

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 2/26/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve the appointments of Linda Connolly, Jason Reed, Cindy Marie Absey, Aurora Williams, and Clint Weirick to the Behavioral Health Board.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended by the Behavioral Health Board that your Board approve the appointments of Linda Connolly, Jason Reed, Cindy Marie Absey, Aurora Williams, and Clint Weirick to the Behavioral Health Board.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$1,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ___) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ___)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP No	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A    Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

# County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director  
Karen Baylor, Ph.D., LMFT, Behavioral Health Administrator

DATE: 2/26/2013

SUBJECT: Request to approve the appointments of Linda Connolly, Jason Reed, Cindy Marie Absey, Aurora Williams, and Clint Weirick to the Behavioral Health Board.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended by the Behavioral Health Board that your Board approve the appointments of Linda Connolly, Jason Reed, Cindy Marie Absey, Aurora Williams, and Clint Weirick to the Behavioral Health Board.

## **DISCUSSION**

The following five candidates are seeking membership on the BHB in order to fill vacancies on said Board:

- Linda Connolly, family member, for a term 03/01/2013 to 03/01/2016
- Jason Reed, consumer, for a term 03/01/2013 to 03/01/2016
- Cindy Marie Absey, family member, for a term 03/01/2013 to 03/01/2016
- Aurora Williams, family member, for a term 03/01/2013 to 03/01/2016
- Clint Weirick, consumer, for a term 03/01/2013 to 03/01/2016

In January of this year your Board approved a name change of the County's Mental Health Board to the Behavioral Health Board (BHB) while terminating the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board (DAAB) and combining it with the Behavioral Health Board. Former members of the DAAB were invited to apply for membership on the Behavioral Health Board. The applicants now seeking membership are all former DAAB members. In this County, the practice has been and will continue to be for the BHB to recruit candidates and make recommendations for appointment. Those candidates who meet the qualifications and can fill the needed member categories are then presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. In accordance with State regulations pertaining to Mental Health Boards (MHB), the Board of Supervisors appoints prospective members and the renewal of members.

The BHB Bylaws state that "There shall be no less than ten (10) and no more than twenty (20) members of the Board." Current BHB members who transitioned over from the MHB total fifteen (15) and include Joyce Heddleson, David Odell, Karl Hansen, Pam Crabaugh, Tyler Brown, Lorna Hewitt, Charmaine Quinlan, Jim Salio, Stephen Ponce, Lisa Kelley, David Reister, Jill Heuer, Theresa Merkle, Kelly Kenitz, and Frank Mecham. The five new members seeking membership will add to the current fifteen members for a total of twenty (20) members, and, therefore, will fill all vacancies on the BHB.

The BHB advocates for the needs of those with mental illness and substance addiction and recovery issues and serves in an advisory capacity to the Health Agency's Behavioral Health Department and the County Board of Supervisors. A MHB is required by Welfare and Institutions Code 5604 to have fifty percent (50%) of its members be consumers or the parents, spouse, siblings, or adult children of consumers who are currently or have received mental health services. At least twenty percent (20%) of the total membership shall be consumers and at least twenty percent (20%) shall be families of consumers. Upon appointing the above candidates, the BHB will meet the membership requirements with 30% consumers, 40% family members (for a total of 70% consumers/family members), and 30% professional members.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT**

The Behavioral Health Board has made this recommendation. The County Clerk Recorder's Office has reviewed the above-mentioned request for appointments to the BHB and has confirmed that the terms of office are accurate and that all posting requirements have been met.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

The FY 2012-13 Budget includes a minimal amount (less than \$1,000) to cover costs associated with maintenance of and memberships within the BHB.

### **RESULTS**

The appointment of new members to the BHB helps to meet mandates for representation and ensure that it meets the goal to advocate effectively for the needs of those individuals with mental illness and substance abuse and recovery issues in the community. Through their actions and recommendations, the Behavioral Health Board will contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

Attachments: Membership Applications – Linda Connolly, Jason Reed, Cindy Marie Absey, Aurora Williams, and Clint Weirick

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Membership application for L. Connolly
2. Membership Application for A. William
3. Membership application for C. Absey
4. Membership application for J. Reed
5. Membership application for C Weirick