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Legislation Text

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DATE: December 11, 2018

TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBMITTED BY: Carolyn Evans, Chair, Fresno County Behavioral Health Board

SUBJECT: Amendment to Bylaws of the Fresno County Behavioral Health Board

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the amended Bylaws for the Fresno County Behavioral Health Board.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION(S):

Your Board may choose not to approve the amended bylaws and recommend that the Fresno County Behavioral Health Board (FCBHB) revise and resubmit the bylaws for Board approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no increase in Net County Cost associated with the recommended action.

DISCUSSION:

On March 24, 2015, the Board adopted Resolution Number 15-080, consolidating the Fresno County Mental Health Board and Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board to create the FCBHB. The FCBHB is the public advisory board on adult, children's, and justice system mental health and alcohol and substance use disorder (SUD) issues, whose duties and functions are delineated in the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) and the Health and Safety Code (HSC).

On October 13, 2015, the Board approved the bylaws of the newly formed FCBHB.

On June 2, 2018, the FCBHB received a training from Susan Wilson, Planning Council Liaison to the California Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALBHB/C). Ms. Wilson recommended that the FCBHB make the following changes to its bylaws:

- Insert language from WIC Section 5604 (d)(2) to reflect the exception that allows consumers to serve on the FCBHB in spite of employment at a county mental health service, the California Department of Health Care Services, or a mental health contract agency as long as that person does not have any interest, influence, or authority over any financial or contractual matter concerning the employer;
- Define "recuse" to mean that a member shall leave the room during a discussion or vote on any issue in which the member has a financial interest as defined in Section 87103 of the Government Code and as referenced in WIC Section 5604(e);
- Revise Article VIII Section 3 of the bylaws to include descriptions of standing and ad hoc committees and their respective requirements per the Brown Act, where applicable, and to change the reference of the ability of the Chair or Executive committee to appoint an ad hoc committee to the ability to solicit volunteers for an ad hoc committee; and,

- Indicate the date that bylaws were ratified and/or amended by the Board.

The FCBHB amended the bylaws to incorporate the suggestions given and on August 15, 2018, approved the revisions.

REFERENCE MATERIAL:

BAI #29, March 24, 2015
BAI #28, October 13, 2015

ATTACHMENTS INCLUDED AND/OR ON FILE:

On file with Clerk - Redline of amended Bylaws
On file with Clerk - Amended Bylaws

CAO ANALYST:

Ronald W. Alexander, Jr.