



MEMORANDUM

Date: October 18, 2018

To: The Honorable Chairman and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator 

Re: **Appointment of Behavioral Health Director**

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Paula Perrera as Director of the Department of Behavioral Health.

She has been with the Pima County Attorney's Office since 2000 and served as the in-house counsel for Kino Community Hospital, Pima Health Systems (the County's AHCCCS health plan), Posada del Sol (the County operated skilled nursing facility), and was critical to the successful transition of those units. Since 2007 she has served as the Supervising Attorney for the Health Law Unit. As the leader of the team Ms. Perrera has been critical in drafting and negotiating large and complex contracts including the current correctional health services agreement, the Title 36 participating provider contracts, and AHCCCS contracts. Given that the Department of Behavioral Health is entrusted with overseeing Pima County's legally mandated functions related to the Restoration to Competence Program, Court Ordered Evaluation pursuant to Title 36, and the supervision of predominantly behavioral-related clinical services at the adult and juvenile detention centers; Ms. Perrera is uniquely qualified to lead this team.

Ms. Perrera is an alumnus of the University of Arizona College of Law, and a admitted to practice in Arizona, U.S. District Court, the U.S. Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. Throughout her tenure with Pima County Attorney's Office, Ms. Perrera has proven herself to be an asset to Pima County.

I am pleased she will continue to serve the people of our community. Please join me in welcoming Director Perrera to Pima County's management team.

CHH/mp

c: Jan Leshner, Chief Deputy County Administrator