

RESOLUTION NO. 23-194

RESOLUTION OF THE MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REDUCING COMPOSITION OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) FROM 15 TO 11 MEMBERS, ENCOURAGING DUAL PARTICIPATION BY UP TO 5 QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF MEASURE B OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, DIRECTING MEETINGS OF EACH ADVISORY BOARD TO BE HELD ON THE SAME DAY, AND DIRECTING REVISIONS TO BHAB BYLAWS

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors directed staff from Behavioral Health and Recovery Services to investigate options for merging the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) with Measure B Oversight Committee to address the goals of increasing membership on the BHAB, streamlining processes, saving costs related to administration of meetings, and strengthening the connection between both advisory boards regarding common issues; and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2023, County staff presented their research and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, and recommended against complete merger of the two advisory boards due to the statutory requirements for membership of BHAB which varies from that required by the local electorate for membership of Measure B; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to approve the reduction of the BHAB from 15 to 11 members, as BHAB currently only fills 8 of their 15 positions, and pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 5604, may have a minimum of 10 members and up to 15 members depending on the preference of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase membership for BHAB, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors to encourage up to five (5) members of the Measure B Oversight Committee to consider appointment to the BHAB should they be nominated by the Board of Supervisors and meet the qualifications of membership required for BHAB pursuant to section 5604; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Supervisors for BHAB and Measure B Committee to hold their meetings on the same day in the same location and back-to-back with at least a half hour break in between meetings, in order to support efficiencies in the administration of the boards and to facilitate establishing a quorum; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors directs staff to propose revisions to the BHAB Bylaws in line with this Board's direction and in accordance with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code section 5604.5, for consideration by the BHAB at their first meeting of the calendar year, 2024, and for BHAB to return bylaws promptly to Board of Supervisors for approval thereafter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the reduction of composition of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board from 15 to 11 members, encourages dual participation by up to 5 qualifying members of Measure B Oversight Committee, directs meetings of each Advisory Board to be held on the same day, and directs revisions to BHAB bylaws consistent with this resolution and in accordance with applicable statutory requirements.

The foregoing Resolution introduced by Supervisor Mulheren, seconded by Supervisor Williams, and carried this 19th day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors McGourty, Mulheren, Haschak, Gjerde, and Williams
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

WHEREUPON, the Chair declared said Resolution adopted and SO ORDERED.

ATTEST: DARCIE ANTLE
Clerk of the Board

GLENN MCGOURTY, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CHRISTIAN M. CURTIS
County Counsel

BY: DARCIE ANTLE
Clerk of the Board

Deputy