

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting: December 7, 2017

Item Number: 039

Public Health

Approve re-appointment of Philip P. Huang, M.D., M.P.H. as Health Authority and designation of Mary Ann Rodriguez, M.D., 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 March 31, 2020.

Lead Department	Austin Public Health.
Fiscal Note	A fiscal note is not required.
Prior Council Action	Council previously approved the appointment of Dr. Philip Huang as Health Authority and one alternate Health Authority on March 3, 2016.
For More Information	Stephanie Hayden, APH Interim Director, 512 972-5010; Dr. Philip Huang, Medical Director/Health Authority, 512-972-5855; Estella Kirscht, Agenda Coordinator, 512-972-5039.

Additional Backup Information:

This RCA requests Council approve the re-appointment of Dr. Philip Huang as Health Authority for the two- year term commencing April 1, 2018 and ending March 31, 2020. Dr. Philip Huang has designated Dr. Mary Ann Rodriguez, Dr. Ming Tang, and Dr. Mark Escott, each individually, as Back-Up 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 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.

Philip P. Huang, M.D., M.P.H. received his medical degree from The University of Texas-Southwestern Medical School and Masters in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health. He has a license to practice in the State of Texas and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine. His medical education includes an internship and residency in Family Medicine at Brackenridge Hospital, including serving as Chief Resident in Family Medicine. Dr. Huang currently serves as Health Authority/Medical Director and Assistant Director over the Division of Disease Control and Prevention at APH. 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.

Dr. Huang has requested that Dr. Mary Ann Rodriguez, Dr. Ming Tang, and Dr. Mark Escott be designated, each individually, as a Back-Up Alternate Health Authority.

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. 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.