



Legislation Text

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Consider recommendations regarding the proposed merger of the Mental Health Commission and the Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems, as follows:

- a) Receive and file a Board Letter regarding a proposal to combine the County of Santa Barbara Mental Health Commission and the Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems into an integrated Behavioral Wellness Commission;
- b) Establish a newly integrated Behavioral Wellness Commission to replace the current Mental Health Commission and Advisory Board on Alcohol and other drug problems through the following actions:
 - i) Adopt a Resolution creating the Behavioral Wellness Commission, and dissolving the County of Santa Barbara Mental Health Commission and the Advisory Board of Alcohol and Drug Problems effective January 10, 2017;
 - ii) Approve bylaws for the Behavioral Wellness Commission, setting the membership requirements and regular meeting place and time; and
 - iii) Direct staff to advertise and solicit applications for members to serve on the Behavioral Wellness Commission for appointments on January 10, 2017; and
- c) Determine that these activities are exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) 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.