

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Richard J. Burton, M.D., M.P.H.
Placer County Health Officer and Director of Health & Human Services
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DATE: July 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Membership Appointment to the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (MHADAB) respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors approve the appointment of Janet O'Meara as a Family Member for District 4, Seat 11.

BACKGROUND:

Janet O'Meara has applied for a position on the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (MHADAB) as a Family Member.

Ms. O'Meara's work experience includes a position as a television producer, writing and producing various public affairs television programs including a documentary on the emerging consumer advocacy movement. She also worked as a substitute teacher in Roseville for six years, teaching in both elementary and middle schools, including classes for Special Education students.

Over the last 24 years, Ms. O'Meara has been active in advocating for the needs of persons with mental illness. As a sibling of an individual with schizophrenia, she has learned firsthand about weaknesses in the systems in place to provide care. She began her journey with the local Alliance for the Mentally Ill and advocated for local needs and then moved on to State matters. She has been involved in numerous organizations and activities in both New York and California. As a family member, she also has a direct experience with substance abuse. Ms. O'Meara served as a board member of the Volunteers of America, which provided services to the indigent, many of whom were persons with serious mental illness and/or substance abuse issues.

Ms. O'Meara would like to be a proponent for targeted, effective treatment options and housing for persons with mental health and substance abuse issues. As a MHADAB member, she would help the board ensure that they are always advocating for the needs of these individuals. She is also personally interested in outreach and education on mental health issues.

The Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board recommends appointment of the applicant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This action has no fiscal impact to the County General Fund.



PLACER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON
ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON: Placer Co. Mental Health Alcohol & Drug Board
(NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE)

IF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE CALLS FOR A SPECIFIC TYPE MEMBER, PLEASE INDICATE THE POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: "Family Member"

NAME: Janet O'Meara

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: Dist 4

TIMES YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS: DAYS: flexible TIMES flexible

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE/PROFESSION (A RESUME MAY BE ATTACHED): I have been a stay-at-home mom for about 16 years, working for about 5 years as a substitute teacher during that time. Prior to kids I was a

ORGANIZATION/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: television producer.

In the 10 years I've been in Roseville, 99% of my volunteer activities have been connected w/ schools. Prior to that I was

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE: B.S. Syracuse University very active w/ both New York Alliance for the Mentally Ill & the Mental Health Assoc.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETAINED FOR TWO YEARS

APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
175 FULWEILER AVENUE, ROOM 101, AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603

DATE: 4/20/10 SIGNATURE: Janet O'Meara

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