



AGENDA ITEM NO.  
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# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: July 10, 2018

Date: June 27, 2018

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *[Signature]*  
Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Department of Health and Human Services Blue Ribbon Task Force Final Report

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1) That the Board of Supervisors receive and file a presentation by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Blue Ribbon Task Force Chair Bill Damiano and Co-Chair Connie Stewart
- 2) That the Board consider the recommendation that DHHS "report back to the Board of Supervisors with an action plan for the prioritized recommendations that has measureable outcomes" through
  - a. The regular DHHS Director evaluation process; and
  - b. DHHS updates to the community, including the external newsletter, Facebook, Community Task Force and inclusion of data in performance measures in outward facing data repository.

### SOURCE OF FUNDING:

DHHS Funds

### DISCUSSION:

In April 2015 Wendi Brown Creative Partners (WBCP) was hired to prepare an organizational assessment of the DHHS. In September 2015 WBCP submitted its Transition Organizational Assessment Study to the Board which included the recommendation of forming a Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF). Your Board passed a resolution forming the Task Force and appointed task force members. The BRTF began meeting in

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CAO Approval *[Signature]*

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_

Ayes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Nays \_\_\_\_\_  
 Abstain \_\_\_\_\_  
 Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**SEE ACTION SUMMARY**

### PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. I-1

Meeting of: September 22, 2015

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

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board**

January 2017. This presentation will provide the Board with information about the work of the DHHS BRTF and its final report.

The Blue Ribbon Task Force recommended receiving updates on recommendations made in this report in order to demonstrate accountability to the Board of Supervisors and residents of Humboldt County. Several options to provide feedback and accountability include: the regular evaluation process for the DHHS Director, the DHHS Newsletter, Facebook, the Community Task Force (DHHS-Child Welfare Services and Humboldt County Sheriff's Office) and the inclusion of data in performance measures in outward facing data repository. The Blue Ribbon Task Force's recommendation that the DHHS director provide information about DHHS' progress and outcomes aligns with the DHHS director's desire to continue to inform the Board and the public.

#### FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Direct expenses associated with the Blue Ribbon Task Force included meeting facilitation by a consultant, meeting space rental and limited refreshments at meetings. Indirect costs were far greater, with numerous DHHS staff and other county department staff preparing material, reviewing material and attending meetings. At each BRTF meeting the DHHS Director provided a summary of activities, progress and constraints in the various topic areas which required extensive preparation by DHHS staff. Blue Ribbon Task Force members not employed by the County of Humboldt either donated their time or worked for an organization that allowed for time to be spent on Blue Ribbon Task Force work.

This action supports the Board's Strategic Framework by protecting vulnerable populations and creating opportunities for improved safety and health.

#### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

#### ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to receive a presentation from the DHHS BRTF chair and co-chair. This is not recommended as the BRTF Final report was written by the BRTF at the request of the Board.

#### ATTACHMENTS:

Department of Health and Human Services Blue Ribbon Task Force Final Report  
Department of Health and Human Services Blue Ribbon Task Force PowerPoint Presentation