



# 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:** June 26, 2018

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

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

**SUBJECT:** Resolution approving and confirming the appointment of Phebe Bell, MSW, as the Director of Nevada County's Behavioral Health Department effective as of May 18, 2018.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve the attached Resolution.

**FUNDING:** No additional funds are associated with this assignment. This staff position's salary/benefits are within the department's approved Class I budget. There are no county general fund dollars required.

**BACKGROUND:** Please find attached a Resolution confirming appointment of Phebe Bell, MSW, as the Director of the Nevada County Behavioral Health Department, effective as of May 18, 2018. Per California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 9, Section 620, a Director of Local Mental Health Services must meet the professional and technical personnel standards of one of the subsections (a-f) of this Regulation. The County's Board of Supervisors must adopt a Resolution that confirms the individual's appointment, which must subsequently be sent to the State Department of Health Care Services for the State's acknowledgement of the appointment.

Ms. Bell meets the parameters as outlined in subsection (f) of the regulations. 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 where she provided crisis intervention, case management, and counseling services for adults and youth who had experienced domestic violence or sexual assault. 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.

Nevada County's Behavioral Health Department provides evidence based, culturally competent mental health and substance abuse treatment services to Nevada County residents, and is one of the four departments within the County's Health and Human Services Agency. Since December 11, 2017, Ms. Bell has assumed responsibility for the operation of the Behavioral Health Department. Serving as the Acting Behavioral Health Director, she was heavily involved in the Behavioral Health Department's budget development and the presentation of the budget to the Nevada County Board of Supervisors Budget Committee. Ms. Bell assisted with the implementation of the Organized Delivery System including working with the State and obtaining Nevada County Board of Supervisors approval. Ms. Bell also worked as part of the Health and Human Services Agency management team, and was responsible for planning, organizing, assigning, directing, reviewing and evaluating programs, services, and related activities of the department.

**Item Initiated and Approved by:** Michael Heggarty, MFT, Health and Human Services Agency Director

*Attachments:*

*Resolution confirming appointment*

*Resume/background*

*Title 9 Code Sections*