



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Health Services

At its meeting held September 16, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Burke:

“On September 9, 2003 the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) visited Martin Luther King/Drew Medical Center to review the institution wide accreditation of resident training programs at the facility. This visit was a follow-up to the 2001 ACGME review in which King/Drew received an ‘unfavorable decision’. Additionally, the anesthesiology, family medicine, and internal medicine training programs have been placed on probation by the ACGME. One department, radiology, has lost accreditation and the surgery program has received notice of intent to withdraw accreditation.

“A number of newspaper articles and editorials have made suggestions that the relationship between the County and Drew University be modified. A Legislative Committee will be holding hearings to review the State’s role and relationship with the Medical School.

“There are a number of issues that we must address as we review the findings of the accrediting body. Our primary goal is to assure high quality of care to the patients of our County hospitals. I believe the County should have a task force of high-level professionals to assist in accomplishing this goal.”

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Jane Joise, speaking for Dr. Marian Safoui, Genevieve Clavreul and Warren Williams addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Burke and by common consent, there being no objection, the Director of Health Services was instructed to:

1. Form a high-level professional Task Force to assist in accomplishing the goal of assuring high quality of care to the patients of County hospitals, which would be made up of nationally recognized academics and experts on academic medicine from both teaching hospitals and medical schools, including representation from the Department of Health Services and the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science;
2. Report back to the Board within 60 days with recommendations based on the Task Force's findings relating to the following issues:
  - a. The County's obligations and relationship as a teaching hospital and the implications for patient care delivery;
  - b. A review of models utilized in other teaching hospitals when they have responded to accreditation problems;
  - c. Evaluation of the physician private practice plan arrangements that exist at King/Drew and the other County hospitals and how the King/Drew practice plan can be enhanced to improve the recruitment and retention of qualified medical staff to ensure the community's health care needs are met;
  - d. The academic content and commitment to the training program by the faculty and the medical school; and
  - e. Ways to strengthen the recruitment and retention of strong clinical and academic faculty.

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