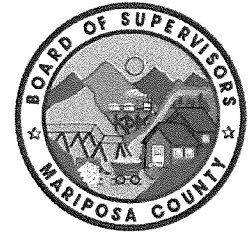


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RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2021-335

MEETING: June 8, 2021

TO: The Board of Supervisors

MINUTE ORDER ATTACHED

FROM: Shannon Gadd, Health and Human Services Agency Director

RE: Appoint Baljit Hundal as Local Mental Health Director

RECOMMENDATION AND JUSTIFICATION:

Appoint Baljit Hundal as Local Mental Health Director Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5607, Effective Immediately

Baljit Hundal is the current Division Director of Health Services at Mariposa County Health and Human Services Agency. Local Mental Health Director is a job requirement included in the Mariposa County Health Services Division Director job description, which is attached to the Board item, amended and approved March 3, 2021 by the Board of Supervisors. California Code of Regulations, Title 9, Section 620 details the State requirements for Local Mental Health Director, and is attached to the Board item.

The selection process of Local Mental Health Director is required by WIC 5604.2(a)(6) to have the Behavioral Health Board "review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services." The Behavioral Health Board considered a letter of intent dated March 30, 2021 at the April 7, 2021 meeting and approved Baljit for the position, which is attached to the board item, and as evidenced by their minutes which are attached to the Board item.

Baljit is qualified to serve in this position as required in California Code of Regulations Title 9, Section 620(f). With more than 20 years of experience in the Health and Human Services fields. Baljit has 14 years experience in an administrative capacity developing, implementing, administering, and evaluating programs, and 8 years experience administering clinical services, crisis intervention, family and individual counseling. Prior to becoming Division Director of Health Services, Baljit oversaw the Public Guardian/Conservatorship program and Child Welfare Services in the Human Service Branch, and had direct experience with many clients facing mental health issues and ensured that clients received proper mental health services. Baljit possesses a Masters in Social Work from California State University and a Masters of Counseling Psychology from National University. As evidenced by Baljit's resume which is attached to the Board item.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The Board advises the California Department of Health Care Services of the appointment of a Local Mental Health Director, and submits this for approval, pursuant to WIC 5607 "The local mental health services shall be administered by a

local director of mental health services to be appointed by the governing body.” The Board previously appointed Dr. Eric Sergienko as acting Local Mental Health Director, which the Department of Health Care Services approved on a 12 month basis.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Dr. Eric Sergienko's current appointment ends on September 8, 2021 action must be taken to recommend to the Department of Health Care Services a new Local Mental Health Director.

ATTACHMENTS:

Baljit Hundal - Resume (PDF)

WIC_5607. (PDF)

Division Director of Health Services (PDF)

CCR Title 9 Section 620(f) (PDF)

BHB Mtg Minutes 4.7.2021 (PDF)

Baljit Hundal Letter to BHB (PDF)

RESULT: ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Rosemarie Smallcombe, District I Supervisor

SECONDER: Tom Sweeney, District II Supervisors

AYES: Smallcombe, Sweeney, Long, Forsythe, Menetrey



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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE ORDER

TO:	SHANNON GADD/Health & Human Services Agency Director
FROM:	RENÉ LaROCHE/Clerk of the Board <i>[Signature]</i>
SUBJECT:	Appoint Baljit Hundal as Local Mental Health Director Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5607, Effective Immediately
RESOLUTION:	2021-335

The following action was taken by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors on **June 8, 2021**:

H.5. Health and Human Services RES-2021-335

Appoint Baljit Hundal as Local Mental Health Director Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5607, Effective Immediately

René LaRoche/Clerk of the Board noted a correction to the title. The item was urged during public comment by Pete Judy/Chief Probation Officer. Supervisor Smallcombe extended thanks to the members of the Behavioral Health Board for their consideration of the applicant.

CORRECTION:

“Effective Immediately” was changed to “Subject to approval by the State.”

RESULT: **ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]**

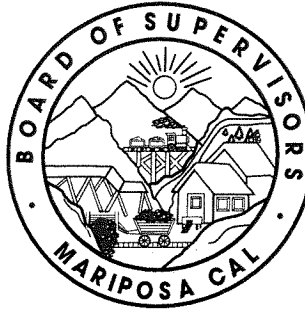
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June 8, 2021

Mary Westmark
CA Department of Health Care Services
Medi-Cal Behavioral Health Division
County and Provider Monitoring | County Support Liaison
mary.westmark@dhcs.ca.gov

Dear Ms. Westmark,

This is to advise that at their June 8, 2021 meeting, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors took action to appoint Baljit Hundal, MSW, as Mariposa County's Local Mental Health Director, effective upon state approval. You will find enclosed a copy of the Board's resolution of authorization from that meeting reflecting that unanimous decision. Documents detailing Ms. Hundal's education and experience have also been included.

The Board found Baljit Hundal qualified to serve as the County's Local Mental Health Director based on her nearly 20 years of experience in the human services field, 14 of which have been spent at the administrative level developing, implementing, administering and evaluating programs. 8 years administering mental health programs. These programs include clinical services, crisis intervention, family and individual counseling.

During her time as Deputy Director of Human Services, Ms. Hundal oversaw the Public Guardian/Conservatorship unit and experienced many clients facing mental health issues. Ms. Hundal also holds a master's degree in Social Work from California State University and a Master's of Counseling Psychology from National University.

Due to the foregoing, the county now requests that Baljit Hundal be approved by the California Department of Health Care Services as the Local Mental Health Director for Mariposa County.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact Joe Lynch, Assistant CAO – Human Resources for Mariposa County at (209) 742-1379 or, jlynch@mariposacounty.org.

Sincerely,



Marshall Long, Board Chair
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Encl/As Stated

cc: Joe Lynch, Assistant CAO - Human Resources Director