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# NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

FROM: Leanne Link for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer

County Executive Office

REPORT BY: Nadine Willoughby, Administrative Support Technician - 253-4595

SUBJECT: Appointment to the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission

# **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests appointment of Howard Himes, Director of Health & Human Services, to serve on the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission as County Representative with the term of office to commence immediately and expire January 1, 2018.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

There is currently one vacancy on the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission due to the resignation of the County Representative member. The County Executive Office advertised the opening for one (1) member to represent Category "A", as described in the Background section of this report. One new application was received from Howard Himes, Director of Health & Human Services.

## 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**

There is currently one vacancy on the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission due to the resignation of Teresa Zimny as the County Representative member who served on the Commission for five years since February 2010. The County Executive Office advertised the vacancy and received one (1) application from Howard Himes, Director of Health & Human Services, to represent Category "A," as described below.

On March 2, 1999, the Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 1154 establishing a nine (9) member commission known as the Children and Families Commission to meet the requirements of the California Children and Families First Act. Pursuant to the Act, the Commission has developed and adopted a County Strategic Plan and will continue to promote and implement the plan for local early childhood development programs consistent with the goals and objectives of the California Children and Families First Act of 1998 as set forth in the Health and Safety Code.

The Commission consists of nine (9) members in categories as follows:

- a. Two (2) members selected from the County Health Officer and those persons responsible for management of County functions pertaining to children's services, public health services, behavioral health services, social services, tobacco and other substance abuse treatment services (commonly referred to as "County representatives")
- b. One (1) member of the Board of Supervisors
- c. The remaining six (6) members shall be selected from among the services described in subsection "a" and persons from the following:
  - Recipient of project services included in the County Strategic Plan;
  - i Educator specializing in early childhood development;
  - Representative of a local child care resource of referral agency, or a local child care coordinating group;
  - Representative of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk;
  - Representative of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting nurturing and early childhood development;
  - Representative of local school district; and
  - Representative of local medical, pediatric or obstetric associations or societies

By taking this action today, the First 5 Napa County Children and Families Commission will have a complete panel of members.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A. Howard Himes Application

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan