



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

C14

For the meeting of: January 2<sup>9</sup>, 2018

Date: November 17, 2017  
To: Board of Supervisors  
From: Connie Beck, Director *copy for CB*  
Department of Health and Human Services-Mental Health Branch  
Subject: Appointment to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors appoint Art Wilson to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board for a three year term.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Mental Health Fund

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. The County and the Department of Health and Human Services actively support the Behavioral Health Board. The Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board meets monthly and consists of 15 members. 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.

Prepared by Joe McManus, Mental Health Administration

CAO Approval

REVIEW:

Auditor \_\_\_\_\_ County Counsel \_\_\_\_\_ Personnel \_\_\_\_\_ Risk Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF ITEM:

- Consent
- Departmental
- Public Hearing
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor *Bass* Seconded by Supervisor *Fennell*

Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson*

- Nays
- Abstain
- Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: *1/9/18*

By:   
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

At the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board on November 16, 2017 the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board unanimously approved forwarding the application of Art Wilson to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact since Behavioral Health Board members volunteer their services.

By approving these reappointments this supports the Board's Strategic Framework by fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

No other agencies are involved.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to appoint Art Wilson to the Behavioral Health Board however DHHS does not recommend this alternative.

ATTACHMENTS:

Application for Art Wilson

APPLICATION TO SERVE ON  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD

1) Name: Arthur T. Wilson

2) Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Email: \_\_\_\_\_

4) Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

5) Supervisorial District: District 5

6) Occupation: Owner/Operator AJ's Transitional Living

7) Category:

Consumer     Family of Consumer     TAY     Other

8) Prior Advisory Board or Commission Experience     Yes     No

9) Personal References:

Name: Kent Tutor    Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: John Laudenschlager    Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

10) Please write a brief statement describing why you are interested in serving on the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board:

I am a recovering alcoholic/addict, own AJ's Transitional Living and am very active in the Humboldt County recovery community. I continually sponsor numerous men in the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and attend 12 step meetings daily. I regularly attend the monthly BHB/AOD Dual Diagnosis sub-committee meeting and I'm on the Board of the Humboldt County Allies for Substance Abuse Committee. I'm an active NAMI member and in the process of receiving training to teach the family to family NAMI support group. Until his passing, my wife and I took care of her brother for several years. He suffered from advanced stage schizophrenia and level five kidney failure, so I am well versed in the care and treatment of mental illness. With my first-hand experience I bring more diversity to the Board.

Current Date 11/17/17    Signature Arthur T. Wilson

Please send this application to:

ATTN. Joe McManus  
Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board  
720 Wood Street  
Eureka, CA 95501

For Office Use Only: Date to BOS:     Approved     Not Approved