



RESOLUTION No. _____

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

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

WHEREAS, the County of Nevada maintains a Mental Health Advisory Board, which was first formed in 1977 pursuant to Resolution 77-132, as authorized under the provision of Welfare and Institutions code Sections 5604 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 2003, pursuant to Resolution 03-433, the Board of Supervisors approved the establishment of the Nevada County Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) as separate from the Nevada County Mental Health Board, and as amended on December 16, 2003, pursuant to Resolution 03-564 pertaining to the composition of the membership of the SAAB; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2009, pursuant to Resolution 09-592, the Board of Supervisors dissolved the Nevada County Substance Abuse Advisory Board, effective January 1, 2010, and encouraged the members of the SAAB to become members of the steering committee of the Coalition for a Drug Free Nevada County or the Mental Health Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2018, Nevada County opted into 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, which requires stakeholder input regarding the quality and effectiveness of the Substance Use Disorder services being provided; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11805 of the Health and Safety Code, a county may have an advisory board on alcohol and other drug problems appointed by the Board of Supervisors, which may be independent or under the jurisdiction of another health-related or human services advisory board established pursuant to state law, or have the same membership as that other advisory board; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the current Mental Health Board be renamed the Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Board (MHSUAB), as a means of receiving stakeholder input and providing advisory functions the Board of Supervisors on both mental health and substance use issues, programs, and service needs in Nevada County; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2018, the Mental Health Advisory Board reviewed the attached proposed amended Bylaws that reflect the expanded functions and duties of the MHSUAB with regard to mental health, substance use, and co-occurring mental health and substance use issues, and approved submitting the amended Bylaws to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for approval; and

WHEREAS, the amendments to the Bylaws include, inter alia, increasing the Board membership by two (2) members from eleven (11) members to thirteen (13) member, and requiring to the extent possible that the members have experience and knowledge of both the mental health system and substance use issues; changes to the quorum requirement of members from a simple majority to one person more than half of the appointed members, and modifying the process for selecting new members; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws of the MHSUAB be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nevada hereby approves the renaming of the Mental Health Advisory Board to the Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Board, which shall include under its advisory duties a focus on mental health, substance abuse, and co-occurring mental health and substance use issues, and that the attached amended Bylaws of the Nevada County Mental Health and Substance Use Advisory Board be and are hereby approved.