

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

From: DHHS: Mental Health

Agenda Section: Consent

<u>SUBJECT</u>: Appointment to the Behavioral Health Board

<u>RECOMMENDATION(S)</u>:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Vernon Price to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board for a three-year term.

<u>SOURCE OF FUNDING</u>: 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 Behavioral Health Board currently consists of eleven members but can have a maximum of 15. Members of the Behavioral Health Board attend one monthly meeting, are expected to join a subcommittee, and serve three-year terms.

The County and the Department of Health and Human Services actively support the Behavioral Health Board. 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.

50% 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. Vernon Price is a consumer/family member and will bring the Behavioral Health Board closer to the goal.

The Behavioral Health Board has approved forwarding this application to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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The members of the Behavioral Health Board volunteer their services so there is no impact to the General Fund.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

This action supports your Board's Strategic Framework by fostering transparent, accessible, welcoming and user friendly services

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: None

<u>ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS</u>: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Behavioral Health Board application for Vernon Price

<u>PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:</u> Board Order No.: C-13; C-14 Meeting of: 3/13/18; 5/14/19 File No.: 18-1544; 19-623; 19-1010