safer traffic conditions for little ones being dropped off at school and a spinoff most recently realized as new sidewalks to protect walkers from traffic.

I have also been serving on the Imperial Irrigation District Energy Consumers Advisory Committee for over 8 years. As a representative of the unincorporated areas of the Coachella Valley I am in contact with the priorities of people throughout the desert service area which runs from Bob Hope Drive east to the boundaries of the Imperial Valley. The role of ECAC is to advise the IID Board on budgetary matters including public benefits and energy cost concerns from the Coachella Valley area.

I grew up in Palm Springs and graduated from Palm Springs High School. I worked for Desert Hospital in 1986 as Communications Manager. I am not a doctor but have had first-hand experience addressing the concerns of doctors. I am aware of the financial challenges facing our hospitals in trying to relieve a doctor shortage and operate in the black while receiving inadequate funding from the County or State.

I will be in Colorado on the day you are doing interviews, but will be happy to interview by phone if that can be arranged. The office of 4th District Supervisor Manuel Perez recommended me, most likely to increase representation in our area. Please don't hesitate to call me any time at 760-668-2843, my cell phone. Or, give me a number to call and I'll be happy to do so, to avoid missing your call.

Patricia Saleh

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Patricia Saleh



Educational Background Grew up in Palm Springs, California. Graduated from Palm Springs High school. Attended U.C.L.A.; L'Université de la Mediterranée in Nice, France; College of the Desert; University of California at Riverside. 2006 passed Real Estate Exam for California Real Estate License

Work History

July 2013 to 2018

Gadabout Vacations/Anderson Travel

Right hand to owner Lois Anderson. Telemarketing to group travel leaders, writing and editing of travel brochures, coordination of newsletter with tour planners, computer research, photo editing, computer repairs. Organizing travel shows.

2008-2013

Served as caregiver for father until he passed away in 2013 at 98 years old. Coordinated all medical, legal, personal, practical and transportation needs.

2006-2008

Real Estate agent and Marketing Director for Ultimate Approach, Inc. Sold real estate, implemented and coordinated company Web site, business cards, etc.

January 2005 – February 2006 General Manager/Marketing/Construction Coordination for the Crystal Hotel & Spa Resort

A 42-room spa resort in Desert Hot Springs, CA

Duties included overall hotel management, budget supervision, hiring, coordination of construction, maintenance and remodeling, interior

design, multi-media advertising creation and placement, group marketing, spa program supervision, landscape design and implementation, events coordinator, public relations, community outreach, mounting of restaurant and bar operations, work with Environmental Health Department and City of Desert Hot Springs officials to obtain liquor license, restaurant health certification, plan and license approval, housekeeping supervision, quality control, computer reservations system implementation, telephone system implementation, front desk services and supervision.

1993-2005:

Communications Manager for Gadabout Tours, Inc.

with Anderson Travel-Gadabout Vacations offices in Palm Springs, Indian Wells and Hemet

Duties include writing, editing and layout of advertising, press releases, brochures, 64-page catalog and other written materials that go to the public; creation and maintenance of the Anderson and Gadabout Web sites; dealings with clients and agents on promotion and creation of their travel advertisements; securing bids and coordinating production of yearly catalog; video production and narration; Power Point presentations; computer repairs and coordination of all computer and communications purchases for three offices including telephones, copiers, fax machines; teaching of computer programs. Right hand to the owner-operator of the company.

Past:

1990-1993 Editor International Fine Arts Collector Magazine World-class artist interviews, writing, editing, coordination of freelance contributors including writers in other countries; French to English translations

1988-1990 Managing Editor Desert Arts Calendar Magazine Editing, interviewing, writing; maintaining community calendar of artsrelated events; coordination of computer repairs

1986-1987 Communications Manager Desert Hospital, Palm Springs Handled doctor and department publicity and interviews; special community events; media relations and coordination; worked with Tiempo de Los Niños in coordinating annual Food Festival; created and coordinated publicity for Grand Champions Benefit Tennis Tournament; worked with hospital volunteers and celebrities on hospital fund-raising projects; helped create employee parties

1983-1986 Food Editor, Society Reporter, The Desert Sun, Palm Springs

Writing, editing and layout of the Food Section; coordinated with newspaper's graphic artists; took photographs and did interviews at charity events . Conducted interviews with celebrities and local dignitaries; did public-interest

articles for front-page news as well as the food and local sections. Interviewed local restaurateurs. Coordinated local recipes for Family Circle Magazine issue. **1981-1983 Booking Agent, Sonrize Talent Agency, San Pedro**Coordinated booking of performers, musicians in Los Angeles-area restaurants and nightclubs; represented the agency in organizing the nationwide Beauty for All Seasons convention on the Queen Mary including the reservation of all facilities and food, entertainment and onsite coordination of all activities during the convention

Computer Skills: Quark Express, Adobe Photoshop, Microsoft Office Programs including Word, Outlook, Excel, Publisher and Power Point, Microsoft Works, Filemaker Pro, Front Page, Adobe Illustrator, Pagemaker, Network administrator

Languages: Fluent French, some Spanish

Hobbies: Vocalist, pianist; fiction writing

Non-Profit Posts: 2008-2019

Serve on the Thousand Palms Community Council since 2008

Appointed and re-appointed by three Riverside County 4th District Supervisors.

2010- 2018 Serving on the Imperial Irrigation Energy Consumers Advisory Committee.

References available upon request.

ARTHUR S. SHORR & ASSOCIATES, INC.

CONSULTANTS TO HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

March 28, 2019

Chris Christensen Interim CEO & Chief Financial Officer Desert Healthcare District & Foundation 1140 N. Indian Canyon Drive Palm Springs, CA 92262

Dear Chris,

With a deep sense of respect, I request that you consider my application to fulfill the governing board vacancy of District 5 of the Desert Healthcare District.

As you know, I have served as a volunteer on the Desert Healthcare District & Foundation finance committees for the past few years and have demonstrated an ongoing interest in the administrative and governance process of the Desert Healthcare District and Foundation.

I have attached a copy of my curriculum vitae which reflects my continuous, full-time commitment to the hospital and healthcare industry since 1970. As noted in detail, I have not only served in senior executive management positions in acute care teaching hospitals, but have also founded and managed an international healthcare consulting firm serving hospitals and licensed healthcare facilities including numerous district hospitals in the state of California. I have also served on numerous governing boards of both large urban hospitals and a rural critical access hospital. I am a board-certified, Life Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.

As a full-time resident of District 5 I feel that I can contribute my professional knowledge and expertise to the betterment and welfare of the community served by the Desert Hospital District and Foundation.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration.

Cordially, Arthur S Shorr VF

CURRICULUM VITAE

ARTHUR S. SHORR, L-FACHE

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Arthur S. Shorr & Associates, Inc., Consultants to Healthcare Providers Los Angeles July 1983 - Present President

Founded in 1983, Arthur S. Shorr & Associates, Inc. is a management consulting firm specializing in providing Strategic Planning, Operational Consulting and Business Practice services to Health Care Providers, including but not limited to: Hospitals, Medical Groups and Physicians. These services include:

- Strategic Planning
- Board and Medical Staff Retreats
- Strategic Medical Staff Business Development
- Managed Care Organizational Strategies
- Physician/Hospital Relationships
- Medicare Compliance Planning & Audits
- Joint Commission Regulatory Compliance Review • Risk Prevention Analysis
 - Practice Acquisition and Sales
 - Medical Staff Economic Grand Rounds
 - Interim Practice Management

Los Angeles, CA

May 1980 - January 1984

Detroit, MI 1969 - 1976

• Operational Consulting

Shorr & Associates also offers case analysis, strategic planning, and expert witness consultation and testimony to plaintiff and defense attorneys.

Arthur S. Shorr & Associates, Inc. d/b/a Shorr Healthcare Consulting President

Provide Strategic Planning, Operational Consulting, and Business Practice Services to Healthcare Providers.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Los Angeles

Chief Operating Officer, Senior Vice President for Administration

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is the largest acute care voluntary hospital west of the Mississippi. As Chief Operating Officer of this major teaching Medical Center, was responsible for all operating activities on the Medical Center Campus, including 6500 employees and an operating budget in excess of 300 million dollars; appointed as a voting member of the Board of Trustees.

Mount Sinai Medical Center

Administrator & Chief Operating Officer

Mount Sinai Medical Center is a 450 bed community based, major teaching affiliate of the University of Wisconsin Medical School, Madison, and the Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

As Administrator and Chief Operating Officer was responsible for all day to day operational activities of the Medical Center was responsible for an employee complement in excess of 1600, and an operating budget in excess of 90 million dollars. From June 1, 1976 to February 1, 1977, served as Interim President and Chief Executive Officer while this position was vacant.

Hutzel Hospital, The Detroit Medical Center

Assistant Director of Patient Services 1973 - 1976

• Professional Services

• Executive Director Nursing Services Assistant Director 1970 - 1973 Administrative Resident 1969 - 1970

EDUCATION:

M.B.A.: Health Care Administration, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., 1970 Administrative Residency: Hutzel Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, 1969-1970 Bachelor of Science: Brooklyn College-City University, State of New York, 1967 - Major: Accounting, Economics

Milwaukee, WI, May 1976 - April 1980

August 2012 – Present

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

 University of Southern California: School of Policy, Planning and Development; Graduate Program in Health Care Administration: Associate Clinical Professor: 1995 - 2009 Adjunct Faculty: 1984 - 1994 Residency Advisory Committee: 1981 – 2004 Preceptor, Mentor: 1983 - 2004
 The George Washington University: School of Public Health & Health Services Lecturer of Health Services Management & Leadership : 2012 - Present Assistant Professorial Lecturer of Health Services Management & Leadership: 2004 - 2012 Adjunct Lecturer: 1992 – 2003 Executive in Residence: 2004 - present

University of Wisconsin: Adjunct Faculty: Program in Health Care Administration, 1977-1980 University of Southern California: Clinical Instructor: School of Pharmacy, Programs in Health Care, 1980-84 UCLA: Lecturer: Graduate School of Business, Medical Marketing Association, March 1984 Wayne State University: Instructor: College of Lifelong Learning, 1973-1976

APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS:

American College of Healthcare Executives:

Student Associate	1968 - 1970
Member	1970 - 1973
Diplomate	1973 - 2000
Fellow	2000 - 2014
Life Fellow	2014 - Present
Public Policy Committee	1999 - 2002
Regents Advisory Committee	1994 - 2008
Field Test Task Force:	
Health Leadership Alliance Competency Directory	2005
Editorial Advisory Committee	2010 - 2013
Medical Practice Compliance Alert: Editorial Advisory Board	2001 - 2007
Healthcare CFO Report: Editorial Advisory Board	1999 - 2007
Healthcare Computing & Telecommunications: Consulting Editor	1982 - 1984
Computers in Health Care: Executive Advisory Board	1982 - 1985
American College of Medical Quality:	
Member, Advisory Panel, National Ethics Committee	1997-2002
The George Washington University:	
Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award	2004
Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award	2014
Conejo Valley Critical Access Hospital Planning Taskforce:	
Co-chairman	2004 - 2005
Desert Regional Medical Center: Finance Committee	2016 - Present

TRUSTEESHIPS:

- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California. May 1980 December 1983
- Charter Community Hospital, Hawaiian Gardens, California. Member, 1984-1985
- Imagination Workshop, Westwood, California, 1985-1988
- Jewish Homes for the Aging of Greater Los Angeles, 1985-1990
- Mad River Community Hospital, Arcata, CA, October 2006-present
- American Hospital Management Corporation, Arcata, CA, October 2006 present

PUBLICATIONS:

- Sexual Assault of Hospital Patients Advocate: Journal of Consumer Attorneys Associations for Southern California; June 2018
- Sexual Assault of Hospital Patients
 Plaintiff: The Magazine for Northern California Plaintiffs' Attorneys; June 2018
- **Oversight of the Hospital-Based Credentialing and Peer Review Process** Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons Volume 18, Number 4. Winter 2013.
- Hospital Negligence: Legal and Administrative Issues Thomson Reuters 2009.
- Hospital Negligence: Legal and Administrative Issues Thomson Reuters October 2009. (Supplements Published: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)
- The Role of the Chief Executive Officer in Maximizing Patient Safety Healthcare Executive March/April 2007
- Planning for Retirement: A Winning Strategy for Selling Your Medical Practice MD News March 2007
- Splitting the Financial Pie Southern California Physician August 2005
- In the Defense of Hospitals: Taking the High Road Trustee: Journal of The American Hospital Association April 2002
- Billing Fraud-and-Abuse: Assessing Your Practice Risks
 The SCPIE Companies Medigram 2002
- Billing Fraud-and-Abuse Compliance Audit: Key Risk Areas
 The SCPIE Companies Medigram 2001
- Billing Fraud-and-Abuse Compliance Audit: Is Your Practice Ready? The SCPIE Companies Medigram 2001
- Has Nursing Lost Its Professional Focus? Nursing Administration Quarterly Fall 2000
- The Doctor's Practice Management Doctor M.D. News June 1997
- The Solo Practitioner: Dying Species or a New Breed? Welcome to Health Care 1997!
 M.D. News March 1997
- Appraising Medical Practices
 Physician Recruiter September 1995
- The Solo Practitioner: Dying Species or New Breed? Medical Staff News: Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Spring 1992
- Restructuring Your Practice to Meet the Challenges of the '90s Progress Notes: College Hospital Costa Mesa May 1991
- Mergers and Acquisitions: Why Some Work When Others Fail Health Care Strategic Management November 1988

- Industrial Medicine Clinics: Making the Right Acquisition Decision Health Care Strategic Management Vol. 6, No. 10 October 1988
- The Long-Term Benefits of Helping Physician Groups with Strategic Planning Health Care Strategic Management Vol. 6, No. 8 August 1988
- Part III: The Physician/Hospital Joint Venture: Developing a Win/Win Strategy for Success Structuring and Negotiating the Deal Health Care Strategic Management Vol. 5, No. 8 August 1987
- Acquiring Medical Practices: Protecting the Physician's Interest LACMA Physician, Vol. 117, No. 10 June 1, 1987
- Part II: The Physician/Hospital Joint Venture: Developing a Win/Win Strategy for Success Joint Venture Strategies and Considerations
 Health Care Strategic Management, Vol. 5, No. 5 May 1987
- Personal Interview
 Computers in Health Care 1982
- Practice Acquisition: To Buy or Not to Buy Healthcare Forum Journal Vol. 30, No. 5 September/October 1987
- Part I: The Physician/Hospital Joint Venture: Developing a Win/Win Strategy for Success The First Step: Developing the Environment Health Care Strategic Management Vol. 5, No. 2 February 1987
- Attracting MDs Through Sponsored Management Services Newsbrief Southern California Chapter Healthcare Financial Management Association October/November 1986
- Beginning a Materials Management Program Hospital Purchasing Management February 1981
- Employee Accountability: Are You Getting What You Paid For? Computers in Health Care February 1983
- How To Prepare For Prospective Reimbursement: Development of a Comprehensive Management Information System for Personnel Utilization, Budget and Control Hospital Topics Vol.53, No. 2 March/April 1973
- How to Take a Hospital to the Cleaners Hospitals: Journal of the American Hospital Association Vol. 45 August 16, 1971

PRESENTATIONS:

- A Futures Paradigm to Restructure Hospital Credentialing and Privileging to Maximize Patient Safety American College of Healthcare Executives, 2016 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, Chicago, 3/16
- When Maximizing Patient Safety is Not the CEO's Priority #1 The George Washington University School of Public Health & Health Services. Webinar. 7/14
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety: Debunking the Myth of Tort Reform Consultants Training Institute. Webinar. 4/14.
- **Career Positioning: Strategically Mapping Your Executive Career Development** American College of Healthcare Executives, Webinar, Central Illinois Chapter; 7/13
- Modernizing the Governing Board/Medical Staff Relationship American College of Healthcare Executives, 2012 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, Chicago, 2/12.
- Appraising and Structuring Medical Practice Acquisitions for Effective ACO Relationships Healthcare Executives of Southern California. Los Angeles. 5/11
- Governing Board/Medical Staff Relations: A Modern Paradigm University of California-Irvine, Paul Merage School of Business. 4/11
- The Role of the Chief Executive Officer in Maximizing Patient Safety: Back to Basics University of California-Irvine, Paul Merage School of Business. 4/11
- Evaluating Corporate Negligence in Acute Care Hospitals TASA Webinar. 10/10
- Sexual Assault in Acute Care Hospitals and Nursing Homes The Crime Victim Bar Association, New Orleans. 9/10
- The CEO's Role in Maximizing Patient Safety and Avoiding Litigation American College of Healthcare Executives, 2010 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, Chicago. 3/10
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety: A New Paradigm for Medical Staff Oversight Hebrew University, Braun International School of Public Health. Jerusalem, Israel. 12/09
- The Role of the CEO in Preventing Sham Peer Review University of California, Irvine; UCI Medical School & Paul Merage School of Business, 7/09
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety American College of Healthcare Executives, 2009 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, Chicago. 3/09
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety: Back to Basics Health Care Executives of Southern California, Los Angeles. 12/08
- Corporate Negligence in Acute Care Hospitals: Understanding the Continuum of Accountability from the Chief Executive Officer to Front Line Managers.
 American College of Healthcare Executives Webinar, 9/08
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety: An Ethical Framework Hebrew University, Braun International School of Public Health. Jerusalem, Israel. 4/08
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety
 American College of Healthcare Executives, 2008 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, Chicago, 3/08
- Sexual Assault in Nursing Homes American Association for Justice, Chicago, 07/07

- Maximizing Patient Safety from a CEO Perspective Hospital Association of South Africa, 2007 Annual Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa 6/07
- Trends in Acute Care Hospitals in the United States
 Hospital Association of South Africa, 2007 Annual Conference, Stellenbosch, South Africa 6/07
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety American College of Healthcare Executives, 2007 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, New Orleans 3/07
- Operational Productivity: Maximizing the Value of Private Practice Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of Southern California, 46th Annual Convention, Palm Springs 2/07
- Planning for the Paperless Office
 Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons of Southern California, 46th Annual Convention, Palm Springs 2/07
- The Role of the CEO in Effective Medical Staff Peer Review Semmelweis Society International, Inc., National Meeting 2006; Washington DC 5/06
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety
 American College of Healthcare Executives, 2006 Congress on Healthcare Leadership, Chicago 3/06
- The Role of the CEO in Maximizing Patient Safety Healthcare Executives of Southern California, Riverside 1/06
- Understanding Institutional Negligence: Hospitals and HMOs Medical Skills Trial College: Phoenix 2/05
- Tracking Accountability Up & Down the Corporate Tree National College of Advocacy, Montreal 10/04
- Role of the CEO in the Management Accountability Process: A View from the Courtroom Health Care Executives of Southern California, Los Angeles, 7/04
- Governance & Hospital Liability
 Los Angeles Chapter, American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, Pasadena 6/04
- Private Practice of Medicine, 2004: The Transition from Academic Medicine Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Medical Staff & House Staff Alumni Association, Los Angeles 5/04
- Corporate Strategic Planning Retreat Aspen Education Group, LaJolla, CA 1/04
- Maximizing the Value of Private Practice Fall Symposium: Infectious Disease Association of California, 10/03
- Issues & Dynamics Impacting the Private Practice of Medicine Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Medical Staff & House Staff Alumni Association, Los Angeles 5/03
- Institutional Negligence: Hospitals and HMOs Medical Skills Trial College, Tampa 1/03
- Credentialing and Granting Hospital Practice Privileges: The Duties and Responsibilities of the Hospital. National College of Advocacy, Las Vegas 10/02.
- EMTALA Update American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants. Indianapolis 4/02.
- Elements of Accountability: Evaluating the Hospital's Role in Birth Trauma Litigation ATLA Birth Trauma Litigation Group, 2/2002

- Hospital Liability in Medical Malpractice Cases: Administrative Negligence with Medical Consequences National College of Advocacy, 10/2001
- The Unlimited Future of Healthcare in the 21st Century, from a Healthcare Administrator's View Keynote Address: Alpha Epsilon Delta, University of Southern California, Los Angeles 2/01.
- Contemporary Issues in Hospital Medical Staff Credentialing & Privilege Granting National College of Advocacy, Rohnert Park, 10/2000
- Hospital Governance & Liability: Understanding Liability Pathways Illinois Trial Lawyers Association, 9/2000
- Hospital Governance & Liability: Understanding Liability Pathways San Francisco Trial Lawyers Association, 8/2000
- Strategic Planning American Medical Group Association, Boston 10/99
- Practice Management Options and Opportunities for Effective Cost Management and Customer Satisfaction Saint Barnabas Institute for Physician Leadership, New Jersey 5/99
- Utilization Management: A Historical Context from the Physicians Perspective George Washington University School of Public Health, Washington D. C. 10/98
- Contemporary Issues in Hospital Liability Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys, Blue Bell, PA 10/98
- Contemporary Issues in Managed Care The Impact Upon the Practitioner in the United States Hebrew University/George Washington University - Joint Program in Public Health, Israel 5/98
- Governance and Hospital Liability: Understanding Liability Pathways American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants, Dallas 4/98
- Key Developments in Healthcare Delivery in USA Australian General Practice Panel, Canberra, Australia 3/98
- Surviving, Thriving, or ?? Under Managed Care: You Have a Choice George Washington University School of Public Health, Washington, D. C. 10/97
- Understanding the Role of the Hospital Administrator and Board of Directors in Maintaining Community Standards Technical Advisory Service for Attorneys, Blue Bell, PA 2/97
- Patient Management: Implications of Managed Care Annual Meeting of the Medical Staff, Monterey Park Hospital, 12/96
- The Strategic Role of Hospitals and Physicians in Creating Successful Integrated Delivery Systems
 Visiting Professor, Managed Care Colloquium, George Washington University Graduate School of Public Administration,
 Washington, D.C. 10/96
- Implications of Managed Care/Capitation on Physician Practice Medical Group Management Association, Las Vegas, NV 9/96
- The Potential to Create Regional Branded Delivery Systems: Challenges to the Investor-Owned Hospital Annual Corporate Regional Strategic Planning Retreat for CEO's and Key Administrative Staff, ORNDA Hospital Corporation, 8/96
- Theories of Liability Against a Hospital in an Orthopedic Implant Case Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 7/96

- Preparing for Success: The Role of the Community Hospital Board of Trustees Annual Strategic Planning Retreat, Panorama Community Hospital, 5/96
- Overcoming Practice Merger Hurdles to Ensure Success and the Bottom Line The American College of Medical Staff Development, 4/96
- How to Merge or Acquire Practices Without Losing Your Shirt The American College of Medical Staff Development, 4/96
- Working With Physicians: Building Relationships and Alliances
 Visiting Professor, George Washington University Graduate School of Public Administration 11/95
- Key Economic and Organizational Elements Necessary in Developing Successful Integrated Delivery Systems American Academy of Medical Administrators 11/95
- Understanding the Psychology, Needs and Wants of Physicians in the '90s and Beyond American Association of Health Care Consultants 10/95
- Reducing Costs, Right-Sizing and Reorganizing to Improve Market Value The Alliance for Healthcare Strategy and Marketing 10/95
- The Legal and Working Relationships Between Board, Physician and Hospital American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants 9/95
- Thriving Under Managed Care The National Association of Physician Recruitment and Retention, Seventh National Symposium 9/95
- Overhead Expense Reduction Through Right-Sizing and Reorganization
 National Institute of Physician Recruitment & Retention, Practice Management for Non-Clinical Administrators 7/95
- The Economics of Private Practice in an Integrated Delivery System Parkview Health Systems MSO 7/95
- The Economics of Private Practice in an Integrated Delivery System Parkview Health Systems PHO 6/95
- Thriving Under Managed Care: Keys to Developing a Progressive Integrated Delivery System The National Institute of Physician Recruitment & Retention, The 6th National Symposium 5/95
- Medical Practice Consolidation for Specialists Hoag Memorial Hospital 12/94
- The Private Practice of Medicine the Evolution of Medical Care Organizations in the 90's California Society of CPA's 10/93
- Physician Hospital Relationships: Raising the Unpopular Questions Healthcare Executives of Northern California 7/93
- Positioning Your Practice for Maximum Value in the 90's Hoag Memorial Hospital 3/93
- Why Physicians and Groups Seek Affiliation "Mergers" Main Line Health System of Pennsylvania 11/92
- Succession Planning for Medical Practices California Society of CPA's 10/92
- Strategic Medical Staff Business Development: Census and Revenue Enhancement Strategies for the 90's The Physician Relations Group 10/92

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- Valuing and Buying a Practice: Opportunities for Growth and Integration Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of California 9/92
- Medical Economics in the 90's: Is the Solo Practitioner Going to Exist? Granada Hills Community Hospital 6/92
- How to Increase the Value of Your Practice
 United Western Medical Centers 5/91
- Specialty Service Marketing The National Association of Private Psychiatric Hospitals 4/87
- You and Your Medical Staff: Allies or Adversaries? Southern California Healthcare Marketing Association 3/87
- The Evolution of the Acute Care Hospital Sector through the Next Decade American Hospital Supply Corp. Hospital Applied Research Division 11/83

Hermila "Mily" Treviño-Sauceda 31-780 Shelter Dr. Thousand Palms, CA 92276

EDUCATION:

- Master of Arts Individualized Master of Arts (Social Sciences = Rural Development/Oral History/Women's Leadership/Organizational Capacity Building) Spring, 2014
- Bachelor of Arts in Chicano Studies, California State University Fullerton, Spring 97 Credits for-Minor in Women's Studies, California State University Fullerton, Spring 97
- Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies, Mt. San Antonio College, Spring 94
- G.E.D. College of the Desert, Spring 79
- Certified Office Procedures, Colegio Modelo, Linares, Nuevo León, México, Summer 74

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- Executive Director & Co-founder of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Inc. A national grassroots organization. The only national farmworker women's organization in the U.S. created by current and former farmworker women, along with women who hail from farmworker families and who were displaced and are now working the land in a sustainable way. The mission is to unify the struggle to promote farmworker women's leadership in a national movement to create a broader visibility and advocate for changes that ensure their human rights. July 2018 present
- Recruitment and Orientation Coordinator. Organización en California de Líderes Campesinas, Inc. a statewide grassroots organization. The only statewide farmworker women's organization in the country. Organizing new areas in California to build campesina committees. Assited in organizing more chapters of farmworker women and provided orientations with local chapters and assisted in the strategic local annual planning. Provided training with staff about the history and philosophy of this movement. Trained membership on leadership development and prevention against violence against women issues as well as other issues. February 2016 2018.

• Consultant - work related

- **Documentary-Adios Amor** – A Location Coordinator for filmmaker Laurie Coyle. Working on the documentary production of *Adios Amor*. The story is about a migrant farmworker mother (Maria Moreno) and organizer in California agricultural fields. Maria Moreno became the spokesperson for a multi-ethnic farm labor movement during the late 1950s early 1960s. December 2014 - 2016

- National Hmong American Farmers (NHAF) – non-profit organization whose mission is to promote economic well-being among Hmong-Americans, small and minority farmers in Fresno County, California and in other areas. Conducted and facilitated training workshops/forums for small farmers (Latino and Hmong) as well as Latino farmworkers. Informing on viable information from USDA and other government programs that help create social and economic development programs to create self-sufficiency; Providing health education, leadership training, and participation in events and issues which affect the daily lives of the Hmong and other ethnic minority farming groups; and Becoming a recognized provider of effective community change. 2014 - 2016

-ASISTA - centralize assistance for advocates and attorneys facing complex legal problems in advocating for immigrant survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Assisting in the preparation of 'An Advocate's Guide to Sexual Violence in the Workplace Curriculum' July 15, 2013 – Present.

-Perdue University Extension – Worked with Multicultural Efforts to End Sexual Assault (MESA) Program Director on Fotonovela about child sexual abuse in the Farmworker Community. February 2014 – Present.

-"Alianza"- National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence. Cultural Competency curriculum editor & trainer. October 2011 – 2014.

- 'PAC' Pequeños Agricultores de California, a regional group of Latino small organic farmers and farmworkers in the San Benito and Monterey Counties that guides current and future small farmers to

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become self-sufficient in the agricultural business (in their language) providing technical assistance to obtaining resources and funding. As a Consultant, I provided technical assistance and guidance in their capacity building as an entity to fulfill their mission and objectives. 2010-2013.

-Farmworker Association of Florida, organizational identity & developed a marketing plan with staff and board April-September, 2011

-Organización en California de Líderes Campesinas, Inc. Coaching Board of Directors & Executive Director, Capacity Building, Management practices & "Best Practice" manuals on leadership development and training practices. She also provides training on working with service providers and coaching on working within the cultural context of the seasonal and/or migrant farmworkers and immigrant communities. Dec 2009-present.

-Peer Reviewer for Violence Against Women's Office and USDA, grant applications Reviewing federal grant applications with working groups/peer review panels. 2010

-Southern Poverty Law Center, interviewer/researcher Worked on an immigrant agricultural women's project where I interviewed 100 farmworker women and women processing food to document their problems, (Product was just published November 2010, titled "*Injustice on our Plates: Immigrant Women in the U.S. Food Industry,*" at *www.splcenter.org*)

-Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Work with Naples Domestic Violence Shelter in Immokalee, FL and Farmworker Association of Florida in various rural regions of Florida to organize farmworker women and service providers April – June 2010

- Executive Director- Organización en California de Líderes Campesinas, Inc. a statewide grassroots organization, January 1997 September 2009. The only statewide farmworker women's organization in the country. Trained thousands of people on leadership development and prevention against violence against women issues as well as other issues.
- **Project Director- Líderes Campesinas en California.** A statewide grassroots project, under California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation. Co-founder, organizer, outreach worker, program coordinator and finally the Project Director. November 92-July 97
- Junior Varsity Women Soccer Coach-Garey High School, 91-99, Pomona, CA
- Program Coordinator, Women Legal Defense Center, under Librería del Pueblo, Inc.
- Community Worker/Paralegal, California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. (CRLA) Regional office represented in Coachella Valley, Southern California. Full time, October 81 August 91
- Community Worker- California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, (CRLAF), worked on special projects covered some areas. Part time, October 81 August, 91
- Contract administrator- United Farmworkers of America, AFL-CIO (UFW), 1981
- California agricultural jobs- 74-81
- Idaho agricultural jobs- 66-70

BOARDS/TASK FORCES/ADVISORY/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

- Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, Member since 2011. Board President, 9/2012- 9/2016; Vice President 2018.
- National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) to EPA, 2015-Present.
- California Latinas for Reproductive Justice, Inc. Board Member, 2008-present
- California Emergency Management Agency Task Force (Cal EMA) Advisory member to the violence against women Cal EMA staff, Sacramento, CA, 2006-2012
- Rural Coalition, Board of Directors member 2004-present
- Rural Development Leadership Network, Board of Directors member, 2006-present
- Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) Working Group, 2006-2007
- California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery Task Force (CA ACTS), 2006-2008

- Office of Criminal Justice Planning/Office of Emergency Services, VAWA Task Force member, Sacramento, CA, 1998- 2007.
- Californians for Pesticides Reform, Steering Committee member, CA 2004-2009
- California Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (CEJAC) member under the Cal EPA Region IX, Sacramento, CA 2005-2007
- Radio Bilingüe Advisory Committee Member 2003-2009
- Women's Health Council Advisory member, Department of Health Services 2003-present.
- California Primary Care Association Advisory Council member, 2002-2009
- Rural Community Assistance Corporation/The California Endowment's AWHI/Poder Popular Advisory Committee member, Sacramento, CA 2000- 2008.
- California Alliance Against Domestic Violence, statewide org., board member 1996-2005
- Oxfam America California Statewide Advisory Committee member, 1996-2005.
- Somos Hermanas Unidas & Business Administration, Board member, Colton, CA, 95-03
- Cal State Fullerton Women Studies Council, Fullerton, CA Fall 1994- Spring 1995
- School Site Council for Garey High School, fall 1994- fall 1995, Pomona, CA
- School Site Council, Freemont Junior High School, Fall 1991- Fall 1992, Pomona, CA
- District Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee, Pomona Unified School District, 1991-1992,
- Mujeres Mexicanas (Mexican Women), a socio-political women's group, Founder, President and member, 1988-1991, Coachella, CA
- District Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee, President, Desert Sands Unified School District, 1988-1990, Indio, CA
- California Community Workers Union, under UAW-AFL-CIO, (CRLA), VP, CA 1984-1986
- Southwest Voter Registration and Education Project, Latino voter project, coordinator, Coachella Valley, CA 1988-1989
- United Farmworkers or America AFL-CIO, (UFW), farmworker organizer and volunteer 1975-1991, Coachella Valley, Palo Verde Valley, Southern California, Central Valley in CA.

AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS, AND HONORS:

- NSVRC Visionary Voice Award, in partnership with CalCASA, for Outstanding Work to end Sexual Violence to Honor Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April 2019.
- Best Embody the Spirit and Work as a Feminist of The Frederick Douglass list of 200, in 2019
- Ingenuity Award Social Progress, by Smithsonian, December 2018
- Awarded the Cindy Marano Leadership Award 2018, by The Women's Foundation; Women's Policy Institute
- Awarded the Cesar Chavez Award from San Jacinto College, March 2018
- Awarded the Women's World Summit Foundation Prize for Creativity in Rural Life, October 2016
- Awarded the Farmworker Justice's Valuable work on Behalf of Farmworkers and in appreciation of all the impactful collaborations with FJ, 2015
- Cesar Chavez Legacy Award, 2015
- In Commemoration of the US EEOC's 45th Anniversary, the US EEOC honors. For her Partnership & Commitment to civil rights in employment, May 2011
- Certificate of Recognition for Dedication, Vision and Commitment to Farmworker Women and being a Model in our Community, by Senator Denise Moreno Ducheny, Indio, CA, October 2009
- Certificate of Special Recognition for Outstanding and Valuable service to the Community, Congress Lois Capps, August 2009, Oxnard, CA
- Resolution of The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County for Leadership and Dedication to Improving the lives of farmworker women, Ventura, CA August, 2009

- Certificate of Recognition by Assembly Member Pedro Nava, Oxnard, CA August, 2009
- Certificate of Appreciation in Recognition of Partnership, Passion and Years of Dedicated Advocacy as Co-Founder and Executive Director of Líderes Campesinas, by Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, San Francisco, CA July, 2009
- Certificate of Appreciation for Commitment and Dedication Toward Improving the Lives of Farmworker Women in California and Support of CHISPA to Provide Quality Affordable Housing on the Central Coast, by CHISPA, Salinas, CA July, 2009
- Resolution of Monterey County Board of Directors for Outstanding and Compassionate Work with Líderes Campesinas, July, 2009, Salinas, CA
- 28th District Assembly Member Hon. Anna Caballero & 12th Senatorial District Hon. Jeff Denham -Resolution for a Lifetime of Achievements and Meritorious Service to the Farmworker Community, Salinas, CA July, 2009
- Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition, Hon. Sam Farr, July, 2009, Salinas, CA
- Líderes Campesinas' Leadership Recognition, Salinas, CA July, 2009
- "Por su Entrega y Coraje para Luchar por los derechos de todas la Mujeres Campesinas por estos Primeros 20 Años," by Líderes Campesinas, at UCR, Riverside, CA, Nov 8, 2008.
- "Inspiracion & Impacto" People en Español Magazine, April, 2006, issue page 142
- "Inspiration & Impact" People Magazine, January 23, 2006, issue page 89
- "Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition," American Cancer Society, Dec. 2004
- "2004 Leadership for a Changing World," November 2004
- "Outstanding Accomplishments and Completion" The Women's Policy Institute Fellowship 2003/2004
- "Sister of Fire Award," Women of Color Resource Center, Oakland, CA October 2003
- "Alston/Bannerman Fellowship Program," Baltimore, MD March 2002
- "Latina Role Model," Riverside, CA, Press Enterprise (newspaper), September, 2000.
- "100 Heroines of the World," Rochester, New York, October 29, 1998
- "Chicano Studies Outstanding," Cal/State University of Fullerton, May 1997
- "Local Hero" the Gas Company/ NBC, Southern California, 1997-1998
- "1997 Outstanding EOP Graduate Award," Cal State University Fullerton, Student Academic Services/ University Outreach, May 1997
- "Hispanic Student Recognition Award," Hispanic Faculty and Staff Annual Recognition Award, Cal State University of Fullerton, May 1996.
- Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund & Recognition Award 1996-1997
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- Evvy Bauman Women's Studies Scholarship/Recognition Award," (Cal/USF), May 1995
- "William Hernandez Scholarship & Recognition Award," (Cal/USF), May 1995
- Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund & Recognition Award," 1994-1995
- "President's list," Mount San Antonio College, Walnut CA, May 1994
- "1994 Leadership Award," (Finalist), (Resourceful Women) 1994
- "Student of Distinction Award," Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, CA May 1994
- "Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Transfer Student for Distinguished Academic Performance, at San Antonio College, Walnut, CA, May 1994
- "Inland Valley Professionals Scholarship/Recognition Award" Claremont, CA, May 1994
- "Association of Hispanic Professionals for Education Scholarship & Recognition Award," Southern California, May 1994
- Talent Roster of Outstanding Minority Transfer Student for Distinguished Academic Performance, at Mt. San Antonio College, Walnut, May 1993
- Dean's List Recognition: Mt. San Antonio College, May 1992

- "Appreciation for Devoted Service," (CRLA California Community Workers' Union), San Luis Obispo, CA 1991
- "Appreciation of Outstanding Service to the Education System and the community," Mexican American Scholarship, Inc., Coachella Valley, CA, May 1990
- "Appreciation Award," El Progreso del Desierto Clinic Navidad en el Barrio, 1990
- "Appreciation Award," Aztlan 89, Coachella, CA 1989
- "Parent Volunteer of the Year," Desert Sands Unified School District, Indio, CA 1988
- "Outstanding Effort," District 68 Assembly District, Indio, CA, 1988
- "Sigue Siempre Adelante" Mujeres Mexicanas, La Quinta, CA 1988

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Desert Oasis Health Care, Palm Springs, California

Director, Clinical Services/ ACO, Jun 2017 – Present

- Order, interpret, and evaluate diagnostic tests to identify and assess patient's condition and review for appropriateness of referrals.
- Consult and coordinate with healthcare team members to assess, plan, implement, or evaluate patient care plans.
- Instruct individuals, families, or other groups on topics such as health education, disease prevention, or childbirth and develop health improvement programs.
- Assess the needs of individuals, families, or communities, including assessment of individuals' home or work environments, to identify potential health or safety problems.
- Perform administrative or managerial functions, such as taking responsibility for overseeing the Clinical Services department which includes LVN's, RN's and ancillary staff.
- Review all utilization of members and collaborate with other departments which include home health, cardiology, pharmacy, social services, and behavioral health to ensure the most optimal plan for our members to achieve optimal health without re-utilization.
- Work with Medicare, under the Accountable Care Organization(ACO) to improve efficiency of care including reduction of avoidable costs. We ensure delivery of quality, stream lined care.
- Consult and coordinate with healthcare team members to assess, plan, implement, or evaluate patient care plans.
- Provide or arrange for training or instruction of auxiliary personnel or students.

Manager, Clinical Services Nephrology/Hepatology/ Transplant, Jun 2016 – Jun 2017

• I oversaw care and coordination of Nephrology and Transplant patients including but not limited to monitoring labs, pre and post transplant work up and working with physicians for all integration of care. I am familiar with all Health Plan Network, contracts with transplant centers, what case rate is, global periods, DRGs, cost of levels of care, costs of hospitalizations, etc. I process all of my own referrals including authorizations and make sure that patients meet health plan and/or CMS requirements as well as the transplant center's for transplant evaluation. I also coordinate care between transplant center and local providers as well as coordination of care for nephrology patients, local providers and the dialysis centers. I co-manage local hematology cases because of their specialized needs as well as coordinate care of claims issues that are difficult.

Hospital Case Manager, Jun 2013 – Dec 2014

- Worked collaboratively with hospitalists, nurses and extension staff to help coordinate and manage care for our members. Our goal was to ensure top quality delivery of care while decreasing utilization and bed days in the hospital.
- Consult with medical, business, and community groups to discuss service problems, respond to community needs, enhance public relations, coordinate activities and plans, and promote health programs.

University of CA, Irvine, Orange, California

Neurotrauma Intensive Care RN, Nov 1992 – Apr 2000

• Cared for all trauma and neurosurgical intensive care patients. Was proficient in management of intracranial pressure monitors, Pulmonary artery catheters, Ventilator management, PICC certified. Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Basic Life Support Certified.

Desert Spine and Neurosurgical Institute, Rancho Mirage, California RN Office Manager, Apr 2002 – Feb 2013

• Managed busy neurosurgical practice, scheduled and coded for neurosurgical procedures, coordinated patient care, managed employees and oversaw all aspects of daily business operations.

EDUCATION

Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia Bachelor of Science in Nursing

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Registered Yoga Teacher (RT 200): I combine my background as a registered nurse along with my yoga training to offer an integrative practice that is gentle and accessible to all who wish to enjoy the benefits of yoga.
- Children's Yoga Instructor: Taught yoga to children ages 5-12 years old. Class included typical as well as special needs children, including children with autism, ADHD, and Cerebral Palsy.

RESOLUTION NO._19-07__

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT APPOINTING TO SERVE AS THE REPRESNTATIVE FROM ZONE 5 ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNTIL THE NEXT DISTRICT GENERAL ELECTION IN 2020

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in Zone 5 on the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District for the office formerly held by Jennifer Wortham; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code section 1780, the Board of Directors may appoint a director to the fill the vacancy in Zone 5 until the next general election in 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has conducted interviews of applicants for the position and has followed the procedures set forth in Government Code section 1780.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District does hereby resolve, find, determine, and order as follows:

Section 2: The Secretary of the Desert Healthcare District is hereby directed to deliver forthwith one (1) certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Riverside.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Desert Healthcare District held on May 14, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:_	
NOES:_	
ABSENT:_	
ABSTAIN:_	

Les Zendle M.D., President Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Leticia De Lara, MPA, Vice President/Secretary

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Date: May 14, 2019

To: Board of Directors

Subject: Letter of Support - AB 890 (Wood): Nurse Practitioners: Scope of Practice: Unsupervised Practice

Staff Recommendation: Recommends approval of a Letter of Support for AB 890.

Background:

- The Association of California Healthcare Districts is recommending Healthcare Districts provide a letter of support for the proposed AB 890.
- District Staff confirmed with DRMC management that there is no objection to the District providing the letter of support.
- Staff recommends approval.

Fiscal Impact:

None



May 14, 2019

The Honorable Jim Wood Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 6005 Sacramento, CA 95864

Re: AB 890 (Wood): Nurse Practitioners: scope of practice: unsupervised practice As Amended 4/03/19 – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wood:

The Desert Healthcare District & Foundation is pleased to support AB 890, which would authorize nurse practitioners to practice to the full extent of their education and training without the involvement of physicians.

The District and its affiliated nonprofit Desert Healthcare Foundation, together, are one of the largest funders in the Coachella Valley, granting approximately \$4 million annually to nonprofit, community-based and provider organizations. These funds are used to assist residents – especially the underserved – in accessing vitally needed resources, such as primary and behavioral healthcare, housing, food, and transportation resources. Since 1998, the District has invested more than \$70 million in initiatives, grants and programs serving and benefiting the residents.

Healthcare Districts located in rural and remote areas of the state are continually challenged with recruiting and retaining health professionals, particularly physicians, to their areas. In many communities, physicians cannot support themselves financially in an independent practice. This makes it extremely difficult for rural communities to attract and retain physicians. AB 890 is one solution.

AB 890 allows nurse practitioners to provide services consistent with their education and training without supervision by a physician. These services, including diagnosing patients, performing therapeutic procedures, prescribing medications and devices, are already being provided to patients throughout the state. Removing the physician supervision requirement for nurse practitioners will allow patients direct access to these services, that may not have access otherwise.

With the passage of Measure BB in November 2018 by voters of the eastern Coachella Valley, the Desert Healthcare District & Foundation expanded its boundaries and has doubled its service area population to an estimated 450,000 residents. Based on a 2017 Market Analysis of the District boundaries, a portion of the District's service area has been designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area (HPSA) and a Medically Underserved Area (MUA). The analysis also determined that patient access to primary care services provided by community-based clinics is limited; outpatient clinics operate at-or near-capacity (e.g. provider), and long wait times exist for patients to be seen; and given that the outpatient clinics are at-or near-capacity, there is very little patient care coordination and chronic disease management services provided.

For these reasons, Desert Healthcare District supports AB 890. Should you have any questions about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 323-6365 or cchristensen@dhcd.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

Chris Christensen, Interim CEO Desert Healthcare District

cc: Association of California Healthcare Districts