



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of
Supervisors

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Department Name: BOS
Department No.: 011
For Agenda Of: January 17, 2017
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Time: 10 minutes
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer
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SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to the Behavioral Wellness Commission

County Counsel Concurrence:

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Appoint a member of the Board of Supervisors or Designee to the New Behavioral Wellness Commission and;
- b) Appoint the following community members to the Behavioral Wellness Commission:
 - i. District 1 Supervisor Das Williams recommended appointees:
 1. Wayne Mellinger -Term expiring January 2020
 - ii. District 3 Supervisor Joan Hartmann recommended appointees:
 1. Peter Claydon – Term expiring January 2020
 - iii. District 5 Supervisor Steve Lavagnino recommended appointees:
 1. Ann Bartlett Eldgride – Term expiring January 2020
- c) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act review per CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5) since the recommended actions are government administrative activities which do not involve commitment to any specific project which may result in potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

Summary Text:

This item is on the agenda to formally appoint a member of the Board of Supervisors to the new Behavioral Wellness Commission as well as to continue Board appointments of community members to the Commission. Per the direction of the Board of Supervisors, at their regularly scheduled meeting of December 13, 2016, the Mental Health Commission (MHC) and the Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems (AOD) dissolved as of January 10, 2017. Correspondingly, the new integrated Behavioral Wellness Commission, created per Resolution No. 16-286, formed on January 10, 2017. The BWC is comprised of 21 members. Twenty are from the community and one member is a member of the Board of Supervisors or their designee. Further, staff was directed to advertise and solicit applications for members to serve on the Commission, and to bring appointments to the Board of Supervisors for consideration beginning January 10, 2017. Nine appointments were taken on that date. This Board letter provides for the next three appointments as well as the Board member appointment.

Background:

Behavioral Wellness Commission

As reported to the Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2016, in order to merge the MHC and the AOD, both existing entities needed to be dissolved and a new Behavioral Wellness Commission created. The dissolution process involved a formal action of the Board of Supervisors on December 13, 2016 to dissolve both bodies, through a resolution that also established the new Behavioral Wellness Commission. The Board of Supervisors indicated they would begin to appoint members to the newly established Commission in January, after reviewing applications.

Membership of a Behavioral Wellness Commission

- No more than 21 members, four per Supervisorial District (four regular members) and one member of the Board of Supervisors or designee. The designee would serve as a voting member in the Supervisor's absence.
- Representation shall recognize the geographic and cultural diversity of Santa Barbara County.
- 50% or more of the Commission of the total membership should be consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers who are receiving or have received mental health services, such that:
 - i. At least 20% of the total membership shall be consumers of mental health services; and
 - ii. At least 20% of the total membership shall be family members of consumers of mental health services.
- Commission members shall have a professional interest in, or personal commitment to, alleviating problems related to mental illness, drug abuse and inappropriate alcohol use in their community, and experience and knowledge of the behavioral health system.
- It is preferred that the Board of Supervisors appoint individuals from within their Supervisorial district, however, in order to meet the statutory requirements for the Commission, appointees from outside of one's District may be considered.

Attachment:

- A. Applications

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