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Legislation Text

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Approve the appointments of Brenna Benjamin and Wendy Loomas as members-at-large to the Solano Partnership Against Violence (SPAV) Advisory Board with terms to expire March 13, 2020

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The District Attorney/Office of Family Violence Prevention (OFVP) and the Executive Committee of the Solano Partnership Against Violence request that the Board of Supervisors approve the appointments of Brenna Benjamin and Wendy Loomas to the Solano Partnership Against Violence (SPAV) Advisory Board with terms to expire March 13, 2020. Brenna Benjamin is an Injury Prevention & Outreach Coordinator at North Bay Medical/Trauma Center and Wendy Loomas is a Health Services Manager for Solano County Public Health, with a focus on the prevention of violence, injury and chronic diseases.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Solano Partnership Against Violence (SPAV) is an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors and as such, its members are appointed by the Board. The requested appointments are consistent with the SPAV by-laws which were approved by the Board of Supervisors on November 6, 2007. Membership consists of 15 voting members from professional and non-professional categories that may include health care, faith based, and social service agency representatives, as well as appointees designated by individual members of the Board of Supervisors to represent their respective Districts. Members with a professional affiliation may be appointed for a two-year term, and those with a non-professional affiliation may be appointed for a three-year term.

SPAV became an advisory board of the Board of Supervisors in 1999. SPAV is tasked with promoting awareness of family violence issues and with helping to develop a comprehensive, systematic approach to ending family violence in Solano County.

The OFVP continues to work with SPAV to fill vacancies by contacting local agency representatives, providing networking opportunities at SPAV meetings, reviewing letters of request for appointment, and including member recruitment information on the OFVP web page. The membership of SPAV is continuously recruiting to fill vacancies and appreciates Board of Supervisors efforts in assisting to fill vacancies. With approval of these two new appointments, all 15 voting memberships will be filled.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no financial impact associated with the appointments of SPAV members.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Supervisors could choose not to appoint these individuals to SPAV; however, this is not recommended as the appointees have shown a desire to help reduce family violence in Solano County and

are willing to be active participants on the advisory board.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Solano Partnership Against Violence (SPAV) is an inter-agency collaborative focused on developing a comprehensive and systematic approach to end family violence in Solano County. The County Administrator's Office has reviewed this agenda submittal.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION