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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Snowden, Randolph F. - Director
Health & Human Services
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SUBJECT: Mental Health Board's Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

Napa County Mental Health Board to present its annual report for 2006.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mental Health Board (MHB) will update the Board of Supervisors on the MHB's activities during 2006.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The Mental Health Board (MHB) is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to represent mental health issues within the community. It acts as an oversight board for the mental health programs of Napa County Health and Human Services Agency and offers education and advocacy on behalf of the mentally ill in Napa County. The MHB is comprised of consumers of mental health services, family members of consumers, interested and concerned citizens, and a member of the Napa County Board of Supervisors. Current membership of the Board is twelve, with

one consumer, one family member of consumer and two interested citizen vacancies. There is currently one application in process.

The assigned functions of the Mental Health Board include the ongoing evaluation of community mental health needs, the review of certain contracts for mental health services entered into by the County, and advice to the Board of Supervisors and the Mental Health Director on mental health issues. The Mental Health Board also reviews and approves procedures to ensure continued public input into the planning of mental health services, reviews and comments on the performance outcomes of mental health services, and assesses the impact of the realignment of mental health services from the state to the local level. Each year, the Mental Health Board is required to report to the Board of Supervisors on its activities. The report should also cover goals and concerns for the upcoming year.

The Board held ten meetings during 2006 with an average combined attendance and excused absence of 92%. Two meetings were not held due to lack of a quorum. The Board's 2006 activities included the following:

- | The Mental Health Board conducted a public meeting in January to seek information from the public regarding the expenditure of Mental Health Services Act funds.
- | The Board was very involved in the selection of a new Mental Health Director.
- | The Board reviewed the Mental Health budgets for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and the Mental Health Services Act budgets.
- | The Board provided input on the Master Settlement Agreement Grant Award Criteria. The Board felt that funding should go to programs that focus on co-occurring disorders, a Mental Health Court, and programs to address mental health issues at the County Jail.
- | The Board awarded Children's Trust Fund monies to the Napa Child Abuse Prevention Council with the proviso that an adequate amount of these funds be used to develop a curriculum about internet-based sex offenses. The remainder was awarded to the Child Abuse Prevention Project, an organization that makes presentations to the schools regarding "good touch/bad touch" and dealing effectively with bullies.
- | The Board reviewed the State's County Performance Contract for Fiscal Year 2006-2007.
- | Chair Russ Burr attended a symposium at the annual Staglin Family Music Festival for Mental Health.
- | Site visits to contract agencies within the community are a MHB responsibility. When the MHB conducts these visits, it is not only the eyes and ears of the Board of Supervisors and HHSA, but also liaisons to community organizations. The MHB hears from the directors and the clients about what they want and need. This helps the Board to determine the concerns and needs of the community. The MHB reports some of its findings in the goals and concerns noted in this report. Eleven site visits were completed in 2006.

The Mental Health Board's goals for 2007 are:

- | Achieve full Mental Health Board membership, attendance, and participation.
- | Oversee Mental Health Services Act implementation.
- | Advocate and facilitate training for law enforcement.
- | Recognize and promote effective services for individuals with co-occurring disorders.
- | Promote affordable housing for individuals with mental health disabilities.

The Mental Health Board's concerns include:

- | Homeless mentally ill.
- | Continued presence on the California Association of Local Mental Health Board.
- | Shortage of psychiatrists and the impact on service delivery.
- | Lack of cultural competence on the Mental Health Board.
- | Establishment of consistent utilization of services.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Mental Health Board's Annual Report 2006

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita