

TO: Michelle Hicks, Mayor's Administration
FROM: Kelli Heaps, Behavioral Health Services
DATE: December 16, 2020
RE: BHSAC – Council Member Reappointment Request

Dear Michelle –

The Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council (BHSAC) is seeking reappointment for current council member, Susan Pizitz. Susan's second appointed term will expire on December 31, 2020 and she is currently eligible for one additional 2-year term. A motion was made during the last BHSAC meeting held December 2, 2020 to submit this request to the Mayor and County Council for review and consideration for reappointment. The BHSAC members voted in unanimous support of the motion to request reappointment for Susan Pizitz with a final 2-year term.

Susan Pizitz is the Director of School Based Services for Hopeful Beginnings and Project Connection. Susan is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with over 25 years of clinical practice and licensure. In addition, Ms. Pizitz holds a professional educators license in the State of Utah. Susan worked for over 16 years as a school-based clinician and has also worked in administrative roles to develop school-based therapy models in all five Salt Lake County School Districts; working directly in more than 55 schools. Mental health needs are surging in Salt Lake County schools and Susan's work with community stakeholders and her working awareness and perspective are invaluable in identifying and supporting unmet behavioral health needs of youth, families, communities, and school teams (teachers, administrators, etc.). Ms. Pizitz's expertise and experience in school-based behavioral health services is complimentary to the work and initiatives of the BHSAC and helps to ensure that the unique needs of our local schools and students are considered as strategies are developed and resources are identified.

Below is the required approval, diversity, and appointment information specific to this reappointment request.

- 1. Has this board request been approved through leadership such as Department/Division Director and/or the Board you manage?**
 - a. Yes. The BHSAC members voted in unanimous support of the motion to submit this request to reappoint Susan Pizitz. In addition, Tim Whalen, Behavioral Health Services Division Director, has approved this reappointment request.
- 2. Board members and diversity data**
 - a. The current BHSAC Membership & Term Dates document is attached to highlight board members and diversity data. Ms. Pizitz's demographic questionnaire information is also entered in the Granicus system.
- 3. Reappointment request**
 - a. What appointment are they on? (2nd, 3rd)
 - i. Susan Pizitz is currently serving her second appointed term with the BHSAC. Her first term was a 1-year appointment, her second term was a 3-year appointment. This is a request to reappoint Susan Pizitz for a third (and final) 2-year term.
 - b. Term limits
 - i. Susan Pizitz is currently serving her second appointed term (3-year term) and is eligible to renew one additional 2-year term. Maximum of three full consecutive appointed terms, or a total of six years per the BHSAC Bylaws.
 - c. Term dates
 - i. Seeking reappointment with a 2-year term.
 1. Term Dates: 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022.
 - d. Attach resume/application
 - i. Susan Pizitz's reappointment application and updated resume are attached.