

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL PERSONS WHO CAN INITIATE AND DISCONTINUE A WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5150 HOLD**

**WHEREAS**, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 provides for the involuntary detention, evaluation, and treatment of certain mentally disordered persons; and

**WHEREAS**, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150(c) states that eligible professionals can be designated by the County Board of Supervisors to assess whether a person can be properly served without being detained under section 5150; and

**WHEREAS**, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5121 authorizes a county Behavioral Health Director to develop procedures for the county's designation and training of professionals who will be designated to perform functions under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 including an application and approval process, initial and on-going training and testing requirements, and monitoring and reviewing to ensure appropriate compliance with state law, regulations and county procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, certain professionals who have undergone training are qualified to provide Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 assessments of persons detained under section 5150, such that, if in their professional judgment appropriate, they may discontinue a 5150 hold to allow for voluntary psychiatric treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, where such a Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 assessment results in discontinuing a 5150 hold, the person shall be provided evaluation, crisis intervention, or other inpatient or outpatient services on a voluntary basis.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby authorizes the following professionals as persons who—once they have been approved by the County Behavioral Health Director after making application thereto and undergoing initial and ongoing training and testing—may, upon probable cause take, or cause to be taken, mentally disordered persons described in Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5150 into custody and place them into a facility.
  - a. The following on-duty licensed employees and contractors of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Behavioral Health:
    - i. Licensed Physicians;
    - ii. Licensed Psychologists;
    - iii. Licensed Clinical Social Workers;
    - iv. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists;
    - v. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors;
    - vi. Nurse Practitioners;
    - vii. Registered Nurses;
    - viii. Licensed Psychiatric Technicians;
    - ix. Licensed Vocational Nurses;
    - x. Board of Behavioral Science Examiners (BBSE) Registered:
      1. Associate Clinical Social Workers;
      2. Associate Marriage and Family Therapists; and
      3. Associate Professional Clinical Counselors.

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- b. On-duty emergency room physicians at any of the hospitals offering emergency room services in Humboldt County;
  - c. Community psychiatrists certified by the Medical Board of California in the field of psychiatry including those providing services through telepsychiatry at any of the acute care hospitals in Humboldt County; and
  - d. Licensed physicians offering emergency services at the K'ima:w Medical Center.
  - e. Exempted from the above-stated testing requirement are:
    - i. Peace officers exercising jurisdiction within the County of Humboldt or any incorporated city within the County.
2. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby authorizes the following professionals as persons who—once they have been approved by the County Behavioral Health Director after making application thereto and undergoing initial and ongoing training and testing—may discontinue a Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 hold when the person can be treated without being detained:
- a. The following on-duty licensed employees and contractors of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - Behavioral Health:
    - i. Licensed Physicians;
    - ii. Licensed Psychologists;
    - iii. Licensed Clinical Social Workers;
    - iv. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists;
    - v. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors;
    - vi. Nurse Practitioners;
    - vii. Registered Nurses;
    - viii. Licensed Psychiatric Technicians;
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    - x. Board of Behavioral Science Examiners (BBSE) Registered:
      - 1. Associate Clinical Social Workers;
      - 2. Associate Marriage and Family Therapists; and
      - 3. Associate Professional Clinical Counselors.
  - b. Emergency Department (ED) Physicians may also apply for the privilege of rescinding involuntary holds.
3. The designations under this resolution are effective the date herein stated above as approved by the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors.
4. The Clerk of the Board is authorized and directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Director

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ 2022

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Virginia Bass, Chair  
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors