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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shelli Brobst for HOWARD HIMES - Director
Health & Human Services Administration

REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Manager - 253-4720

SUBJECT: Nomination of Candidates for Appointment to the Napa State Hospital Advisory Board

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Health and Human Services requests consideration of Napa State Hospital's request for the Board of Supervisors to nominate the following Napa County residents/employees for appointment by the Governor to the Napa State Hospital Advisory Board:

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Current Position</u>
Mary Butler	Napa County Chief Probation Officer
Karen Smith	Napa County Public Health Officer
Keith Behlmer	Lieutenant, Napa County Sheriff's Department

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Napa State Hospital has requested the Board of Supervisors nominate the three candidates listed in the Recommendation for appointment by the Governor to the Napa State Hospital Advisory Board. The three candidates reside in the County and are currently employed by Napa County.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Section 4200 of the Welfare and Institutions Code provides that “each state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Mental Health shall have a hospital advisory board of eight members appointed by the Governor from a list of nominations submitted to him or her by the boards of supervisors of the counties within each hospital’s designated service area.” The statute describes four categories of candidates from which appointments should be made “to the extent feasible.” These include past patients, family members of current or past patients, representatives of “professional disciplines,” and members of the general public who have “demonstrated an interest in services to the mentally disordered.”

Section 4202 states that the purpose of the advisory board is to advise the State Department of Mental Health and the Legislature on the conduct of the hospital and coordination with community mental health programs. Advisory board members are not compensated for service, other than reimbursement for “necessary expenses incurred.” The advisory board is required to meet at least four times per year.

Napa State Hospital has conducted a recruitment process for interested candidates and identified the persons listed in the Recommendation section as candidates falling within the non-binding categories specified in Section 4200. The Hospital is now requesting that the Board of Supervisors nominate these persons pursuant to the statute in order that their names can be submitted to the Governor for consideration.

A review of past nominations to the advisory board indicates that there is no one established practice for soliciting candidates and nominating them. At various times, the recruitment process has been handled as in the current situation, with the hospital conducting the recruitment and requesting the Board of Supervisors to nominate the resulting candidates. On other occasions, the County has conducted the recruitment process directly. Given the range of past practices and the high caliber of the candidates submitted by the Hospital for consideration by the Board of Supervisors, staff supports Napa State Hospital's request that the Board nominate the three candidates listed in the Recommendation section for appointment by the Governor to the Napa State Advisory Board.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins