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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director
Health & Human Services Administration
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst - 253-4720
SUBJECT: Appointment of Mental Health Director

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests appointment of William Carter as the Napa County Mental Health Director, effective August 16, 2014.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Health and Human Services is requesting the appointment of William Carter to the position of Mental Health Director. Board appointment of the position is provided for in Section 5607 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The County's existing organizational configuration calls for the Mental Health Director to be responsible to the Board through the HHSA Director, who reports to the County Executive Officer. Mr. Carter meets the standards of training and experience established by the Department of Health Care Services for county directors, as provided in Title 9 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 620. It is requested that the appointment become effective August 16, 2014.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5607 provides that "local mental health services shall be administered by a local director of mental health services to be appointed by the governing body." Section 5608 calls for the Mental Health Director to be responsible to the Board through such administrative channels as the Board designates. Section 5608 also enumerates the powers and duties of the director, including administration of the community mental health service, making recommendations for the provision of services and establishment of facilities, the negotiation and oversight of service contracts and related matters. The Mental Health Director is an executive level management position within the existing Health and Human Services Agency structure and, as such, is responsible to the Board through the HHSA Director, who in turn reports to the County Executive Officer.

Health and Human Services requests the Board appoint William Carter as the Mental Health Director. Mr. Carter has an extensive background in Mental Health, working both as a therapist and administrator of public and private mental health organizations. He has served as a Clinical Social Worker for the Children and Adolescent units at First Hospital Vallejo, Program Director of the Children's Unit at Solano Park Hospital, Director of Solano County Programs for Aldea, Chief Operating Officer at the California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH), and as a private practice therapist. He is a licensed clinical social worker, which meets the standards of training established by the State Department of Health Care Services for local directors, as set forth in Title 9 of the California Administrative Code, Section 620.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins