



RESOLUTION No. 17-001

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JILL BLAKE, MPA AS 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

WHEREAS, Nevada County's Behavioral Health Department provides evidence based, culturally competent mental health and substance abuse treatment services to Nevada County residents; and

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for a short-term appointment due to a temporary leave by current Behavioral Health Director, Rebecca Slade, MFT, thereby necessitating the appointment of an Acting Behavioral Health Director during the interim period; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title 9, Section 620.1 of the California Code of Regulations, the County may select an Acting Director of Local Mental Health Services, with appointment limited to a 12-month period, subject to the approval of the Director of the State Department of Health Care Services; and

WHEREAS, Jill Blake, MPA, Director of the Nevada County Public Health Department, has been identified as an individual qualified to serve in a short-term appointment as Acting Behavioral Health Director; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Jill Blake will serve in the role of Acting Behavioral Health Director until April 30, 2017, but in no event longer than twelve (12) months, per the California Code of Regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada, State of California, that the appointment of Jill Blake, MPA, Director of Public Health, to serve as Acting Director of Nevada County's Behavioral Health Department, effective December 5, 2016, with an anticipated end date of April 30, 2017, and in no event shall the appointment be for a period exceeding twelve (12) months, is hereby approved and confirmed by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors.

FURTHERMORE, the Board of Supervisors approves the letter attached hereto to be signed by the Board Chair and forwarded to the State Department of Health Care Services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada at a regular meeting of said Board, held on the 10th day of January, 2017, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Supervisors Heidi Hall, Edward Scofield, Dan Miller, Hank Weston and Richard Anderson.

Noes: None.

Absent: None.

Abstain: None.

ATTEST:

JULIE PATTERSON HUNTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: 


Hank Weston, Chair

1/10/2017 cc: HHSA*
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January 10, 2017

Jennifer Kent, Director
Department of Health Care Services
P.O. Box 997413, MS 0000
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413

Dear Ms. Kent,

The Nevada County Behavioral Health Department has an urgent need for a short-term appointment of an Acting Behavioral Health Director, thereby necessitating the appointment of an Acting Behavioral Health Director during the interim period, as authorized with your Department's approval pursuant to Title 9, Section 620.1.

Nevada County is requesting approval of the appointment of Jill Blake, MPA, as Acting Behavioral Health Director, effective December 5, 2016 which appointment shall continue until the return of Ms. Slade, which is anticipated in April 2017, and in no event longer than 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.

Sincerely,

Hank Weston, Chair
Nevada County Board of Supervisors

Attachments: Resolution Confirming Appointment

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