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**NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**Board Agenda Memo**

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**MEETING DATE:** December 11, 2018  
**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** **Phebe Bell**  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving the renaming of the Mental Health Advisory Board to the Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Board (MHSUAB), and approving amendments to the MHSUAB Bylaws to reflect the name change and additional functions related to substance use.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** N/A

**BACKGROUND:**

The Nevada County Mental Health Advisory Board was first formed in 1977, pursuant to Resolution 77-132, under the authority of Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5604, et seq. On April 27, 1993, pursuant to Resolution 93-195, the Board of Supervisors renamed the Mental Health Advisory Board the Mental Health Board, while also requiring that it serve concurrently as the Alcohol/Drug Advisory Board. On September 9, 2003, pursuant to Resolution 03-433, the Board of Supervisors, approved the creation of the Nevada County Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) separate from the Mental Health Board. On December 8, 2009, pursuant to Resolution 09-592, the Board of Supervisors dissolved the Nevada County Substance Abuse Advisor Board, and encouraged the members of the SAAB to become members of the steering committee of the Coalition for a Drug Free Nevada County of the Mental Health Advisory Board.

On July 1, 2018, Nevada County opted in to the Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (ODS) Waiver, which expands the array of Substance Use Disorder services that the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department can provide to Medi-Cal beneficiaries in Nevada County.

The Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System Implementation Plan requires stakeholder input relating to the quality and effectiveness of the Substance Use Disorder services being provided.

In furtherance of obtaining ongoing input from stakeholders, a number of methods will be utilized, and it is recommended that the current Mental Health Board be expanded to include substance abuse advisory functions as a means of receiving stakeholder input and being able to update and advise the Board of Supervisors on both mental health and substance use issues, programs, and service needs in Nevada County. Accordingly, it is recommended that the Board of Supervisors rename the Mental Health Board the Nevada County Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Board (MHSUAB), and approve the proposed amendments to bylaws of the MHSUAB to reflect the expanded functions and duties with regard to mental health, substance use, and co-occurring mental health and substance use issues.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Phebe Bell, MSW, Director of Behavioral Health