



# COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

## Legislation Text

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**To:** Board of Supervisors

**From:** DHHS: Behavioral Health

**Agenda Section:** Consent

**SUBJECT:**

Appointments to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Appoint Debra Hartridge to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board for a three-year term; and
2. Appoint Isabella Wotherspoon to the Humboldt County Behavioral Health Board for a three-year term.

**SOURCE OF FUNDING:**

Behavioral Health Fund (1170)

**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 eight 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. Debra Hartridge and Isabella Wotherspoon are consumer/family members and will help maintain the membership goal.

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:

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

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Behavioral Health Board

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Board discretion

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Behavioral Health Board application for Debra Hartridge
2. Behavioral Health Board application for Isabella Wotherspoon

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: C-13, C-24, C-14, C-12, C-20, D-18, D-17

Meeting of: 3/13/18, 12/4/18, 5/14/19, 7/23/19, 8/18/20, 8/10/21, 10/26/21

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