



# 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 9, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Approve a Resolution confirming the appointment of Phebe Bell, MSW, Program Manager - Health and Human Services Truckee Office, 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 the retirement of the 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 Phebe Bell, MSW, as Acting Director of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, effective as of December 11, 2017, with an anticipated end date of May 31, 2018, and in no event later than a period of twelve months.

Ms. Bell has served for several years as the Program Manager for the Health and Human Services Offices in the Tahoe Truckee Region for Nevada and Placer Counties, providing program oversight for Behavioral Health, Public Health, Social Services and Animal Services, including managing a staff of 20+. Ms. Bell has extensive experience in managing social service programs and in community engagement.

Prior to working for Nevada County, Ms. Bell's experience included: Program Officer for the Tahoe Truckee Community Foundation, where she was responsible for over \$2 million in grant making each year; School Readiness Coordinator for First Five Nevada County; Director of the Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee; and Executive Director and Program Manager of Tahoe Women's Services. She received a Master of Social Work from Portland State University

and a Bachelor of Arts from Yale University. In addition, Ms. Bell has served on various professional and volunteer committees, including the Tahoe Truckee Unified District Citizen Oversight Committee; Donner Trail Elementary School Site Council; and Nevada County Adult and Family Services Commission to name a few. In this Acting assignment, she will be onsite four days per week in the Grass Valley Office and retain 1 day per week in the Truckee Office.

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

The Department is requesting that the Board approve the resolution confirming the appointment of Phebe Bell 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