



# COUNTY OF NEVADA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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September 18, 2015

Honorable Board of Supervisors  
Eric Rood Administrative Center  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

**DATE OF MEETING:** October 13, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution confirming the appointment of Rebecca Slade, MFT as the Acting Director of Nevada County's Behavioral Health Department.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** No additional funds are associated with this interim assignment. This staff position's salary/benefits are within the department's approved Class I budget. There are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** Please find attached a Resolution confirming appointment of Rebecca Slade, MFT as Acting Director of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department effective as October 27, 2014. Per California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 9, Section 620.1, the County may select an acting Director of Local Mental Health Services with an appointment limited to a 12-month period subject to the approval of the Director of the State Department of Mental Health (the State Department of Mental Health is now a division within the California Department Health Care Services [DHCS], per Assembly Bill (AB) 102).

Nevada County's Behavioral Health Department provides evidence based, culturally competent mental health and substance abuse treatment services to Nevada County residents, and is one of the four departments within the County's Health and Human Services Agency. Ms. Slade has been working for Nevada County since April 2, 2007, originally hired as the Program Manager for Children's Behavioral Health Services. She brought with her to Nevada County a broad range of experience in the field of mental health and familiarity with Medi-Cal requirements as it pertains to mental health services. Ms. Slade was designated to serve in the capacity of the Acting Director of Behavioral Health, at the time the previous Behavioral Health Director was selected to serve as the Interim Health and Human Services Agency Director. Since October 27,

2 014, Ms. Slade has assumed responsibility for the operation of the Behavioral Health Department, while still maintaining overall responsibility, through subordinate managers, for the running of Behavioral Health's Children's Program Services. Serving as the Acting Behavioral Health Director, Ms. Slade works as part of the Health and Human Services Agency management team, and is responsible for planning, organizing, assigning, directing, reviewing and evaluating programs, services, and related activities of the department.

Her background includes demonstrated awareness and appropriate implementation of standards for documentation, assessment techniques, crisis intervention, medication protocols, quality assurance, confidentiality, and general program management. Attached is a summary of Ms. Slade's background and work history.

A recruitment for the position of permanent Behavioral Health Director is currently under way and once a candidate is selected, HHSA will return to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the Director per California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 9, Section 620.

Please contact me if any additional information is required.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Heggarty,  
Health and Human Services Agency Director

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*Attachments:*

*Resolution confirming appointment*

*License/Degree*

*Resume/background*

*Letter to DHCS*