

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes Supervisor, District 3

DATE: January 07, 2014

SUBJECT: **COMMENDATION** – Approve and present a Commendation honoring Sharon Behrens for her invaluable leadership to Placer County by serving on the Placer County Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board since 2009.

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve and present a Commendation honoring Sharon Behrens for her invaluable leadership to Placer County by serving on the Placer County Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board since 2009.

BACKGROUND

Sharon earned her B.A. degree from the University of California at Riverside, and began her career as a social worker for San Bernardino County and subsequently for San Mateo County and Kings County. Sharon has served on numerous boards, councils, and committees that serve people with special needs throughout California, especially children and infants, foster children, and young people involved in the juvenile justice system. Sharon and her husband Bob have adopted five special needs children, including one who had been abused since birth and who now because of Sharon's tireless and unselfish effort enjoys a life of hope and trust.

For over forty years, Sharon has provided training, education, and public outreach to government agencies and educational institutions on issues regarding special education in schools, sexual abuse, cultural diversity, learning disabilities, children of trauma, and parenting issues for adoptive and foster parents. She has received several awards for her dedication to helping others, including the Starfish Award, presented to individuals that understand and demonstrate that any one person can make a difference in someone's life and the Women Helping Women Award given to women who provide encouragement and inspiration to women and girls.

Sharon has served on the Placer County Mental Health and Alcohol Advisory Board since 2009, providing invaluable leadership as the Chair of the Quality Improvement Board and as Chair of the Children's Committee. She was instrumental in implementing Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board events such as Buzz Kill, Early Trauma Convening, and Recovery Happens.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

JANUARY 07, 2014 IN THE MATTER OF A COMMENDATION HONORING SHARON BEHRENS FOR HER INVALUABLE LEADERSHIP TO PLACER COUNTY BY SERVING ON THE PLACER COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH, ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY BOARD SINCE 2009.

WHEREAS, After earning her B.A. degree from the University of California at Riverside, Sharon began her career as a social worker for San Bernardino County and subsequently for San Mateo County and Kings County; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has served on numerous boards, councils, and committees that serve people with special needs throughout California, especially children and infants, foster children, and young people involved in the juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, Sharon and her husband Bob have adopted five special needs children, including one who had been abused since birth and who now because of Sharon's tireless and unselfish effort enjoys a life of hope and trust; and

WHEREAS, for over forty years, Sharon has provided training, education, and public outreach to government agencies and educational institutions on issues regarding special education in schools, sexual abuse, cultural diversity, learning disabilities, children of trauma, and parenting issues for adoptive and foster parents; and

WHEREAS, Sharon has received several awards for her dedication to helping others, including the Starfish Award, presented to individuals that understand and demonstrate that any one person can make a difference in someone's life and the Women Helping Women Award given to women who provide encouragement and inspiration to women and girls; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Behrens has served on the Placer County Mental Health and Alcohol Advisory Board since 2009, providing invaluable leadership as the Chair of the Quality Improvement Board and as Chair of the Children's Committee; and

WHEREAS, Sharon was instrumental in implementing Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board events such as Buzz Kill, Early Trauma Convening, and Recovery Happens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Placer County Board of Supervisors along with the members of the Placer County Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board congratulates and thanks Sharon Behrens for her commitment to helping others and for her service to the people of Placer County.

Jack Duran, Supervisor District 1,
Chairman 2014

Robert M. Weygandt, Supervisor District 2
Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3
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