



AGENDA ITEM NO.
C-1

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: January 17, 2017

Date: December 13, 2016

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Mike Wilson

Subject: Appoint Sheri Graham-Whitt and Reappoint Sydney Fisher Larson and Dian Pecora to the First Five Humboldt Commission

RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Board of Supervisors appoint Sheri Graham-Whitt to a four-year term and reappoint Sydney Fisher Larson and Dian Pecora to three-year terms on the First Five Humboldt Commission

SOURCE OF FUNDING: N/A

DISCUSSION: The Humboldt County Board of Supervisors is the governing and appointing body for the First Five Humboldt Commission. As such, Sydney Fisher Larson and Dian Pecora's terms will expire on February 2, 2017, and they have requested to be reappointed to another term, expiring on February 2, 2020. Sheri Graham-Whitt, is requesting appointment to fill the vacant seat on the First Five Commission. All are well qualified and will bring multiple strengths to the Commission.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: N/A

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: Sheri Graham-Whitt application, First Five Humboldt Commission Roster and letters requesting reappointment.

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature 

REVIEW:	Auditor _____	County Counsel _____	Personnel _____	Risk Manager _____	Other _____
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TYPE OF ITEM:

Consent

Departmental

Public Hearing

Other _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Upon motion of Supervisor Fennell Seconded by Supervisor Wilson

Ayes Fennell, Bass, Wilson, Sundberg, Bohn

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: January 17, 2017

By: Bride Ebert

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board



CLERK OF THE BOARD DIVISION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' OFFICE

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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EUREKA, CALIF. 95501-1153

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY

FIRST FIVE HUMBOLDT COMMITTEE

APPLICANT NAME: Sheri Graham-Whitt

MAILING ADDRESS: 2332 Harrison, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

TELEPHONE: Home: 707-442-7996 Work: 707-826-5265 Fax: N/A

E-MAIL ADDRESS: sheriwhitt@suddenlink.net; sheri.whitt@humboldt.edu

OCCUPATION: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; Clinic Director- HSU CCC

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) Meg Walkley

PHONE: 441-2015

(2) Beth Heavilin

PHONE: 445-7087

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? NO YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE FIRST FIVE HUMBOLDT COMMITTEE.

I currently serve on the leadership team for the 0 to 8 Mental Health Collaborative and am very interested in advocating on behalf of infants, families and young ones. As a licensed marriage and family therapist I am very aware how critical social-emotional development is during these 0 to 5 years in terms of an individual's resilience later in life. When I was the executive director for the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, I was active in advocating for a mental health system oriented towards the values and principles stated in the proposition 63 Mental Health Services Act and am very encouraged that similar values and principles informed the recent passage of proposition 64. Serving as a First Five commissioner would allow me to continue to serve my community and contribute my part towards insuring there is equal access for all to a quality of a mental health care (at the earliest opportunity) which will allow us all to thrive.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 12-16-16

SIGNATURE: Sheri Graham-Whitt

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:

HUMBOLDT COUNTY FIRST FIVE HUMBOLDT COMMITTEE, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

3/25/2016

Sheri Graham-Whitt

Home: 7923 Berta Rd., Eureka, CA 95503
Business: 2332 Harrison, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

Home: (707) 442-7996
Business/Cell: (707) 832-9515

Qualifications

- Public relations, collaboration-building, multi-disciplinary team experience
- Experience gained in a variety of settings: non-profit, county government, state government, tribal health, University, veterans organization.
- Experience working with a variety of racial, ethnic, and cultural communities
- Over 30 years experience in mental health/social services field
- Familiar with client driven, family focused, recovery oriented, community-based, culturally and linguistically competent, promising and best practice service delivery models
- Over 18 years increasingly responsible administrative experience
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist- LMFT 32300

Work Experience – Summary

8/12 – present	<u>Clinical Director</u> Humboldt State University, Psych. Dept., Community Counseling Clinic
8/12 - present	<u>Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Private Practice</u> Eureka, CA
9/14-2/16	<u>Clinical Supervisor-Consultant</u> Northcoast Veterans Resource Center, Eureka, CA
7/09 – 8/12	<u>Manager of Bereavement Services</u> Hospice of Humboldt, Eureka, CA
4/06-7/09	<u>Executive Director</u> Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission
4/02-4/06	<u>Mental Health Services Clinical Director</u> United Indian Health Services, Arcata, CA
5/00-4/02	<u>Supervising Mental Health Clinician</u> Children, Youth & Family Services (Co. of Humboldt, DHHS) Eureka, CA
5/99-5/00	<u>Senior Administrative Analyst</u> Human Resources Dept. (Co. of Santa Cruz-Child Welfare Services, Adult Protective Services, Public Guardian's Office) Santa Cruz, CA
11/98-5/00	<u>Marriage and Family Therapist</u> Private practice, Santa Cruz, CA
11/98-5/99	<u>Program Coordinator</u> Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance, Watsonville, CA

- 9/91-8/98 Mental Health Clinician
Adult and Children's Mental Health (Co. of Santa Cruz, Mental Health Services),
Santa Cruz, CA
*additional work experience history available upon request (prior to 9/91)

Education and Licenses

- 1995 Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist; CA. (LMFT 32300)
1989 M.S. degree: Clinical/Counseling Psychology; CSU San Bernardino
1982 B.S. degree: Psychology, UC Santa Cruz

Detailed Work Experience

HSU Community Counseling Clinic- Department of Psychology

1 Harpst Street, Arcata, CA 95521-8299 -707/826-3271

- Clinical and administrative oversight for the day to day operation of the clinic
- Supervision of psychology graduate students providing counseling services; special emphasis- Infant Family Early Childhood Mental Health, trauma-informed services, reflective practice supervision

Private Practice "The Gathering Place"

2332 Harrison, Suite B, Eureka, CA 95501

- Specializing in emotional support during times of intense change- grief, trauma
- Early Intervention- 0 to 5 years old

Northcoast Veterans Resource Center

109 4th Street, Eureka, CA 95501 -707/442-4322

- Clinical supervision for Associate Social Workers providing services to veterans recently housed in the rapid housing program; mental health and substance abuse issues HUD-VASH program
- Clinical supervision of Marriage and Family Therapist intern providing counseling services and working as the director of the behavioral health residential facility; mental health and substance abuse issues

Hospice of Humboldt

2010 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka, CA 95501 -707/445-8443

- Bereavement Services- individual, family, community gatherings, education
- Familiarity with electronic medical records, shared drive, policies and procedures
- Bereavement program planning and evaluation
- Clinical supervision for bereavement counselors and volunteer staff
- Quality improvement for bereavement program

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission

1300 17th St., Sacramento, CA 95811 - 916/445-8727

- Strategic planning, business work plan, and budget.
- Implementation of plan review and approval process.
- Implementation of Commission and committee meetings.
- Stakeholder engagement (Public Information Plan, Stakeholders)

- Conducted contract audits, provided project management, facilitated policy discussion with staff and community members.
- Liaison for HRA regarding many community based projects, which included doing the facilitation of several policy development forums.
- Specific oversight responsibilities for Child Protective Services Family Violence Response Team Project, closely coordinated with research being conducted at UC Davis.

Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance (A community non-profit program)

335 East Lake Ave., Watsonville, CA 95076 - 831/728-6445

- Direct responsibility for grant oversight and coordination for a community policing grant in partnership with Watsonville Police Department with a focus on developing appropriate interventions to reduce drug abuse at Watsonville High School.
- Developed an intervention plan with community stakeholders via facilitated stakeholder meetings. Participants included teachers, administrative staff, community business people, law enforcement, students and others.
- Coordinated all grant activities including development and facilitation of on-going focus groups, developing protocol for meeting evaluation requirements, budget development, grant reporting duties, and more.
- Created all materials used in conjunction with duties.

Adult and Children's Mental Health Services

1400 Emeline St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060 - 831/454-4000

- Developed Parent Partnership program (Client driven, peer support program), Respite program (staffed by college students), and Peer Mentoring program (client driven, peer support program).
- Provided counseling services in a variety of treatment settings including: Wilderness program, gang early-intervention program, Healthy Start program (elementary and middle school based), and Transition Aged Youth program.
- Provided general, intensive, outpatient office-based counseling with youth/families.
- Developed and co-facilitated specialized training for staff and community partners regarding working successfully with GLBTQI (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Intersex) youth and their families and another training designed to help participants gain skills necessary for working successfully with ethnic/cultural communities.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION (FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT)

AUTHORITY: Section 130140 of the Health and Safety Code
County Ordinance Nos. 2299, 2185 and 2222

APPOINTING POWER: Board of Supervisors

MEMBERS: At least five, but no more than nine

QUALIFICATIONS: Residents of Humboldt County and Categorical Requirements

TERM: **County representatives:** Four Years
Public members: Three members serve 3-year terms and three members serve 4-year terms (no appointee shall serve for more than two consecutive terms). (Regardless of appointment date, terms expire on the original appointment dates)

FUNCTION: Adopt an adequate and complete county strategic plan for support and improvement of early childhood development within the County, consistent with the requirements of the *California Children and Families First Act of 1998* and any state regulations or guidelines hereinafter enacted to implement the Act.

DISCLOSURE CATEGORIES: 1-7

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>REAPPOINTED</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
<u>Board of Supervisors (1)</u> Mark Lovelace 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111 Eureka, CA 95501-1153 476-2394 445-7299 (fax) mlovelace@co.humboldt.ca.us	01/13/09	12/20/14	12/30/16
Supervisor Bohn was re-appointed Supervisor Lovelace's alternate on 12/20/13.			
<u>Public Health Branch (1)</u> Susan Buckley sbuckley@co.humboldt.ca.us	09/16/03	01/14/14	Jan. 2017
<u>Social Services Branch (1)</u> Veronica Meggerson slyons@co.humboldt.ca.us	02/02/16		June 2017
<u>Public (2-6)</u> Connie Sundberg McKinleyville, CA 95519 csundberg@suddenlink.net	10/6/15		12/03/17

FIRST 5 HUMBOLDT (CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>REAPPOINTED</u>	<u>EXPIRES</u>
Cameron Mull Eureka, CA 95525 cmull@bluelake.ca.gov	10/06/15		01/07/18

VACANT

Sydney Fisher Larson Arcata, CA 95521 Sydneyeflarson@gmail.com	01/28/14		02/02/17
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Dian Pecora Eureka, CA 95503 dmpecora@att.net	01/28/14		02/02/17
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Jessica Callahan Arcata, CA 95521 JessicaarewenC@gmail.com	01/28/14		02/02/18
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Contact: Andrea Sousa
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Eureka, CA 95501
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asousa@co.humboldt.ca.us

Sydney Fisher Larson
2730 Terrace Ave.
Arcata, CA 95521

December 12, 2016

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to request to serve another term on the First 5 Humboldt Commission. I was appointed to the commission to fulfill a partial term in 2014.

I believe that I still have knowledge and experiences that will benefit First 5. My knowledge of what is happening in the state as a member of the Governor's Advisory Committee for Early Learning and Care coupled with my understanding of issues related to children and families in Humboldt County and my historical perspective of the work of the commission will allow me to bring a unique perspective to First 5 Humboldt.

Thank-you for your consideration.

Sydney Fisher Larson
sydneyflarson@gmail.com

Dian M. Pecora
1635 East Ave.
Eureka, CA 95501

December 28, 2016

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to request to serve a second term on the First 5 Humboldt Commission. I have served on the Commission since my appointment in February 2013.

I believe that I have knowledge and experiences that will continue to benefit First 5. I remain involved and am actively participating in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of care for mental health services for children in communities throughout Humboldt County. My Public Health Nursing background and experience with working with families provides a broad understanding and appreciation for the prevention aspect of the Commission's work. I have a broad understanding of issues related to children and families in Humboldt County and an historical perspective of the work of the commission. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Dian Pecora
dmpecora@att.net