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Legislation Text

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Approve the reappointment of Michael Wright to the Mental Health Advisory Board for a 3 year term to expire on November 6, 2021

Published Notice Required? Yes _____ No X
Public Hearing Required? Yes _____ No X

DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) requests that the Board approve the reappointment of Michael Wright to serve on the Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) for a 3 year term to expire November 6, 2021.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Welfare and Institutions code 5604-5604.5 specifies that the governing body of each County shall appoint a mental health board consisting of at least 10 members. Fifty percent of the MHAB's members are required to be direct mental health service consumers or family members of consumers who reflect the ethnic and cultural diversity of Solano County.

On November 3, 2015, the Board approved the appointment of Michael Wright to the Solano County MHAB. Mr. Wright is a resident of Solano County and is registered to vote. During his first three-year term, Mr. Wright attended monthly MHAB meetings and was an active voting member in advising the governing body and the local mental health director as to aspects of the local mental health program.

Mr. Wright brings to the MHAB the perspective and experience of a parent to an adult mental health services consumer and is especially passionate about increasing mental health awareness in the law enforcement community. Mr. Wright holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Management and Administration from St. Mary's College. After a distinguished 30 years with Safeway and 7 years as a community services supervisor for the City of Fairfield, Mr. Wright serves as a community volunteer by being a voice and an ear for those receiving or in need of receiving mental health services in Solano County.

This reappointment helps to fill and establish an active membership for the MHAB. This appointment submitted for the Board's approval is recommended by H&SS, the Behavioral Health Deputy Director and the existing members of the MHAB.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

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

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board may choose not to approve this appointment. This is not recommended as H&SS and the MHAB determined that Mr. Wright qualifies and has a desire to serve the County and its mental health consumers in this capacity and the MHAB approved the appointment.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The current members of the MHAB support the appointment of Michael Wright to serve on the Mental Health Advisory

Board.

CAO RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION