

# Resolution of the Board of Supervisors County of Humboldt

WHEREAS, Humboldt County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Licensed Clinical Psychologist II Mark Lamers is retiring after nearly 16 years with the department; and

WHEREAS, Mark was hired as a Mental Health Clinician II in September 2008, promoting to Supervising Mental Health Clinician four years later and promoting again to Senior Program Manager less than four years after that; and

WHEREAS, in June 2019, Mark's position was reclassified to Licensed Clinical Psychologist II, the position he is retiring from; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the department, Mark's thoughtfulness, intelligence, knowledge and helpfulness has been lauded by colleagues and co-workers and as one colleague summed it up, "Ah, it's so sad to see him go;" and

WHEREAS, another colleague said Mark has been a huge supporter of the Crisis Intervention Team and key participant in the Crisis Negotiations Team, excelling at building and maintaining relationships with law enforcement, and always being ready and willing to provide debriefing services to county teams and community agencies following traumatic events; and

WHEREAS, other colleagues said Mark has amazing clinical skills and has always been willing to step in to assist and advise with complicated situations that needed clinical expertise and has been happy to provide psychological assessments for complex cases that have helped staff with developing the most effective treatment plans for patients; and

WHEREAS, one colleague said Mark has always been able to have hope about difficult situations and people, yet be realistic about limitations of the system, resources and challenges faced by the most vulnerable in our community; and

WHEREAS, Mark is known as someone who operates with incredible humility, kindness and compassion, promoting healing and recovery in the community and who works to actively combat stigma and discrimination toward those suffering from mental illness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby recognizes, honors and expresses our gratitude for Mark Lamers' years of dedication to the county and community and wishes him happiness as he embarks on his next chapter.

August 27, 2024

Rex Bohn, Chair

