## County of Santa Barbara



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Title: Consider recommendations regarding Physician, Psychiatrist, and Health Care Practitioner

Recruitment Incentives, as follows: (4/5 Vote Required)

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Sponsors: PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS DEPARTMENT

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Attachments: 1. Board Letter, 2. Attachment A - New-Hire-and-Promotional-Incentives-Policy, 3. Attachment B - 11-

10-15 PCFH ADM Staff Physician Psychiatrist Recruitment Incentives BL, 4. Attachment C - 08-23-16 Physician Hiring Incentive BL, 5. Attachment D - 03-13-18 PCFH ADM Staff Physician Recruitment

Incentives BL, 6. Attachment E - BJE 0008593, 7. Minute Order

DateVer.Action ByActionResult11/29/20221BOARD OF SUPERVISORSActed on as follows:Pass

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