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TWO NEW COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED, THREE COMMISSIONERS RE-APPOINTED TO STATE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Sacramento—The Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission is pleased to announce the appointments of two new Commissioners and the re-appointments of three current Commissioners to the MHSOAC.

Governor Brown today announced that Lynne Ayers Ashbeck of Clovis and Itai Danovitch of Los Angeles have been appointed to the Commission.

Ashbeck is vice president at Community Medical Centers since 2015. She was regional vice president at the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California from 2006-2015. Ashbeck was also director of global and continuing education at California State University, Fresno from 2003-2006 and director of education at Valley Children's Hospital from 1997-2003. She is a member of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Board of Directors and the Maddy Institute Board of Directors. She received her Master of Arts degree from Fresno Pacific University and a Master of Science degree from California State University, Fresno. Ashbeck fills the seat as a representative of a health care service plan or insurer.

Danovitch is chair of the Psychiatry Department at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center since 2012, where he has held several positions since 2008, including director of addiction psychiatry clinical services and associate director of the Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship. He is a member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine and the American Psychiatric Association and past president of the California Society of Addiction Medicine. Danovitch earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Medicine and a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Management. Danovitch fills the seat of a physician specializing in alcohol and drug treatment.

These two new appointed positions do not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation.

The three re-appointments to the Commission are Larry Bruce Poaster of Modesto who fills the seat of a mental health professional, Khatera Aslami-Tamplen of Fairfield who fills one of two seats representing consumers, and Tina Wooton of Santa Barbara who fills the other seat representing consumers. Commissioner Poaster has served on the Commission since 2007; Commissioner Aslami-Tamplen has served since 2013; and Commissioner Wooton has served since 2010.