



Legislation Text

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To: County of Sonoma Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Department of Health Services
Staff Name and Phone Number: Tina Rivera, 707-565-4774
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Approve the Appointment of Erin Reed and Allison Murphy to the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a term beginning May 9, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

Executive Summary:

The Sonoma County Maternal Child, and Adolescent Health Program promotes the physical, social, and emotional health of childbearing women, children, adolescents, and their families in Sonoma County. The Program's Advisory Board, created in 1982, as required by state legislation, acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors through the Department of Health Services (hereinafter "DHS", or "the Department"). The Sonoma County Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board bylaws specify that members will be appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion:

The Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board Program interacts with community systems as a partner in providing direct safety net services to high-risk maternal, child, and adolescent populations, as a coordinator of community-wide services and programs, and as a convener of the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board and other collaborative groups to address emerging health needs in the community. The Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board has been an important vehicle for implementing prevention strategies and coordinating services that benefit the entire community. Collaborating with local organizations and individuals is critical to reducing disparities and improving the overall health of women, children, and adolescents in Sonoma County.

New Appointments to the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board

The Sonoma County Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board bylaws specify that members be appointed by the Board of Supervisors. When vacancies on the Sonoma County Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board occur, the openings are posted on the County website in accordance with the Maddy Act, and replacements are recruited from the community. Following procedures outlined in the bylaws, all applications are reviewed by the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson, who then make recommendations to DHS.

The Department requests that the Board appoint the following individuals to the Sonoma County Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a two-year term beginning May 9, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024:

Candidate	Representation
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Erin Reed	Community Representatives; Teen Health
Allison Murphy	Health Professionals; Behavioral Health

Erin Reed earned her Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from Sonoma State University. She is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and is currently pursuing certification in perinatal mental health. She has served for eight years as a Child Protective Services Social Worker at Family, Youth and Children’s Services for the County of Sonoma Human Services Department. She also participates as a member of the Indian Child Welfare Act Roundtable. Erin’s goal in working with this advisory board is to advocate for the mental health needs of families to be met through community services. She plans to contribute her expertise to help the board understand the challenges of families in our community. She also hopes to expand her knowledge of community resources and advocate for additional resources and support systems.

As recommended by the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board, Allison Murphy was appointed the Health Professionals - Health Specialist position on March 14, 2023, as it was the only vacant position that fit her education and experience at that time. With the recent resignation of Dr. Hannah Watson from the Health Professionals - Behavioral Health position, the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board feels that as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, Allison better fits in the Health Professionals - Behavioral Health position left vacant by Dr. Hannah Watson. Upon the Board’s approval of Allison Murphy for the Health Professionals - Behavioral Health position, Allison will resign from the Health Professionals - Health Specialist position.

A table listing the full Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board membership is provided as Attachment 1.

Prior Board Actions:

The Board of Supervisors appoints/reappoints Sonoma County Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board members as needed. Most recently, on March 14, 2023, the Board A) Appointed Allison Murphy to the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a term beginning March 14, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024; and B) Reappointed Melissa Apuya to the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board for a term beginning March 14, 2023 and ending December 31, 2024.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY 22-23 Adopted	FY 23-24 Projected	FY 24-25 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures	0	0	0
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
Contingencies			
Total Sources	0	0	0

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

N/A

Attachments:

Attachment 1 - Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Advisory Board Membership Composition - April 2023

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

None