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Legislation Text

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Approve the reappointment of Heather Theaux Venezio to the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board, representing District 5, for a term to expire on October 23, 2021

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

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

Supervisor Thomson requests the Board approve the reappointment of Heather Theaux Venezio to the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board, representing District 5, for a term to expire on October 23, 2021.

SUMMARY:

Heather Theaux Venezio is the Trauma Program Director for NorthBay Medical Center and a pediatric liaison nurse. She earned a BA in Psychology from University of Massachusetts at Amherst, a BS in Nursing from University of Louisiana at Lafayette and a MS in Developmental Psychology from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Ms. Venezio was appointed to the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board in 2015 and is the current Board Chair. She is a valuable asset to the Advisory Board contributing a vast knowledge of our community's needs for behavioral health care.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2018/19 Adopted Budget.

DISCUSSION:

In alignment with the County Vision, the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) works to champion a progressive system of seamless, accessible and effective services that advances wellness, recovery and resiliency for individuals, families and communities - making certain special attention is given to the cultural and linguistic needs of those served. We continue to look for ways to improve care by connecting the strength and proficient work of consumer advocates, family members, and community leaders.

Working hand in hand with the Department of Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health Division, the MHAB seeks and promotes the most effective methods to educate the public and change some of the negative perceptions attached to those in the community living with behavioral health issues. Through internal and external educational presentations, those who attend MHAB meetings gain a larger understanding of the potential for wellness in our county.

The MHAB continues to work to increase community awareness of mental health issues, support service availability, and reduce stigma. The Board meets regularly once a month on the third Tuesday from 4:30PM-6:00PM, except in July, for a total of eleven public meetings per year.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board could choose not to reappoint Heather Theaux Venezio however this is not advised as she is an

asset to the Solano County Mental Health Advisory Board.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Department of Health and Social Services, Behavioral Health Division.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION