



# COUNTY OF NEVADA HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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## NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

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**MEETING DATE:** January 10, 2017

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** **Michael Heggarty**

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Resolution confirming the appointment of Jill Blake, MPA, Public Health Director, as the Acting Director of Nevada County's Behavioral Health Department and approval of letter to be signed by the Board Chair and sent to the State of California Department of Health Care Services.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution

**FUNDING:** The adjustment in Class I costs associated with this acting assignment will be addressed in a future county-wide budget amendment. There are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** The County's Behavioral Health Department has an urgent need for a short-term Acting Director appointment due to a temporary leave by current Behavioral Health Director, Rebecca Slade, MFT. Pursuant to 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 Health Care Services. Attached is a Resolution confirming appointment of Jill Blake, MPA, as Acting Director of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, effective as of December 5, 2016 with an anticipated end date of April, 30, 2017 and in no event later than a period of twelve months.

Ms. Blake has 17 years of experience in staff, program and agency management, and has considerable experience in policy development and strategic planning. Prior to working for Nevada County, Ms. Blake was the Director of the First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission. She received a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature from UCLA, a Master of Public Administration from University of Southern California, and graduated from the Foundations of Public Policy Program at University of California, Davis. She also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Poland.

Ms. Blake has been with Nevada County since December 10, 2012. She was originally hired as the Program Manager for Public Health; appointed to Interim Public Health Director in October 2014 and appointed as the permanent Public Health Director in 2015. Ms. Blake will continue her

duties as the Public Health Director in addition to the temporary assignment of serving as the Acting Director for Behavioral Health.

The Department is requesting that the Board approve the resolution confirming the appointment of Jill Blake as the Acting Director of Behavioral Health and approve, sign and send the letter of request to the State Department of Health Care Services.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Michael Heggarty,  
Health and Human Services Agency Director