

**SPECIAL STUDY SESSION  
May 12, 2003**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 12:00 p.m., May 12, 2003, in the Tom Sullivan Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Fulton Brock, Chairman; Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman; Don Stapley, Max W. Wilson, and Mary Rose Wilcox. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

**DISCUSSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM CITIZEN'S TASK FORCE ON COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND GENERAL LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.**

Sandi Wilson, Deputy County Administrator  
Mark Hillard, Maricopa Integrated Health Systems  
Chris Keller, Chief Counsel, Division of County Counsel  
Diane Sikokis, Director, Government Relations  
Bill Sims, Outside Counsel  
Rory Hayes, Lobbyist  
Doug Cole, Lobbyist

Rory Hayes reported on the status of the Health Care Bill in the Arizona House of Representatives and Senate saying that it had passed out of the House Health Committee with a 9-1 approval. Diane Sikokis said that it is expected to go to the Floor next Thursday, May 15, and the Supervisors were asked to contact key members to finalize their input to them prior to that date.

Ms. Hayes said that Mr. Hanson, of Vanguard Health Systems, still doesn't like the County's preferred language regarding the "poor, vulnerable and uninsured" portion of the Mission Statement and has asked for another meeting on it, to which they replied "no." Mr. Hillard does not believe that the addition of "underserved" is appropriate because the meaning is difficult to clarify and could be misconstrued in that it needs to be specifically explained and identified using populations and not areas. Discussion ensued on other portions of a recent negotiating meeting including the emotional presentation made to legislators by doctors, staff members, patients and parents of patients who have been treated at the hospital's Burn Center and which garnered considerable support among members for the bill (HB2530).

Mark Hillard asked what the chances are for the bill to pass both houses. Ms. Sikokis, Rory Hayes and Doug Cole reported on the indicators they have received regarding members in favor, opposed or undecided. It was conceded that the prospect for passage seems to be favorable.

Mark Hillard and Chairman Brock, on behalf of the Board, thanked Bill Sims and County Counsel, Mr. Smith, OMB staff and the lobbyists and all who have contributed for the excellent jobs they have done in preparing and presenting this case to the various key members at the different levels of state government.

**MEETING RECESSED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Wilcox, and unanimously carried (5-0) to recess into Executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on matters listed on this agenda pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

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**SPECIAL SESSION RECONVENED**

Meeting reconvened with Supervisors Kunasek, Wilcox and Brock present.

Motion was made by Supervisor Kunasek, seconded by Supervisor Wilcox, and unanimously carried (3-0-2) to make changes to the Mission Statement which more clearly define "underserved," clarifications to section H regarding the length of time the hospital shall be operated, and the exclusivity of the vote to Maricopa County.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

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Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board