



AGENDA ITEM NO.

**C12**

## COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: January 23, 2018

Date: January 12, 2017

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Connie Beck, Director *cb*  
Department of Health and Human Services

Subject: Introduction of Emi Botzler-Rodgers as the Designated Mental Health Director for the County of Humboldt

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Supervisors receive the following statements pertaining to the qualifications of Emi Botzler-Rodgers as the designated Mental Health Director for the County of Humboldt.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Mental Health Fund

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services – Administration would like to announce the appointment of Emi Botzler-Rodgers as the new Mental Health Director for the County of Humboldt effective August 13, 2017.

The Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services – Mental Health (“DHHS – Mental Health”) provides inpatient and outpatient mental health services, substance use disorder services and other mandated and specially funded services to persons with serious mental illness in Humboldt County.

Emi Botzler-Rodgers has been a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist since 1995, after earning her Master’s Degree in Psychology from Humboldt State University. Emi served as the Director of Behavioral

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CAO Approval *Kathy Hayes*REVIEW: *MM*Auditor *MM*

County Counsel

Human Resources *KAS*

Other

TYPE OF ITEM:

☒ X Consent  
☐ Departmental  
☐ Public Hearing  
☐ Other

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No. \_\_\_\_\_

Meeting of: \_\_\_\_\_

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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

Ayes *Bass, Fennell, Sundberg, Bohn, Wilson*  
Nays  
Abstain  
Absent

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

Dated: *1/23/18*By: *Kathy Hayes*

Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

Health at United Indian Health Services, and also held a position with the Humboldt County Superior Court as a Family Court Mediator while maintaining a private practice as a clinical therapist.

In May of 2013, Emi accepted a position as a Sr. Program Manager with the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services – Children and Family Services Mental Health (“DHHS – Children and Family Services Mental Health”). Emi was subsequently hired as the Deputy Director of DHHS – Children and Family Services Mental Health in October of 2014.

Emi has consistently given calm and thoughtful responses to the challenges that she has faced in her work and has brought a systems approach to managing DHHS – Children and Family Services Mental Health. Such an approach will allow Emi to navigate the complex and demanding process of administering the provision and funding of public mental health service programs as the new Mental Health Director for the County of Humboldt.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Salary and benefit expenditures related to the Mental Health Director position are included in approved DHHS – Mental Health Administration budget unit 1170-424

The designation of Emi Botzler-Rodgers as the Mental Health Director for the County of Humboldt supports the Board’s Strategic framework by protecting vulnerable populations and improving the health and safety of our communities.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

None