



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** County Executive Office  
**Department No.:** 012  
**For Agenda Of:** 03/12/2019  
**Placement:** Departmental  
**Estimated Time:** 5 Min.  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Department: Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer (ext. 3400)  
Director(s):  
Contact Info: Michael Allen, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Board (ext. 2240)

**SUBJECT:** **Appointment To Psychiatric Health Facility Governing Board (PHFGB)**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

Other Concurrence: N/A

As to form: No

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

Appoint one member of the Board of Supervisors to the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility Governing Board (PHFGB).

**Summary Text:**

The Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), is a 16-bed facility that provides 24-hour inpatient care to individuals requiring psychiatric hospitalization. The Board of Supervisors designates a PHF Governing Board (PHFGB) as the facility's governing body. The PHFGB is responsible for regular and continuous oversight of the PHF. The PHFGB is comprised of the following individuals: Assistant County Executive Officer of Health and Human Services, Director of General Services, Chief Deputy of Custody Operations for the Santa Barbara County Sheriffs' Department, and Public Health Director; as well as a representative from the Public Guardian's Office and a Public Health Doctor, to serve for terms of two years. In addition, the Board of Supervisors appoints two of its members, one as a Regular Member and one as an Alternate Member. The terms of the Supervisors are confirmed each January.

Currently, Supervisor Lavagnino is the Regular Member and Supervisor Williams is the Alternate Member. Subsequent to the January 2019 appointments, it was determined that Supervisor Lavagnino has a scheduling conflict with another committee assignment and has requested that another Supervisor be designated to serve on the PHFGB. The request is that the Board appoint one of its members as the Regular Member to the PHFGB. Should Supervisor Williams become the Regular Member, the Board should appoint a new Alternate Member.

**Background:**

The Department of Behavioral Wellness operates the Santa Barbara County Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF), a 16-bed facility that provides 24-hour inpatient care to individuals requiring psychiatric hospitalization. It is a Lanterman-Petris-Short-designated facility and the only Acute Psychiatric Inpatient Hospital that accepts Medi-Cal within Santa Barbara County. The PHF is licensed both as a Psychiatric Health Facility by the California Department of Health Care Services and as an Acute Hospital by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The PHF is one of only two such free-standing psychiatric hospitals in the State of California, also known as "Super-PHF," distinguished from other Psychiatric Health Facilities by their ability to receive Medicare reimbursement. The PHF Governing Board is designated by the Board of Supervisors as the facility's Governing Body, which is responsible for regular and continuous oversight of the PHF.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: There are no fiscal impacts associated with this action.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board to notify the Department of Behavioral Wellness of the Appointment(s).

**Attachments:**

NA

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**cc:**

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