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Claire Casey submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I ask that the Chair execute the contract for hiring Dr. Sherilynn Cooke M.D., a highly qualified and willing candidate, as Nevada County Public Health Officer. Respectfully submitted, Claire F. Casey

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Pamela Meek submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I support the Nevada County Board of Supervisors in offering a contract to fill the position of Nevada County Public Health Director to the well qualified candidate Dr. Sherilynn Cooke. It would be unwise to leave this position open, especially given our current county wide health issues. Sincerely, Pamela Meek, Nevada City resident and voter

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From: [Barbara Larsen](#)
To: PublicComment@co.nevada.ca.us; [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: support new Public Health Officer
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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I have lived in Nevada County for over 43 and have worked in the field of elder care for over 36 years. I am asking you to please give voice to those of us who actually work in the arena of health care to support Dr. Sherilynn Cooke as our new Public Health Officer.

Do not be led astray by the misinformed citizens who use our medical and professional system when they need emergency care and for personal reasons but want to sabotage the very foundation and health professionals who give them unconditional support.

Remember, this is NOT a 50/50 discussion; where ignorance is allowed to flourish and take our beloved elders and their caregivers down with them.

Stand up for compassion, discernment and decency.

Thank you,
Barbara Larsen
Elder Care Advocate
Family and Education Consultant

From: [John Huggins](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Public Health](#)
Cc: [Jill Blake](#)
Subject: PHO issue and selection committee
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 11:04:16 AM

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to Nevada County BOS:

Dear Supervisors:

It is an insult to the citizens of this county to railroad an unvetted, no bid candidate with no public comment on either the candidate or absurd budget.

I am asking you to take this item off the agenda for the Dec 14 meeting and replace it with resolution to 1) form citizens committee to recommend actions and budget to the BOS, with opportunity for public comment and 2) direct Jill Blake to respond with explanation of the process she used to recommend the contract of SR 21-0882

John Huggins
Nevada City

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Dallan Packard submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I oppose this no-bid, no public input contract, especially for such a high price tag, and to a person not of this County! Shame on the board for even considering such a candidate. Vote NO tomorrow.

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JAMES BOOTH submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Selection of our PHO should be made in a much more deliberate, thoughtful process involving more local input. The process needs to be more transparent in nature, and preference should be given to candidates from our community who understand our local issues. Shame on our BOS for not addressing these issues. They made the same mistake earlier in this pandemic when they selected a health professional from another county and who in my opinion ill served the best interests of Nevada County.

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Fran Freedle submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: The person hired to fill this position must meet medical requirements that are reflective of the values and interests of the citizens of Nevada County. This contract deserves further review and discussion. This no-bid contract should not be approved as presented.

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Deni Dax submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: As a voter and resident of Nevada County, I would like to see a local medical professional be chosen to lead our County in health matters. This position should not be filled without voter knowledge and consent. Please remove from agenda for further discussion. Tom and Deni Dax Nevada City

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Lydia Percin submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: This is an absurd amount of money to spend on this position, without any options for other potential applicants who are within our own county and willing to serve for less than 1/2 a million dollars a year. Furthermore, the COVID19 reporting for our county has left many of us lacking trust, and hiring a person without transparency will only perpetuate that lack of trust and will not sow faith in our county health department nor its mandates.

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laurie johnson submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 7. SR 21-0796 Resolution approving Amendment A03 to Agreement 19-10166 between the County of Nevada and the California Department of Public Health for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program (Res. 19-517), increasing the maximum amount from \$2,065,035 to \$2,070,035, for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Public Health Department budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required)

eComment: This highly controversial no-bid contract must be pulled from Consent by the BOS and a more public selection process must be implemented before a contract is authorized. The supervisors should direct staff to prioritize the hiring of a PHO from Nevada County rather than sending almost half a million dollars to an out of county consultant. A panel of local medical professionals and citizens should be convened to assist the county in making the best possible selection.

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Heidi Harrison submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: It is highly suspicious when the BOS without public input brings in a PHO from outside of the county with a \$500K salary. This resolution should be pulled from the agenda until the public has an opportunity to provide input, and an attempt to find a local candidate has been made.

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Roby Pracht submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I don't see where there was public/professional input on the decision to hire Dr. Cooke and if others were interviewed and how the substantial salary was derived. Our Supervisors have historical financial blunders, one recent is the \$200,000/mo advance to the Fire Safe Council of \$3.3 million in a 2 yr period without verified reporting. Now the County is auditing their books w/ Supervisor Hoeck sitting on the Fire Safe's Board with knowledge of the past and current losses of the Fire Safe.

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Joe Co submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 37. SR 21-0887 (Introduce/Waive further reading) Ordinance amending Article 2 of Chapter II, of the Nevada County Administrative Code - Board of Supervisors, setting the Board of Supervisors compensation for services in alignment with the County elected officials, and deleting the event allowance and the assignment of a County vehicle to Fifth District Supervisor.

eComment: I do not support the actions of the BOS. They have not been transparent and override the public opinion on many issues. I say no raise until they do a better job, show up in person, and listen to the public!

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Tim Hood submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: A more public selection process must be implemented before a contract is authorized. This needs to be removed from the BOS. Hiring a highly paid PHO from outside Nevada County is reckless. Please convene a panel of local medical professionals and citizens to assist the county in making the wisest selection.

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From: [Maria Wirtz](#)
To: [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [bdofsupervisors](#)
Cc: [Public Health](#)
Subject: Request the contract with Sherilynn E. Cooke, M.D. SR 21-0882 be immediately removed from the consent calendar
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To the Nevada County Board of Supervisors,

It's hard to imagine a \$500k County salary when many of us are scraping by after the shutdowns. Some of us had to sell our homes and are now renting or in a mobile home to continue to live. But here we are. How did Nevada County get such a windfall of money to be able to afford a \$500k salary when other nearby counties are only offering half that?

My understanding is that one person hand-picked Dr. Cooke and that there was no input from any local MDs, the BOS, or the public. By placing this issue on the Consent Agenda, the County appears to want to hide the details and eliminate any public discourse, even from the medical community. Trying to sneak in this contract on the Consent Agenda has my Spidey senses tingling.

This, on all outward appearances, is a politically-motivated appointment and not a hiring of a science-based medical position (as it clearly should be).

If the Public Health Officer is truly a position FOR the public, then at a minimum local doctors should have input as to whom has oversight on health matters. And just as important, local MD's should be considered for the job before anyone outside our County.

Because Dr. Cooke is from Contra Costa County, we can conclude that either (1) we do not have any qualified candidates within Nevada County or (2) every qualified doctor that was asked turned down the position. That is upsetting and possibly something to look at longterm. We need to attract well-educated people to Nevada County at the beginning of their careers, groom them and prepare them for such a position, so we have a pool of qualified candidates to choose from later on. If no local doctors were considered for PHO, why is that?

Regardless of where the candidate lives, **hiring a position of this caliber has to be put on the regular BOS agenda for discussion and public comment.**

The Board needs to start serving the public again.
Start now.

Sincerely,

Maria Wirtz



Nevada County District 2

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William Mattoon submitted a new eComment.

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Cynthia Hren submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I oppose this appointment of an out-of-county Public Health Officer. We need a thorough and transparent evaluation by the Supervisors and a citizen committee to find a local Medical Doctor who is familiar with our county and citizens. This is a most important position that can affect the health, safety and daily lives of all citizens here in Nevada County. Our lockdowns and mandates have hurt us more than helped us. Please remove this contract from your agenda and seek a local MD. Thank you.

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Gabriel Chavez submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Please do not hire someone from outside this County to enforce issues here. What's wrong with our Doctors i don't want to be locked down like Bay Area. They have a lot of mental health issues due to lockdowns. I am 72 years old, vaccinated and strongly believe it is time to accept Covid as part of our lives and get on with living. Stop the mandates, stop the masks. LIFE IS NEVER WITHOUT RISK. Gabriel Chavez [REDACTED] 40 yr resident BTW where's the transparency on this??

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eComment: Get BIDs + Hire LOCALLY ><> This highly controversial no-bid contract must be pulled from Consent by the BOS and a more public selection process must be implemented before a contract is authorized. The supervisors should direct staff to prioritize the hiring of a PHO from Nevada County rather than sending almost half a million dollars to an out of county consultant. A panel of local medical professionals and citizens should be convened to assist the county in making the best possible selection.

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Dear Board Chair Miller, Vice Chair Hoek and Supervisors Hall, Scofield, and Bullock:

I am opposed to Agenda Item 8, SR-21-0882 being on the Consent Calendar or being voted upon in any manner at the December 14, 2021, meeting of the Board of Supervisors (BOS), for the following reasons:

1. The Brown Act.

There are various Brown Act considerations that appear not to have been honored, should this matter be acted upon in any fashion tomorrow (consent calendar or otherwise).

2. The proposed contract violates the Public Records Act.

The language contained in the proposed contract does not comport with the California Public Records Act (Govt. C. sec. 6250, et. seq., and 6253), does not contain a Severability Clause and therefore is null and void as a government contract.

3. This Item hiring a County Public Health Officer (PHO) should not be on the consent calendar.

- This hiring and salary decision is certainly not routine or non-controversial and should not be on the consent calendar; and

- This salary and budgetary matter involving nearly a half million of taxpayer dollars to an individual for this high ranking position in our county is of substantial public interest warranting open discussion.

4. This item should be sent back to staff and returned to the calendar for open discussion at a future BOS meeting, with an Oral Presentation, including local bidding for the position and allowing public comment.

- Merely removing this item from the consent calendar is insufficient;

- Clearly the public has an interest in knowing the qualifications of any high ranking PHO to be hired as an independent contractor and basically serving as an employee of the County, as well as the availability of funds, funding priorities and relative compensation for prior Nevada County Health Officers;

- The public will be seriously impacted by any decision as we have seen with "Orders" from the previous PHO. Not even a District Attorney has the grave authority to give "Orders" to the public. There needs to be some oversight or checks and balances on the selection of any candidates to be given this grave power;

- Health Director Jill Blake, has no apparent medical expertise or background as a physician or otherwise and should not have the authority to select a sole candidate for this crucial position. The BOS previously selected the interim District Attorney with a panel of qualified professionals

providing much more input and a Q&A that was televised and conducted in open session. The PHO should receive at least that much oversight by the public and a panel of qualified local health care professionals conducting the Q&A, as well as being able to apply for the position;

- I'm not aware of any published advertising for candidates or that local medical professionals were encouraged to apply. Someone with ties to the community and a better understanding of the challenges in this community versus the Bay Area would clearly be preferred; and

- This candidate's conduct raises serious concerns via her publishing what appears to be her adoption of the ideology of Critical Race Theory (CRT). This ideology ignores all the benefits of the Civil Rights Act for which Martin Luther King and other great Americans fought. Instead CRT purports to fight racism with racism and thus it has been said that CRT stands for Creating Racial Tension. An individual should be judged by the content of their own character and their conduct, not that of their predecessors or the color of their skin. Our Declaration of Independence contains the organic laws of the United States and charges that ALL individuals were created equal and that the sole purpose of government (including locally) is solely to secure each individuals rights. CRT would group people by the color of their skin alone that totally sends us back to the dark abominable days of slavery. I challenge every individual to reject this tribal ideology promoting "equity" (equal outcomes) and to instead continue to build upon equal opportunity to every individual. An entire community must not be judged and put in a box by the actions of one, two or a few misguided individuals or their predecessors. This candidates publications supporting CRT is of grave concern.

On November 10, 2021, at a presentation that I personally attended, Dr. Kellermann indicated that he would be leaving the PHO position by the end of the year. Certainly the County was aware of his decision prior to that public statement. Furthermore, there are certainly other long term PHO employees to "hold down the fort" so to speak, until such time as an appropriate selection process can be initiated and properly completed per the law and public interest.

In conclusion, for all of the above reasons, I oppose the matter being on the Consent Calendar and support it being returned to staff for further future proceedings.

Sincerely,
Sue

Susan Kay McGuire



From: [I AM](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#); [Jill Blake](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Public Health](#)
Subject: Remove unlawful contract with Sheridan E Cook from the "Consent calendar" immediately!
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Greetings Board members,

As a living and active member of Nevada County, I am concerned still, with the unlawful decisions being made by the Board of Supervisors. The BoS are public servants who have not been serving the public interests for at least the last two years. And here is another prime example of how you are NOT acting in the best interests of the people of Nevada County. Why bring in a new Public Health Officer so silently, without involving the Public? Adding Sherilynn E Cook, M.D. to the consent calendar without the public consent is par for your course of offenses of Inadequately serving the people of this great County of Nevada.

We the People of Nevada County DEMAND that the contract with Sherilynn E Cook be removed from the consent calendar. We DEMAND honesty from OUR public servants. We URGE you to form and oversight committee of a group of PUBLIC health-oriented and educated individuals, and open the bid for position to LOCAL doctors who know and have vested interest in the LOCAL community.

We DEMAND that this item be placed on the agenda for public discussion, as this is our local government which is supposed to be working for us, The People.

Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

Amber
Of Nevada County

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Camille Hald submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Our Public Health Officer should be selected in an open and public meeting. A panel of local medical professionals should be an integral part of the selection process. Also, the PHO should be a resident of Nevada County to be completely aware of local issues and concerns of the majority of the residents.

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Mitch Olson submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I find it a rather curious thing that there is no dollar amount listed on this potential employment/agenda item whereas all other listings have a dollar amount on what the country will be spending or awarding dollars to various agencies. It is my understanding that the salary for this position will be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$500,000 dollars a year. The people, we the citizens need to be informed about expenses of such a high nature especially when this expense is for ONE person/hire.

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eComment: I urge the Board of Supervisors to reconsider hiring Sherilynn E. Cooke, M.D. to serve as our Public Health Officer and Registrar for the County of Nevada. Please put this before the people of Nevada County! She is from the Bay Area and so why would you take this issue out of Nevada County and entrust the health and welfare of our citizens to someone who is not familiar with our problems and circumstances. It is very wrong to do so and I strongly urge you to reconsider. Thank you, Susan Tomlin

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CARL CIESLIKOWSKI submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: DR. KELLERMAN HAS BEEN A DISMAL FAILURE DURING HIS BRIEF TENURE. NOW THE BOS WANT TO APPOINT A NEW HEALTH DIRECTOR WHOSE JOB DESCRIPTION DOES NOT INCLUDE MEETING WITH THE PUBLIC. THE APPOINTMENT, WITHOUT TIME GIVEN FOR THE PUBLIC TO INVESTIGATE THE PROPOSED APPOINTMENT IS FRAUGHT WITH FAILURE FROM THE BEGINNING. I OPPOSE THE APPOINTMENT UNTIL THE PUBLIC HAS ADEQUATE TIME TO COMMENT ON THIS APPOINTMENT.

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Susan McGuire submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Brown Act mandates not met. Remove from Consent Calendar. The half million salary for high ranking PHO is of substantial public interest for open discussion. PHO position yields great powers upon the local public. Return this item to staff for future BOS meeting after a proper selection process: Local ads, vetting of/by local med. professionals & selection of person with ties to the community. Nevada County is rural & not the Bay area. The contract also violates Public Records Act requirements.

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Karen Ashbaugh submitted a new eComment.

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To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: SR 21-0882
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Dear Board Members,

It's come to our attention that SR 21-0882 is being ramrodded through without being discussed in the public.

This highly controversial **no-bid contract must be pulled from Consent by the BOS and a more public selection process must be implemented before a contract is authorized.**

The supervisors should direct staff to prioritize the hiring of a PHO from Nevada County rather than sending almost half a million dollars to an out of county consultant.

A panel of local medical professionals and citizens should be convened to assist the county in making the best possible selection.

1. Why do we need this position?
2. Why is it so secret? Why isn't this transparent?
3. This is a very poor county. How can we afford to pay \$500,000 salary? We cannot afford this.
4. The person would be managing from AFAR, not locally.

Dale Gurley and Judy Gurley
Nevada County Residents

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Jason Tedder submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: This job should not go out of County, and this is way too much money to pay someone for a part time job. We need someone who understands the needs of our community and resides here so they too have a stake in their choices and are accessible to their neighbors for accountability. A more public selection process must be implemented before a contract is authorized. A panel of local medical professionals and citizens should be convened to assist the county in making the best possible selection.

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Mona Lawrence submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: This position should be filled by someone local to Nevada County. It should be someone who lives here & understands our unique community and needs.

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Bonnie Brabbs submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Can't give a public servant this kind of control over the residents of Nevada County.

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Kathrine Hamilton submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 7. SR 21-0796 Resolution approving Amendment A03 to Agreement 19-10166 between the County of Nevada and the California Department of Public Health for the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Supplemental Nutrition Program (Res. 19-517), increasing the maximum amount from \$2,065,035 to \$2,070,035, for the period October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022, authorizing the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to execute the amendment, and directing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2021/22 Public Health Department budget. (4/5 affirmative vote required)

eComment: This contract should be pulled immediately. All this is is a continuous effort to be deceptive and cause more harm. This contract is not a viable plan considering the fact that the public was not informed nor is the "chosen candidate " from this area. In fact, This contract is yet just another undermining, evil attempt to continue to politicize the Plandemic. This should be stopped!

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From: [Michael Driskill](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Public Health](#)
Subject: DEMAND PUBLIC MEETING RE: HIRING OF NEW PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER!
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:03:43 PM

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors in Nevada County,


I have for 42 years, and will continue to be, a serving member of the Public Health community providing patient care and public health research in a multitude of capacities in California, with short term medical care assistance in Mexico.


I am writing to express my concern of hiring a Public Health Officer out of our county and putting this issue on a consent calendar without public debate. It would be in your best interest to put this matter before a regular board meeting where the public can partake in the discussion of how they want their public medical needs met and provided for- it is their tax dollars, not yours.

I strongly believe that the public of this county deserve and want a Public Health Officer, hired from among many who work and live in this county, who will be representing and serving as a public servant, not a puppet beholden to any political interest whatsoever. There are a lot of qualified healthcare workers – nurses, doctors, physical therapists, social workers, etc- in this county, with as many years of actual medical experience in the care of patients as I. They could be the board of public medical personnel who assist this new locally hired PHO to make decisions in the best interests of all the households in Nevada County, irrespective of political clime, based on real science, not hysteria.

Last, but not least, I am very concerned about the NPHD hiring of a tracking and tracing company from Florida for 200K. Why not spend the money on authorizing the use of monoclonal antibody in clinics in this county (seems to have worked miracles in Florida), and EAU of Ivermectin and homeopathic vitamins and minerals that have been significantly shown to help with home care of those who are ill with Covid. (I have 63 gigs of proof!)

Tracking and tracing is only going to make people more paranoid, anti-social, and distrusting of you and the NPHD in their own personal health care and privacy under HIPPA. Now is the time to stop the behind the doors decision making and do your public duty as public servants out in the open ... any less, and you should resign....

Respectfully,
Michael Driskill, 



From: [Cheryl Heward](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#)
Subject: Consent calendar and new health officer!
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 1:58:04 PM

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Dear Supervisor,

Please read my correspondence into the public record.

I am writing today to express my deep concern over your lack of comprehension or even curiosity about what is going on in our county. I'm not saying your job is an easy one, but you must show a little curiosity regarding the condition of your county. We must be allowed to go on living.

- 1 - Absolutely do not hire a new health officer from the bay area!
- 2 - Remove that person being hired from the consent calendar. This is NOT non-controversial or a routine hire. I can't believe anyone would think it is, especially not at this time.
- 3 - Doubling the salary for that position for the next 18 months? Absolutely not.
- 4 - Why would we hire someone who already has a full time job? It appeared this hire would not be leaving that job in the bay area, by the way.
- 5 - Why would someone in admin be doing the research for this position?
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- 7 - This item should be sent back to staff and returned to the calendar for open discussion at a future BOS meeting, with an Oral Presentation, including local bidding for the position and allowing public comment.
- 8 - I don't care about how other counties in California are dealing with their problems, because we are all different, I don't live there and have no say, but I do live here and this is outrageous that Nevada County residents have no say in this hire!
- 9 - Last but not least, this person seems to have adopted the Critical Race Theory (CRT) training attitude which is fighting racism with racism ideas. Less discrimination is what is needed, not more division and segregation. As MLK stated in his "I have a Dream" speech, he was looking forward to the day when people would be judged on the content of their character, not the color of their skin. CRT's thinking is not equitable toward other peoples at all.

Your job description is to Supervise what is going on here in Nevada County and know how our county funds are being spent.

I am sorry you are so fearful of your employers, that you don't appear to even care that you aren't in the chambers for Supervisor meetings which is where your constituents are able to ask for redress of grievances, as is our right. If the responsibilities of your job are so terrible, your employers, which is "we" the residents, that pay your salary, will accept your resignation.

I would rather not have felt a need to write this, but these problems just seem to keep increasing since the beginning of last year and we need a positive resolution.

I am continuing to hope for sanity in the supervisor chambers. I implore you to do the right thing fiscally and for the sake of Nevada County residents.

God bless and guide future decisions. Your common sense is needed.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Heward
Nevada City

From: [Michael Collins](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Public Health](#)
Subject: Secret hiring of Public Health Officer
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To the Members of the Board in Nevada County,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the consent calendar

regarding a new PHO. This item should **100%** be open for public debate. Please remove this from the consent calendar and open it up for all members of Nevada County to discuss and decide if we want this person. Trying to push through a \$500,000 salary for a doctor who doesn't even live or work in Nevada County looks very backhanded and shady. As a voter and tax paying citizen of Nevada County, I am officially asking that this matter be brought forward for public discussion. I do not want my money paying for PHO that does not live or work in our county.

Respectfully

MIKE COLLINS

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eComment: I am deeply OPPOSED to filling the PHO position for Nevada County to anyone that doesn't intimately understand needs of Nevada County. Our County deserves to have local physicians and health professionals determine who would be best qualified to serve this community. A publicly viewable selection & interview process was recently conducted before filling a vacancy for the DA; a similar process should be implemented for the PHO. We preach "Keep It Local" and this selection should be no different!

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eComment: The selection of a Public Health Officer must have the most public input and scrutiny. Pull this highly unprofessional, no-bid contract from consent by the BOS. A proper selection process must be implemented which prioritizes local health professionals who have a respected history of serving local Nevada County citizens health needs. In addition, specific limits on the authority of any PHO must be implemented. It is time to end the tyranny of public health officials and their mandates.

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eComment: No officer should be appointed from outside the county for PHO. Public selection of PHO is being ignored. Additionally, the salary amount is greatly inflated.

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Stan Hoer submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I feel strongly that we should have someone who at least lives in our area and has our local concerns interview.

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eComment: I oppose this appointment of an out-of-county Public Health Officer. We need a thorough evaluation by a citizen committee to find a local Medical Doctor who is familiar with our county and its citizens. Preferably the committee will include local leading medical professionals. This is a most important position that can affect the health, safety and daily lives of all citizens here in Nevada County. Please make a more transparent decision on your selection.

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eComment: I do business in Nevada County and feel the position should be filled by a person that lives I the County, not from bay area.

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eComment: I am totally opposed to having somebody come from a different county into our county and make decisions for us We should have somebody from here that has our interest and our concerns . We definitely don't want to turn Nevada County into another San Francisco

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eComment: I oppose this method of selecting someone from a highly populated urban area to come into a mostly rural area to hold both the Public Health Officer and County Registrar position. More vetting needs to be done, as well as an appropriate time period in which to consider other candidates who could very well be more qualified and better suited for Nevada County.

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Stephanie L. submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I oppose this decision if no documented local search was conducted, if adequate public+supervisor input was not considered, + if the proposed hire does not have adequate time. 1.Dr. Cooke, your online bio says your time is limited: patients + work with multiple programs. How will you greatly minimize those roles to prioritize Nevada County's needs? 2.Dr. Cooke, since you reside outside this county, please explain this county's specific needs in order to demonstrate your understanding. Thank you!

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CARL CIESLIKOWSKI submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: WOW.. I guess you have HR Director, Steve Rose, in your hip pocket. Progressive raises between FY2022 through 2024! This raises your salary from \$59,172 to \$74,043 in just two years. And then it is 40% for the subsequent fiscal years. Have you given these same raises to county workers - like probation officers who risk their lives every day? I think not. I'd sure like to join your union. Citizens expect fair pay for their employees, but your salary proposal is excessive.

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eComment: I urge the Board of Supervisors to reconsider hiring Sherilynn E. Cooke, M.D. to serve as our PHO and Registrar for the County of Nevada. Please put this before the people of Nevada County! Doctor Cooke is from the Bay Area and so why would you take this issue out of Nevada County and entrust the health and welfare of our citizens to someone who is not familiar with our issues and circumstances. It is very wrong to do so and I strongly urge you to reconsider. Steve Carillo

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David Rasmussen submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: In a time when people are out of work, the economy is a mess, inflation is rising and the people of Nevada county are suffering, it is disingenuous and selfish to extract more money from your constituents. Why don't you donate 20% of you pay to the many charities in this county instead of lining your pockets? Actions speak louder than words.

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Dear Nevada County Supervisors,

A highly controversial issue is improperly on the consent calendar, Item SR 21-0882, the hiring of a new Public Health Officer (PHO).

The PHO position has more power than even the District Attorney. More powerful because the DA can bring forth a case but must then prevail in the judicial process. There is no such check on the emergency power of a Public Health Officer who can unilaterally declare emergencies, mandates, lockdowns and restrictions of Constitutionally protected rights. The proposed new PHO resides in the Bay Area and could unilaterally shut down our county from afar with no possibility of local action overriding that shutdown.

The criteria for selection as well as the selection and vetting process for the PHO have been non-public and non-transparent. A publicly viewable selection and interview process was recently conducted before filling a vacancy for the DA; a similar process should be implemented for the PHO.

This is a summary of the issue: The county Board of Supervisors is apparently about to allow an un-elected staffer, Jill Blake, MPA Director of Public Health, a person with zero formal training in the public health arena (see footnote 1 below), to:

1. Unilaterally hand-pick and recommend a new PHO,
2. Without any apparent request for expressions of interest or for proposals from qualified applicants,
3. Without seeking input or candidates from the local qualified medical professional community,
4. Without any published selection process or selection criteria,
5. Without any apparent public or Board of Supervisor interview process,
6. To negotiate a no-bid contract to pay the PHO a very high consulting budget of \$486,270 over 18 months,
7. To select a Bay Area resident who has apparently never resided in our county and is not required to do so under the terms of the proposed contract (See footnote 2)

8. And with the cooperation of the County CEO to improperly place the approval for this highly controversial issue on the consent calendar which is intended to be for non-controversial matters.

This item MUST be pulled from Consent by the BOS and a more public selection process must be implemented before a contract is authorized. Consideration should also be given to prioritizing the hiring of a PHO from Nevada County rather than sending almost half a million dollars to an out of county consultant. A panel of local medical professionals and citizens should be convened to assist the county in making the best selection possible.

Appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Bob Hren
District 1

Footnote 1: Wielding such power is Jill Blake who has ZERO formal public health training yet manages a public health staff of 18 with an annual budget of over \$10 million. Her Bachelor's degree is in English Literature and she has a Masters of Public Administration (that's the MPA after her name). Her only credential related to public health (as listed in her bio in an article from YubaNet on 7-2-21) is that she is a Certified Public Health Accreditation Board **site visitor** (seriously, merely a visitor to that site! <https://yubanet.com/regional/sp2-jill-blake/>) And yet this unelected staffer has unilaterally hand-selected and recommended one of the most powerful officials in the county.

Footnote 2: The recommended candidate is currently resides in the Bay Area and is practicing medicine there; she will apparently continue to do so as this PHO contract is a part-time consulting contract, payment is per hour worked and there is no contractual obligation for the PHO to relocate to Nevada County.

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eComment: This position should only go to a resident of Nevada County, one who is known by the residents of Nevada County to hold their values and priorities, and who has the time to adequately execute his/her responsibilities. The annual salary is outrageous. The public has not been informed of this resolution. Why is there 'a need' to quietly railroad in this person for this position?

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Durinda Kelley submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: As a resident of 31 years and concerned citizen of this fine County I oppose this item SR 21-0882 of being on the Consent calendar. To simply, without an interview or vetting, hire for one year an outside person does not make common sense. To merely pick by staff is not the proper direction for such an important position in our County. This should be an agenda item for public comment and review by other than staff, and certainly more than just one candidate should be pooled.

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eComment: Until you answer to the people the ones that pay all the expenses of everyone in the county government, cease and desist your unlawful treasonous agenda.

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Ben Barretta submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I support the hiring of Dr. Sherilyn Cooke, M.D. as the next Public Health Officer for the County of Nevada. Ben Barretta, Nevada County Resident and voter.

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eComment: I strongly oppose to this contract and to the lack of public input on the process; it has not been done legally or ethically. This position should go to a resident of Nevada County who we know and approve of.

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Dear Sirs and Madams;

With all due respect, please remove SR 21-0882 from the consent calendar. This is an unprecedented attempt to subject the citizens of this county to outside interest in controlling the medical choices of adults and children here. Also, the debaucherous missuse of public funds Is proposed to be given to someone who already has a job as an MD in another county. Jill Blake needs to be held accountable for this undermining of the public trust! The citizens of this county need to have open and honest discourse with you about the truth regarding the alleged emergency!
Sincerely, Frank,, citizen of district 2 Nevada County.

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Larry Meek submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: I'm very encouraged to learn that Nevada County has such a well qualified candidate to replace Dr. Kellermann, who has done his best to keep all citizens in our county safe during this ongoing pandemic. Dr. Cooke's credentials are impressive, and her experience bodes well for the challenges she will face. Thank you, Larry Meek District 1

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eComment: This item MUST be pulled from the "Consent Calendar" & a public selection process must be implemented. This is unacceptable! We the People, demand our rights as citizens of Nevada County to have input on this crucial matter. Why would the BOS hire a doctor who doesn't even live here, but has the total power to control what happens in our county? Hire a local doctor who lives here, who has invested their time & career here, who understands the concerns and needs of our local community.

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Dear Sirs and Madams;

SR 21-0882 item on Tuesdays agenda is deeply concerning me about the procedure of choosing a very powerful position in our county government. Ever since the outbreak of The China virus, health officials have become very powerful to impose their power on the public. With all due respect, please take this item off of the consent calendar for tomorrow's meeting. We need to have community discussion on who our next health officer will be. We don't want over reach of power by some big city big government bureaucrat that does not care about the people here.

Sincerely, Elena , District 2, Nevada County

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eComment: Nevada County needs a Public Health Officer who is professionally qualified to respond to the needs of our community, especially in these times. I commend the County's due diligence in identifying Sherilynn E. Cooke, M.D. as the replacement for Dr. Scott Kellermann in this position. And ask the Supervisors to approve this contract. John Paul, Nevada City

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Henry House submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: Strongly oppose approval by consent. The consent calendar is only to be used for routine, noncontroversial matters but this no-bid contract is neither. A more-public selection process must be implemented before a contract is authorized, such as was recently conducted before filling a vacancy for the DA. The supervisors should direct staff to prioritize hiring of a PHO from our county, rather than sending this impressive sum of funds (without bidding) to an out-of-county consultant. Thank you.

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Priscilla Maxwell submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: This position absolutely should not be fast tracked! The public needs time for input! The current PHO was known to be leaving and it is not an excuse to say that the time is short until his contract ends. It is my understanding that the proposed MD is not even a resident of our county or even the foothills. We need someone who is local and understands our community. If you validate this person on such short notice, the supervisors will probably have an uprising on their hands.

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This item **MUST** be pulled from the "Consent Calendar" by the BOS, and a public selection process must be implemented. This is unacceptable! We the People, demand our rights as citizens of Nevada County to have input on this crucial matter. Why would the BOS hire a doctor who doesn't even live here, but has the total power to control what happens in our county? Hire a local doctor who lives here, who has invested their time and career here, who understands the concerns and needs of our local community.

This truly is unacceptable,

Emily C.

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Arly Helm submitted a new eComment.

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eComment: As a resident of Grass Valley for over two decades and a retired allied health care provider, I feel we are so very fortunate that Dr. Sherilynn Cooke is willing to accept the position of Public Health Officer. I know that anti-vaxxers have created a hostile climate for medical experts in counties across the US, and especially here, and strongly encourage you to approve Dr. Cooke for this essential position for the protection of our county.

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ER Regan submitted a new eComment.

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Item: 37. SR 21-0887 (Introduce/Waive further reading) Ordinance amending Article 2 of Chapter II, of the Nevada County Administrative Code - Board of Supervisors, setting the Board of Supervisors compensation for services in alignment with the County elected officials, and deleting the event allowance and the assignment of a County vehicle to Fifth District Supervisor.

eComment: I strongly oppose a raise for the board of supervisors. They took a paycheck when they shut down all of our community businesses. They supported lockdowns, damaging the local economy and only rationed a small percentage to local businesses. They should be agreeing to a pay cut. That would be the noble thing to do in a time where so many are out of work and suffering.

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From: [Lorie Teichert](#)
To: [bdofsupervisors](#); [Heidi Hall](#); [Ed Scofield](#); [Dan Miller](#); [Sue Hoek](#); [Hardy Bullock](#); [Public Health](#)
Subject: Request for the contract with Sherilynn E. Cooke, M.D. SR 21-0882 to be removed from the consent calendar on 12/14/21
Date: Monday, December 13, 2021 3:50:59 PM

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Dear Esteemed Supervisors and All Concerned,

Please remove the contract with Sherilynn E. Cooke, M.D., SR21-0882, from the consent calendar tomorrow, 12/14/21. Please place this item on the regular agenda for discussion and public comment.

Please form a selection committee to make recommendations on a new Public Health Officer for our county. Please place persons on this committee who have knowledge and/or experience in health issues. The committee should include members from the public and local doctors so that any person selected for this position will have been appropriately vetted by those who have a vested interest in making the best decisions for the health of our local community. This position should be opened up for a bid process and circulated in such a manner that increases the likelihood of making a proper choice for the citizens of Nevada County.

Sincerely,

Lorie Teichert-Smyth