



MEMORANDUM
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ADULT SYSTEMS OF CARE DIVISION
County of Placer

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors **DATE:** September 13, 2022
FROM: Robert Oldham, Director of Health and Human Services
BY: Joey Wojtowicz, Staff Services Analyst II
SUBJECT: Proclamation for Recovery Month

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a Proclamation declaring September 2022 as “Recovery Month” in Placer County.

BACKGROUND

Placer County’s Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) went live on November 1, 2018, which led to increases in federal funding for treatment and the ability to claim additional services. Through a variety of funding sources and programs, Placer County’s substance use service programs are able to target specific populations such as persons who are: 1) having co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, 2) involved in the criminal justice system, 3) women who are pregnant/parenting, and 4) individuals receiving CalWorks services. Placer County staff work with many community partners to provide comprehensive care and outreach to vulnerable members within our community. In Fiscal Year 21-22 County staff served 1613 residents through both mental health and substance use screenings.

In Placer County, many individuals are living productive, and satisfying lives, because of their recovery from a mental health condition, and/or alcohol or drug dependence. Residents of Placer County have experienced that recovery happens, which is worthy of a celebration. People facing mental and substance use disorders need to know that hope, help, and support are available. Recovery can be achieved on their own, through treatment programs, medication services, or with the assistance of peer support, self-help and/or faith-based organizations. There is no one path to recovery. Each person’s journey is unique to their individual needs. All paths to recovery will be celebrated at our 22nd annual "Recovery Happens" event on September 17, 2022, from 10:00 am to 2 pm. This year’s event will be held at Recreation Park, 123 Recreation Drive, Auburn CA.

Recovery Month, officially celebrated each September, has become a year-round initiative that supports educational outreach and celebratory events throughout the year as a reminder that treatment works, and recovery happens. Community partners will join with System of Care staff in sponsoring Placer County’s 2022 Recovery Happens celebration.

This event reminds us, that mental health and substance use disorders affect us all, and that we are all part of the solution. The event will highlight inspiring stories that highlight paths to hope,

health, and personal growth.

People in recovery benefit themselves and the community. Successful treatment reduces health care costs, the number of people in jail, school dropout rates, and rates of recidivism. Thus, reducing impacts to law enforcement and ultimately our criminal justice system. Most importantly, recovery can improve the quality of life for individuals, their families, and for society as a whole.

We are asking the Board to declare September 2022 as "Recovery Month" in Placer County, to demonstrate support and continued commitment to mental health, alcohol and drug treatment, and recovery, and to support our local "Recovery Happens" event on September 17, 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT

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

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

COUNTY OF PLACER



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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS “RECOVERY MONTH” IN PLACER COUNTY

WHEREAS, in Placer County, many people are living productive, satisfying lives as a result of recovery from a substance use disorder and/or a mental health condition, and

WHEREAS, prevention of substance use and/or mental health issues works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming substance use and/or mental health disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with substance use and/or mental health disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, residents of Placer County have experienced recovery on their own, through treatment programs, or with the assistance of peer support, self-help, faith-based organizations, or medication treatment; and

WHEREAS, real stories of long-term recovery can inspire others to ask for help and improve their own lives, the lives of the families and our community; and

WHEREAS, successful treatment and recovery programs have been demonstrated to reduce unnecessary County health care costs, reduce costs of lost productivity and increase County productivity by getting more workers into recovery, reduce the number of people in jail and prisons, reduce street and gang violence, reduce school dropout rates, reduce the cost of crime and the rate of recidivism, reduce the burden on law enforcement officials, reduce the total financial drain on our economy, and improve the quality of life for individuals and for society as a whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the above PROCLAMATION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Placer, on behalf of the citizens of Placer County, at a regular meeting held, September 13, 2022, proclaiming the month of September 2022 as Recovery Month in Placer County and call upon the people of Placer County to support this year’s national Recovery Month theme, Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose and Community.

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