



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 10/25/2022

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**To:** Board of Supervisors  
**From:** DHHS Behavioral Health  
**Agenda Section:** Special Presentation

**SUBJECT:**  
Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board Annual report for 2018-2021.

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:  
Receive and file the attached report prepared by Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board for 2018-2021

**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.

Humboldt County's Behavioral Health Board (BHB) has a dedicated, engaged, and diverse membership that understands that mental illness is a serious condition, and cares very much about the mental health services, programs, and facilities available in our county. Advocating for increased access to services, housing, and employment opportunities for those with mental health issues are foremost in their concerns.

Some of the duties for the Behavioral Health Board are to advise the County Board of Supervisors and

the Local Mental Health Director concerning any aspect of the local mental health program. Another requirement is to submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board Discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Behavioral Health Board Annual report for 2018-2021

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: I1

Meeting of: 5/14/19

File No.: 19-530