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May 13, 2025

County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Recommendation of Supervisor LaVere to Appoint Sergeant Chris Dyer to the County of Ventura Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) for a term ending March 27, 2026.

Recommendation(s):

Approve the appointment of Sergeant Chris Dyer to the Behavioral Health Advisory Board for a term ending March 27, 2026. Sergeant Dyer's appointment will replace Sergeant Shawn Pewsey who concluded his appointment with BHAB on April 11, 2025.

Discussion:

I request our Board approve my recommendation to appoint Sergeant Chris Dyer as the law enforcement representative to the BHAB. Sheriff James Fryhoff and Captain William Hutton have recommended Sergeant Dyer's appointment to this important Board. Sergeant Dyer will bring valuable experience and insight to the Board as an active member of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and a committed mental health advocate. Sergeant Dyer has dedicated a large portion of his career to working directly with individuals experiencing mental health crises.

Sergeant Dyer is part of the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) and has collaborated closely with Behavioral Health clinicians during field operations. Sergeant Dyer has also helped lead initiatives aimed at improving outcomes for the mentally ill population, participated in mental health crisis de-escalation training for deputies, and contributed to operational protocols promoting compassionate, community-based approaches to mental health calls. I am pleased to recommend Sergeant Chris Dyer to be appointed as a member of the Behavioral Health Advisory Board, confident that his leadership, extensive field experience, and passion for mental health advocacy will be an asset to the Board's important work.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Matt LaVere
Supervisor, First District