



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 6/14/2022

File #: 22-739

To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Behavioral Health

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Resolution Designating Eligible Professional Persons Who Can Write and Rescind a Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5150 Hold.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the attached Resolution designating the eligible professional persons who can write and rescind Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 hold pursuant to the provisions of Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150(b) prior to transfer to a facility designated by the county for evaluation and treatment and approved by the State Department of Health Care Services.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Behavioral Health Fund (1170)

DISCUSSION:

Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code section 5150 provides authority for the Board of Supervisors to designate eligible professionals who can initiate and discontinue 72 hour holds for evaluation and treatment of individuals who, as a result of a mental health disorder, are considered a danger to themselves, others, or are gravely disabled. In addition to the persons listed in W&I Code section 5150, on September 15, 2015 (item C-10), your board authorized certain eligible professional persons to initiate and discontinue those holds in Resolution No. 15-101.

The County Behavioral Health Director is authorized to develop procedures for the county's designation and training of professionals who will be designated to perform functions under W&I Code section 5150 including an application and approval process, initial and ongoing training and testing requirements, and monitoring and reviewing to ensure appropriate compliance with state law, regulations, and county procedures. County Behavioral Health, per this authorization, has produced policies and procedures as well as training protocols to be used.

This Resolution adds the following persons to be designated to initiate and discontinue a W&I Code section 5150 hold:

1. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors;
2. Board of Behavioral Science Examiners (BBSE) Registered:
 - a. Associate Clinical Social Workers;
 - b. Associate Marriage and Family Therapists; and
 - c. Associate Professional Clinical Counselors

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There are no costs for the county associated with this Resolution. There is no impact to the County General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

The recommended actions support the Board of Supervisors' Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations, creating opportunities for improved safety and health and providing community-appropriate levels of services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board may choose to not approve the attached Resolution; however, DHHS does not support this alternative because this resolution is utilizing available resources more efficiently and is consistent with the language of the law.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution Recommended for Adoption

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-15; B-2; C-10

Meeting of: 07/24/2007; 12/17/2013; 09/15/2015

File No.: 17-0550; 16-0666; 15-1005