RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2017-289

MEETING: May 16, 2017

TO: The Board of Supervisors

FROM: Steve Dahlem, County Counsel

RE: Establishment of Behavioral Health Board and Dissolve Mental Health and Alcohol/Drug Advisory Board

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Adopt a Resolution establishing the Behavioral Health Board, and dissolving the Mental Health and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Advisory Boards.

The Behavioral Health Board’s authority, membership, term, and purpose are in accordance with but not limited to the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5604 et seq.

This item comes to the Board at the request of the Mental Health Board (MHB) and the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Advisory Board (ADAAB) after extensive discussion and approval by both boards. Additionally, to facilitate a smooth transition to the Behavioral Health Board, the MHB and ADAAB have also crafted by-laws for the new entity which are attached to this item, for which they also seek approval.

The MHB and ADAAB have indicated that the creation of a Behavioral Health Board will better address issues regarding integrated continuum of care prevention, intervention and treatment services and supports for substance abuse, and mental health and co-occurring disorders, which mirrors the structure of the Human Services Department.

In addition, the creation of a Behavioral Health Board also mirrors the integration that has occurred at the State level, as the California Mental Health Directors Association and the County Alcohol Drug Program Administrators Association of California have merged into a single association.

Further, if established, the newly created Mental Health Board will fulfill the functions formerly performed by the MHB and the ADAAB, which will make those boards superfluous. Consequently, the MHB and the ADAAB are recommending that they be dissolved once the Mental Health Board is created.

A number of counties throughout California (including Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties) have also combined the functions of similar commissions and boards in an effort to reduce duplication of efforts, reduce costs, streamline administration, and promote integrated care and decision making.
It should also be noted, that there will be no financial impact to the General Fund as the costs incurred for staff support to, and expenses incurred by, the new Behavioral Health Board will be covered by state funds administered by the Human Services Department.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board has created and modified boards in the past, as needed.

Histories specific to the Mental Health Board and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Advisory Boards are attached to this item.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
Other options available to the Board include maintaining status quo operations of the MHB and the ADAAB, or providing other direction as may be deemed appropriate.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
None.

ATTACHMENTS:
Behavioral Health Board Creation Resolution (DOCX)
History of the MHAB and ADAAB (DOCX)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

Dallin Kimble
Dallin Kimble, Interim CAO 5/11/2017

RESULT:  ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:  Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
SECONDER: Kevin Cann, District IV Supervisor
AYES: Smallcombe, Jones, Long, Cann, Menetrey
RESOLUTION NO. 17-289

RESOLUTION CREATING THE MARIPOSA COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD, AND DISSOLVING THE MARIPOSA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD AND THE MARIPOSA COUNTY ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa currently has a Mental Health Board as required by Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5604, et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa currently has an Alcohol/Drug Abuse Advisory Board as authorized by Health and Safety Code § 11805; and

WHEREAS, the California Mental Health Services Act passed by the voters of the State of California in November, 2004, provides for better coordinated and comprehensive programs to care for those with mental illness and alcohol and other drug problems; and

WHEREAS, counties are the agencies primarily responsible for providing such coordinated and comprehensive mental health and alcohol and other drug programs, which can most effectively and efficiently be provided through integrated systems of care and administration; and

WHEREAS, combining the functions of the aforementioned Mental Health Board and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Advisory Board would significantly increase their coordination and integration thereby providing the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Human Services with more comprehensive advice and recommendations regarding these systems of care; and

WHEREAS, combining the functions of the two boards would also reduce staff time and other costs currently required to administer both separately; and

WHEREAS, many California counties have successfully combined their Mental Health and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Advisory Boards; and

WHEREAS, the Mariposa County Mental Health Board and Alcohol/Drug Abuse Advisory Board have each, by separate unanimous votes of all members present, voted to recommend that the Board of Supervisors dissolve the existing entities and combine the functions of both entities into a single Mariposa County Behavioral Health Board; and

WHEREAS, the new Mariposa County Behavioral Health Board will continue to serve as the County’s mental health board in accordance with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5604 et seq; and

WHEREAS, as mandated by Section 5604.2 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code, the Behavioral Health Board shall:
   a) Review and evaluate the community’s mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems.
   b) Review any county agreements entered into pursuant to W&IC Section 5650.
   c) Advise the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
   d) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
e) Submit an annual report to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the county’s mental health system.

f) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of behavioral health services. The Behavioral Health Board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the Board of Supervisors.

g) Review and comment on the County’s Performance Outcome Data and communicate its findings to the California Mental Health Planning Council

WHEREAS, the new Mariposa County Behavioral Health Board shall consist of a minimum of five and not more than fifteen members, including one member of the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5604 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Behavioral Health Board shall meet the following membership criteria: fifty percent of the board membership shall be consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers, who are receiving or have received mental health services; at least 20 percent of the total membership shall be consumers, and at least 20 percent shall be families of consumers; to serve a three year term with appointments equitably staggered so that approximately one-third of membership expires each year; no member of the board or his/her spouse shall be a full/part-time county employee of a county mental health service, an employee of the State Department of Health Care Services, or an employee of, or a paid member of the governing body of, a mental health contract agency, in accordance with but not limited to the requirements of Welfare and Institutions Code §§ 5604 et seq.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors does hereby create the Mariposa County Behavioral Health Board, and dissolves the Mariposa County Mental Health Board and the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Advisory Board, effective immediately.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, a political subdivision of the State of California, this 16th day of May, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: SMALLCOMBE, JONES, LONG, CANN, MENETREY

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ABSTAINED: NONE

[Signature]
MARSHALL LONG, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

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RÊNE LaROCHE
Clerk of the Board

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STEVEN W. DAHLEM
County Counsel

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM: