



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Mental Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Appointment to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors appoint Steven Loreus to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board for a three year term.

**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.

At the regular meeting of the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board on November 15, 2018, the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board unanimously approved forwarding the application of Steven Loreus to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

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

By approving this appointment this supports the Board's Strategic Framework by fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose not to appoint Steven Loreus to the Behavioral Health Board. However, DHHS does not recommend this alternative.

ATTACHMENTS:

Application for Steven Loreus

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A

Meeting of: N/A