

**MEMORANDUM  
OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
COUNTY OF PLACER**

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Thomas M. Miller, Placer County Executive Officer  
By: Bekki Riggan, Principal Management Analyst

**DATE:** June 23, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Termination of the Rural Health Joint Powers Authority

**Action Requested**

Your Board is requested to adopt a Resolution authorizing the termination of the Rural Health Joint Powers Authority (RHJPA) due to inactivity over the past seven years, and at the request of the Rural Health Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

**Background**

The RHJPA was originally created in 1993 by the Regional Council of Rural Counties to provide rural health services and such other services and programs concerning rural health within the boundaries of its Members and Associate Members. Placer County became a member on October 19, 1993. The current Authority membership consists of the Counties of Amador, Calaveras, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Placer, Plumas Sierra and Tehama. From 1993 through 1995 RHJPA worked with Benefit and Risk Management Services (BRMS) to conduct a health services survey of Member counties. During that time, BRMS contracted with four Member Counties to reduce billing errors from medical services provided in county jails and RHJPA received commissions from some of those savings.

RHJPA has been inactive as an entity for over seven years, with the exception of administrative amendments to the Exercise of Powers Agreement on September 18, 2002 and January 28, 2004, and no longer serves its true purpose for existence to Member Counties, which is to provide rural health services within the boundaries of member agencies. The RHJPA currently has no obligations and no assets and all commissions which it continues to receive from BRMS (\$22.17 in 2006, \$282.77 in 2007, \$275.17 in 2008) are used to reimburse expenditures by the Regional Council of Rural Counties made on the behalf of RHJPA.

The RHJPA Board of Directors met on September 26, 2008 and concluded that as the Joint Powers Authority has lost its purpose and been inactive for over seven years, it is in the best interest of RHJPA and its members to dissolve. The Board of Directors is requesting that each Member County adopt a resolution authorizing the termination of RHJPA. Under current law regarding Joint Powers Authorities, all Member Counties must adopt the resolution in order for RHJPA to dissolve.

**Fiscal Impact**

There is no fiscal impact with this action.

**Attachment:** Resolution.  
RHJPA Request Letter

Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:

Resol. No: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorizing the Termination of the Rural Health  
Joint Powers Authority (RHJPA).

*Related to Ord. No:* \_\_\_\_\_

The following Resolution was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_

by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

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WHEREAS, the Rural Health Joint Powers Authority ("Authority") was originally created in 1993; and

WHEREAS, the current Authority membership consists of the Counties of Amador, Calaveras, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Placer, Plumas, Sierra and Tehama; and

WHEREAS, the Authority was created to provide rural health services and to provide such other services and programs concerning rural health within the boundaries of its Members and Associate Members; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has been inactive as an entity for over seven years and no longer serves its true purpose for existence, which is to provide rural health services within the boundaries of member agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Authority currently has no obligations (as defined in the Authority's JPA Agreement), no assets and has received less the \$750.00 in residual receipts since 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Authority's Board of Directors passed a resolution on September 26, 2008 recommending the termination of the Authority, and directing that each member county Board of Supervisors be asked to vote for such termination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer authorizes the termination of the Rural Health Joint Powers Authority and requests that any remaining assets of the Authority be evenly divided among the Authority's current member counties.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – GREG NORTON, RCRC

May 18, 2009

Thomas M. Miller, County Executive Officer  
175 Fulweiler Avenue  
Auburn, CA 95603

Re: The RHJPA Board resolution to dissolve RHJPA.

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Rural Health Joint Powers Authority (RHJPA) was originally created in 1993 to provide rural health services and such other services and programs concerning rural health within the boundaries of its Members and Associate Members. From 1993 through 1995, RHJPA worked with Benefit and Risk Management Services (BRMS) to conduct a health services survey of Member Counties and to focus on health programs which could provide significant benefits to the Member Counties. BRMS contracted with four Member Counties to reduce billing errors from medical services provided in county jails and RHJPA received commissions from some of those savings.

Since 1995, RHJPA has been inactive with the exception of administrative amendments to the Exercise of Powers Agreement on September 18, 2002 and January 28, 2004. RHJPA continues to receive minimal commissions from BRMS - \$275.17 in 2008, \$282.77 in 2007, \$22.17 in 2006 and \$158.53 in 2005. RHJPA currently has no assets and all commissions received are used to reimburse expenditures by the Regional Council of Rural Counties made on the behalf of RHJPA.

RHJPA no longer serves its true purpose for existence and does not provide any services to its Member Counties. RHJPA Board adoption of Resolution 08-01 (copy attached) initiated the process to determine if the Member Counties want to terminate RHJPA. The RHJPA Board requests that each Member County adopt a resolution authorizing the termination of RHJPA. A sample resolution has been attached to this memo to facilitate this action. Under current law regarding joint powers authorities, all Member Counties must adopt the resolution in order to dissolve RHJPA.

Please send approved resolutions to my attention the following address: RHJPA, 1215 K Street, Suite 1650, Sacramento, CA 95814. If you have any questions, please contact me at 916-447-4806.

Sincerely,



Karl Dolk, Chief Financial Officer

✓ Cc: Jim Holmes, County Supervisor, RHJPA Board Member  
Greg Norton, Executive Director