



**OFFICE OF MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

MEMORANDUM

DATE : October 5, 2012

TO : Council President Tony Young & Honorable Members of the
San Diego City Council

FROM : Mayor Jerry Sanders

SUBJECT : Appointments to the Commission on Gang Prevention
and Intervention

It is my pleasure to appoint Pastor Cornelius Bowser, Peter Callstrom, and Dr. Rodney Hood to the Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention, subject to your confirmation.

Pastor Cornelius Bowser is the Director of the Greater Works Empowerment Center's Gang Intervention and Prevention program. He has made a significant and positive impact in the lives of many youth from his involvement with this program. Pastor Bowser has over 27 years of experience in gang intervention and prevention demonstrated by his involvement in various community activities and programs. He is also involved with the Mid-City Police Department Curfew Sweeps and Crisis Intervention program; Community Action partnership involvement and support; founded "Let Us Make Man" outreach services, a gang and drug prevention and intervention program; and is a founding Pastor of Charity Apostolic Church.

Peter Callstrom brings 18 years of workforce development experience to the SDWP. As Executive Director of Partnerships With Industry (PWI) for 15 years, Peter led the organization through substantial growth, fiscal stability, and outstanding accreditation outcomes. Prior to PWI, Peter founded and lead a workforce program 3 years for the Vista Hill Foundation. PWI provides vocational and community support services for adults with disabilities. Peter implemented various innovations at PWI including the creation of a custom network of relational databases that managed all services and improved efficiencies dramatically.

Peter served on the Board of Trustees of CARF (the Rehabilitation Accreditation Commission) for six years and was elected Vice Chair. Through accreditation, CARF assists service providers in improving the quality of their services, demonstrating value, and meeting internationally recognized organizational and program standards.

Peter also served as a CARF surveyor and performed consultative surveys of providers throughout North America. In addition, Peter was a featured presenter at CARF's international conferences, and conducted advanced trainings for CARF throughout the country on subjects including technology and outcomes management.

Prior to joining SDWP, Peter was the Executive Director of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless (RTFH), the region's data and information resource and leader on a myriad of issues related to addressing homelessness. At the RTFH, Peter increased collaborative activities with many groups and community leaders and served on several Boards including: United Way's Home Again, Ending Homelessness In Downtown San Diego, Keys To Housing – Ending Family Homelessness, the Alliance for Regional Solutions, and the Regional Continuum of Care.

Peter has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Mankato State (Minnesota) and completed the LEAD-San Diego program in 1998. A resident of San Diego since 1986, Peter and his wife and two young daughters live in Carmel Valley.

Dr. Rodney Hood is an honor graduate from Northeastern University School of Pharmacy in Boston then enrolled at the UCSF Graduate School of Pharmacology and Toxicology for a year before transferring to the University of California San Diego School of Medicine where he received his MD degree. He then completed his residency in Internal Medicine at UCSD University Hospital becoming a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine.

For the past 30 years he has practiced general internal medicine and is the managing partner and CEO at Careview Medical Group in San Diego. He is co-founder and president of the Multicultural Primary Care Physician Medical Group, an Independent Physician Association (IPA) composed of over 300 physicians. Dr. Hood maintains a voluntary position as Assistant Clinical Professor at UCSD School of Medicine lecturing and serving as a preceptor for medical students.

He actively participates in organized medicine with memberships that include the CMA, AMA, AMA –MAC, and APC being honored with a FACP. However his passion for medicine has been expressed through his membership in the NMA serving as president of the local San Diego NMA affiliate and Golden State Medical Association of California. He was elected to the board of the NMA then served two years as chairman of the NMA board before being elected as the 101st President of the NMA. He is currently the NMA deligate representative to the AMA House of Delegates and the Vice Chair of the board for the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute.

Dr. Hood has received many local, state and national honors. In 2003, he received the UCSD Alumni Professional Achievement Award and in 2011 was recognized with the AMA Foundation Pride in the Profession Award. Dr. Hood has a love and passion for medicine, history and population genetics and is the author of a variety of multimedia presentations that highlight the historic aspects of race and medicine and their relationship to racism and the persistent racial and ethnic health inequities.

He frequently lectures before diverse national audiences concerning inequities in the US health care system including to health care providers, administrators, medical students, federal and state policy agencies as well as private and public foundations. He was appointed to "Medicare's Health Disparities Study Panel" by the National Academy of Social Insurance (NASI) in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hood is married to Robyn and the proud father of Nedra Y. Hood, MD, a urologist in Atlanta, Kamal H. Hood, a computer science engineer in Oakland, and Ariannah Hood who is entering her junior year at Spelman College.

I ask that you confirm these appointments and join me in acknowledging these individuals for their willingness to serve the City of San Diego in this capacity.



JERRY SANDERS
Mayor

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cc: City Attorney Jan Goldsmith
City Clerk Elizabeth Maland