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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office  
**REPORT BY:** Mary Jean McLaughlin, PIO/Committees & Commissions , 253-4111  
**SUBJECT:** Mental Health Board Appointments/Reappointments

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

County Executive Officer requests appointment/reappointment of applicants from each of the following categories to the Mental Health Board with terms commencing immediately and expiring as indicated.

Consumer, Term Expires 01-01-08  
Marian Johnson\*\*

Family Member of Consumer, Term Expires 01-01-08 (Two Positions)  
Anita Catlin\*\*  
Russell Burr\*\*  
Linda Mallett

Interested and Concerned Citizen, Term Expires 01-01-08 (Two Positions), Term Expires 01-01-06 (One Position)  
Dorothy Hansen\*\*  
Linda Mallett\*  
Dennis Craig Simpson\*

\* Recommended by the Mental Health Board

\*\* Incumbent and recommended by the Mental Health Board

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

County Executive Officer requests six appointments/reappointments to the Mental Health Board.

**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 are currently nine (9) openings on the Mental Health Board. Four (4) are due to expiration of terms and five (5) are due to resignations. The County Executive Office has recruited for the open positions and received the above applications. Four incumbents, Anita Catlin, Russell Burr, Dorothy Hansen and Marian Johnson are seeking reappointment.

Six (6) new applications were received. However, four (4) of the new applicants (Pam Wycoff, E.J. Hullana, Kathie Karcher, Pattie Blum) do not meet the qualifications for appointment to the Board. Per California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604 (d) no member of the Mental Health Board or his/her spouse shall be an employee of a mental health agency that contracts with the County.

The Mental Health Board has interviewed the remaining two new applicants, Linda Mallett and Dennis Simpson who have both applied as interested/concerned citizen representatives. Ms. Mallett has also applied as the family member of consumer representative.

The Mental Health Board recommends reappointment of the four incumbents. They also recommend the appointment of Ms. Mallett and Mr. Simpson as interested/concerned citizen representatives.

Required by Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604 et.seq., the Mental Health Board consists of sixteen (16) members. The function of the Board is as follows:

- a. to review and evaluate the community mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems;
- b. review any County agreements entered into pursuant to Section 5650;
- c. advise the governing body and local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program;
- d. review and approve the procedures used to insure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process;
- e. submit an annual report to the governing body;
- f. make recommendations regarding the appointment of a local director of mental health services;
- g. review and comment on the County's performance outcome data and communicate the findings to the State Mental Health Commission; and,
- h. assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

Following the above requested action, there will remain three (3) vacancies on the Board all representing the consumer category. The County Executive Office will continue to recruit for these vacancies.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . Applicant Resumes

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson