August 7, 2018

Dear Physicians,

With great sadness, I write to inform you of the death of Edward D. Hutt, M.D., M.B.A., F.A.A.F.P, who passed away last week. Dr. Hutt was Community Health Group's (CHG) Chief Medical Officer for eight years and served as our Associate CEO during 2016. Those were his titles, but he served our health plan, our employees, and our members in so many ways, large and small, that his loss is a particularly grievous one for all lucky enough to have known him.

A Midwesterner, Dr. Hutt did his undergraduate work at Eastern Illinois State University and received his medical degree from the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine. He first came to Southern California for his internship in internal medicine at UCSD in 1975, and he began his career as a clinician in public health at an STD clinic in Compton. Over three decades of post-graduate education and professional experience, he developed expertise in managed care in both solo and group practice settings, eventually serving as CMO for five major HMOs with duties ranging from direct medical management to multi-state management of medical directors.

Dr. Hutt was an invaluable professional asset to CHG, and—with his wit, candor, wisdom, and compassion—became an integral and much loved member of the CHG family. Despite his diagnosis late last year, he continued his work with CHG until just recently when he returned to his beloved Illinois farm to be with his sons, David and Mike, his grandchildren, his sister, and extended family.

His funeral is scheduled for this Friday, August 10, at noon at Oak Hill Cemetery in Watseka, Illinois. If you wish to acknowledge his passing, the family suggests a donation in his name to the American Cancer Society. You may also write or send flowers to his home address:

The Hutt Family
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In sympathy,

Norma Diaz, CEO
Community Health Group