

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 2023-216

AN AMENDED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DEFERRING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CHANGES MADE TO WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5008 BY SENATE BILL 43 (2023-2024 REG SESSION)

On Tuesday December 17, 2024, on motion of Supervisor _____, duly seconded by Supervisor _____ and carried, the following resolution is adopted by the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California.

WHEREAS, the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) Act (Welfare and Institutions Code section 5100, et seq.) provides for the evaluation and treatment of a person who is gravely disabled, which is defined to mean a condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for his or her basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 43 (2023-2024 Reg. Session), Statutes 2023, Chapter 637 (SB 43), signed by the Governor on October 10, 2023, expands the definition of gravely disabled to include a person who, as a result of a mental health disorder, a severe substance use disorder (SUD), or a co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe SUD, or as a result of impairment by chronic alcoholism, is unable to provide for their basic personal needs for food, clothing, shelter, personal safety, or necessary medical care; and

WHEREAS, this expanded definition of gravely disabled becomes effective on January 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the responsibility for administering the LPS system falls largely with counties; and

WHEREAS, SB 43's expansion of the definition of grave disability will require a significant effort in building and expanding the treatment, workforce, delivery networks, housing capacity and models for locked treatment settings or models of care for involuntary SUD treatment to successfully meet the conservatorship needs of the population; and

WHEREAS, SB 43's expansion of LPS criteria to include individuals with a severe SUD, this change in policy would significantly expand the portion of the population potentially subject to detention and conservatorship under LPS from around 1% to around 10% of the population based on SUD prevalence estimates; and,

WHEREAS, SB 43 will require counties to develop criteria for a "severe SUD" grave disability assessment, as no such assessment currently exists as well as protocols for designating individuals to perform severe SUD grave disability assessments and to recruit and hire staff to perform the new function of severe SUD grave disability assessments;

WHEREAS, SB 43 expands LPS criteria to include an assessment of whether an individual is unable to survive safely in community or provide for necessary medical care without involuntary detention, counties will need to develop policies and procedures for how these determinations will be made, along with qualified licensed health care providers; and,

WHEREAS, in addition, hospitals will be without qualified designated individuals to perform the assessments needed to remove involuntary holds, when appropriate, or recommend

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I, **LYNNA MONELL**, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, State of California, hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the record of the action taken by the Board of Supervisors, by vote of the members present, as the same appears in the Official Minutes of said Board at its meeting of December 17, 2024.

LYNNA MONELL

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By _____

Deputy