



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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**Department Name:** Behavioral Wellness  
**Department No.:** 043  
**For Agenda Of:** April 23, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department Antonette Navarro, LMFT, Director  
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**SUBJECT: Reappointment to the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Governing Board**

**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Other Concurrence:**

As to form: N/A

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: N/A

**Recommended Actions:** That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Reappoint the following individual to the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Governing Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Membership Position</u>
Arlene Diaz	A representative from the Public Guardian’s Office

**Summary Text:** This item is on the agenda to request approval of the reappointment of Arlene Diaz, Public Services Division Chief, Office of the Public Administrator – Public Guardian, to the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Board to fill the Public Guardian representative position.

**Background:**

*PHF Governing Board*

The PHF is a 16-bed, locked inpatient psychiatric facility that provides comprehensive services to individuals in need of acute psychiatric care. The PHF Governing Board was originally created by action of the Board of Supervisors on August 30, 2016, as amended on September 20, 2016, and October 10, 2017, to provide oversight of the PHF. The PHF Governing Board oversees operations of the PHF including medical staff, quality of care, and other programmatic matters.

*Two New Members Added in October 2017*

At its January 25, 2017, meeting, the PHF Governing Board passed a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors the addition of two new members to the PHF Governing Board: a representative from the Public Guardian's Office and a Public Health Doctor. On October 10, 2017, the Board of Supervisors approved of the expansion of the PHF Governing Board to include these two new members by Board Resolution 17-216.

The PHF Governing Board is comprised of the following:

1. Assistant County Executive Officer of Health and Human Services
2. Director of General Services
3. Chief Deputy of Custody Operations for the Santa Barbara County Sheriffs' Department
4. Public Health Director
5. One Supervisor from the County of Santa Barbara Board of Supervisors (and alternate)  
(On January 9, 2024, Fifth District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve on the Governing Board and Second District Supervisor Laura Capps was selected as the alternate.)
6. A representative from the Public Guardian's Office  
(On November 17, 2017, Arlene Diaz, Public Services Division Chief, Office of the Public Administrator – Public Guardian, was appointed to fill this position. The Treasurer Tax Collector/Pubic Guardian has recommended her reappointment. Approval of the Recommended Action will reappoint Ms. Diaz to fill this position.)
7. A Public Health Doctor  
(Dr. Josephine Preciado was appointed to the Public Health Doctor membership position on April 2, 2024. She is the current County Medical Officer.)

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: There are no budget impacts associated with this appointment.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order to Melanie Johnson at [mejohanson@sbcbswell.org](mailto:mejohanson@sbcbswell.org), BWell Contracts Division at [bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwellcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org), and the PHF Governing Board Administrator at [raqguz@sbcbswell.org](mailto:raqguz@sbcbswell.org).

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Board Resolution 17-216

Attachment B: PHF Governing Board Application: Arlene Diaz

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**CC:** PHF Governing Board Administrator