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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Randy Snowden - Director
Health & Human Services
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst, 253-4720
SUBJECT: Annual report from the Napa County Mental Health Board

RECOMMENDATION

Napa County Mental Health Board to present its annual report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mental Health Board will update the Board of Supervisors on activities completed during Fiscal Year 2005-2006.

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 Napa County Mental Health Board (NCMHB) 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, all appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The assigned functions of the NCMHB 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 and input to the Board of Supervisors and the Mental Health Director on mental health issues. The NCMHB 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 NCMHB is required to report to the Board of Supervisors on its activities. The report also includes concerns and goals for the upcoming year.

The NCMHB's activities during 2005-2006 included:

- | worked with County staff on the opportunities the Mental Health Services Act (Prop 63) provides Napa;
- | worked with County Counsel on compliance with the Brown Act;
- | amended by-laws and formed eight committees to deal with specific areas of NCMHB's many responsibilities; and
- | completed 14 site visits.

The NCMHB's concerns include:

- | minimal training for law enforcement officers in dealing with mentally ill people;
- | ability of staff at the Napa County jail to provide for the mental health needs of its inmates;
- | staffing problems in the Mental Health Department, especially the lack of a Mental Health Director; and
- | treatment needs of clients with co-occurring disorders.

The NCMHB's goals for 2006-2007 are:

- | continue to work on the implementation of the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63);
- | continue to work with the Mental Health Department to develop training for local enforcement officers on the treatment of the mentally ill population;
- | advocate for the development of a Mental Health Court to address the needs of the mentally ill in the County's jail;
- | explore ways to increase awareness of co-occurring disorders and to improve options for treatment; and
- | continue to visit agencies in the community as part of the site-visit program.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Mental Health Board Report 2005-2006

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Lorenzo Zialcita