



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 2, 2024  
**Placement:** Administrative  
**Estimated Time:** N/A  
**Continued Item:** No  
**If Yes, date from:**  
**Vote Required:** Majority

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

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**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) Appoint the following individual to the Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Governing Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Membership Position</u>
Dr. Josephine Preciado	A Public Health Doctor

**Summary Text:** This item is on the agenda to request approval of the appointment of Dr. Josephine Preciado to the PHF Governing Board. Dr. Preciado’s appointment will fill the Public Health Doctor membership position.

**Background:** *PHF Governing Board*

The Psychiatric Health Facility (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 County’s Psychiatric Health Facility (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).

7. A Public Health Doctor

(Dr. Polly Baldwin was previously appointed to the Public Health Doctor membership position on November 14, 2017, and resigned approximately August 2021. If appointed, Dr. Preciado would fill this vacant position. She is the current County Medical Officer).

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: There are no current budget impacts.

**Special Instructions:**

Please return one (1) Minute Order to Melanie Johnson at [mejohanson@sbcbswell.org](mailto:mejohanson@sbcbswell.org), BWell Contracts Division at [bwelcontractsstaff@sbcbswell.org](mailto:bwelcontractsstaff@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: Dr. Preciado

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**cc:** PHF Governing Board Administrator