



M E M O R A N D U M
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEM OF CARE
County of Placer

TO: Board of Supervisors

DATE: December 15, 2020

FROM: Robert L. Oldham, MD, MSHA, Director of Health and Human Services

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

ACTION REQUESTED

1. Approve the appointment of Laura Sanchez, Consumer Member, District 2, Seat 10, to the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board.
2. Approve the change in appointment of Claire Buckley, Family Member to a Consumer Member designation, and approve the change in appointment of Linda Leighton, Family Member to Public Interest Member designation.

BACKGROUND

Laura Sanchez has applied for a position on the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (MHADAB) as a Consumer Member. Her professional experience in public agencies will be a great asset to this Board. Ms. Sanchez possesses a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the Sacramento State University of California. Ms. Sanchez has been working with individuals for over 15 years in correctional facilities. Recently, she served as a Program Officer for the Placer County Sheriff's Office working as a partner with other county programs such as Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and early release programs. Ms. Sanchez is most interested in treatment of individuals who face serious social, emotional, and behavioral challenges. As a Board Member, she plans to advocate for rehabilitation efforts for those suffering from behavioral health issues.

Linda Leighton has served on the MHADAB as a Consumer Member since March 24, 2020. Her professional experience in public and private non-profit agencies has been a great asset to this board. Ms. Leighton possesses a bachelor's degree in psychology and has attended numerous trainings in crisis response, and critical incident debriefing. In addition to her educational background, Ms. Leighton has 30 years of working experience in Placer and Nevada County in Mental health including inpatient, crisis, housing, outpatient, and case management. Currently, Ms. Leighton is a Parent Partner for Lilliput Families, and Kids First. Ms. Leighton has volunteered for Hip Hop Congress Peace Camp as well as Rock Medicine.

Ms. Buckley has served on the MHADAB as a Family Member since May 28, 2019. Her professional experience with community outreach in substance use and mental health make her a suitable candidate. Ms. Buckley has been involved with local nonprofit organizations for the past 15 years and has served at the Auburn Interfaith Food Closet and the Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG) Greater Placer County Chapter. Currently, Ms. Buckley is the Director of Finance for the Sacramento Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center. For the past three years, Ms. Buckley has been involved in MHSA grant funds from Sacramento County to support mental health respite programs for youth and adults. Prior to her current position, Ms. Buckley has volunteered for Stand Up Placer, Seniors First, and worked as a Contract/Technical Writer for several technology companies. She received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical & Electronic Engineering from Nottingham Trent University in Nottingham, UK. Ms. Buckley's professional experience, volunteer history, and educational background have made her a great fit for the MHADAB.

The MHADAB recommends the appointments of these applicants.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no fiscal impacts as a result of this action.

