

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DISSOLVING THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD, ADDING SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD, AND RENAMING IT AS THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the Solano County Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (“ADAB”) was formed at the direction of the Board of Supervisors in 1994 (Resolution No. 94-191); and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Board of Supervisors adopted Advisory Board Principles and Policies on June 7, 2005, and amended the Principles and Policies on November 9, 2010, to provide general guidelines concerning the role of County advisory boards; and

WHEREAS, the Principles and Policies state that it is appropriate that the Solano County Board of Supervisors be able to create, eliminate, reorganize and provide direction to advisory boards as it deems necessary to meet its need for advice in various areas; and

WHEREAS, ADAB was formed at a time when Solano "Mental Health" was siloed, and substance use services were not visible in the community nor integrated in the Behavioral Health Division; and

WHEREAS, new legislation, (SB 326) provides that each county have a “behavioral health board” instead of a “mental health board” which encompasses both mental/emotional well-being and substance use; and

WHEREAS, effective January 2025, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5604 clarifies that the behavioral health board shall review and evaluate the local public substance use disorder treatment system; and

WHEREAS, the Solano County Behavioral Health Division supports both mental health and substance use services; and

WHEREAS, many counties now have integrated mental health and alcohol and drug boards to reflect the change in terminology and national standards under the “Behavioral Health” umbrella; and

WHEREAS, there is an interconnected nature of mental health and substance use disorders that should be addressed comprehensively for more efficient use of resources and improved collaboration among various stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, with the inclusion of substance use disorders in the purview of the behavioral health board, there is no longer a need for a separate Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Solano County Board of Supervisors rescinds Resolution 94-191 and dissolves the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) and commends all the dedicated citizens who served as members of ADAB and their contribution to the well-being of the county.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the functions of the ADAB are consolidated into the current Mental Health Advisory Board which is to be renamed as the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) consisting initially of the existing membership from the Mental Health Advisory Board.

FURTHER RESOLVED, staff is authorized to begin the recruitment for the new member categories identified in the BHAB bylaws.

Passed and adopted by the Solano County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting on December 5, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS _____

NOES: SUPERVISORS _____

EXCUSED: SUPERVISORS _____

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

BILL EMLLEN, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Alicia Draves, Chief Deputy Clerk