



**MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer**

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: July 12, 2016

FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services

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

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the appointment of Lisa Cataldo, Family Member, District 4, Seat 5, to the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (MHADB).

BACKGROUND

Lisa Cataldo has applied for a position on the MHADB as a family member. Her professional and personal experience with Special Education and mental health make her a strong candidate.

Ms. Cataldo currently works as the Executive Assistant to the Superintendent in the Eureka Union School District. She has spent the last thirteen years in school district employment. She has several years of experience working in Special Education. Ms. Cataldo volunteered for the Women's League, working with underprivileged children, assisting with physical, occupational and speech therapy.

Ms. Cataldo's special areas of interest are in adult mental health and substance abuse due to the personal experiences with her adult son. She wants to make a contribution to those that have helped her with her son by donating her time and energy to others in need of support. As a board member, she hopes to educate others about mental illness. She passionately believes in the power of awareness, action and change to better the lives of people with mental health challenges.

Ms. Cataldo's lived experience with her son, her desire to give back to the community, and her eagerness to speak up about mental health issues to battle stigma will be an asset to this Board.

The MHADB recommends appointment of this applicant.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact as a result of this action.

The Membership Application for Lisa Cataldo is on file with Clerk of the Board.

