

**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Behavioral Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**Vote Requirement:** Majority

**SUBJECT:**

Appointment to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Virginia Bass to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board for a three-year term.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

DHHS-Behavioral Health funds (1170), (1180)

**DISCUSSION:**

The Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board is a requirement of Welfare and Institutions Code 5604 and was established per the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act of 1967. Members of the Behavioral Health Board attend one monthly meeting, are expected to join a subcommittee, and serve three-year terms.

The County and the Department of Health and Human Services actively support the Behavioral Health Board. Meetings of the Behavioral Health Board are subject to the provisions of the Brown Act. Counties are encouraged to appoint individuals who have experience and knowledge of the mental health system. The Behavioral Health Board should reflect the diversity of the client population in the County. Fifty percent of the membership shall be consumers, or the parent, spouse, sibling, or adult children of consumers who are receiving, or have received, mental health services. The three applicants fall within this guideline.

The Behavioral Health Board has approved forwarding this application to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

**Narrative Explanation of Financial Impact:**

There are no revenue or expenditure appropriation impacts directly associated with Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board appointments.

**STAFFING IMPACT:**

**Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impact:**

There are no anticipated impacts on staffing directly associated with Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board appointments.

**STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework priority of fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

None

**ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Board discretion

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Behavioral Health Board application for Virginia Bass

**PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:**

Board Order No.: C-13, C-24, C-14, C-12, C-20, D-18, D-17, D-14, D-12, D-14, D-14

Meeting of: 3/13/18, 12/4/18, 5/14/19, 7/23/19, 8/18/20, 8/10/21, 10/26/21, 11/16/21, 3/1/22;  
7/19/22, 2/28/23, 5/23/2023

File No.: 18-105, 18-1544, 19-623, 19-1010, 20-980, 21-1078, 21-1503, 21-1659, 22-170; 22-914;  
23-150, 23-488