

**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
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care

DATE: May 12, 2009

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

ACTION REQUESTED:

The Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board (MHADB) respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors approve the appointment of Sharon Behrens as a Family Member for District 2, Seat 5.

BACKGROUND:

Sharon Behrens has applied for a position on the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board (MHADB) as a Family Member. She has a B.A. Degree and an extensive background in social services, including juvenile probation, mental health, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and family advocacy. Ms. Behrens has been a part of the foster care system and is an adoptive parent of five special needs children. She has sat on numerous advisory boards in various counties and has provided foster care/adoptive parent training. It is her desire to bring forward her experience and information in therapeutic and familial interventions, personal and mental health support systems and resiliency.

While Ms. Behrens has an interest in mental health and alcohol and drug issues, her special area of interest is children. As a board member, she feels she would be able to assess the mental health and alcohol and drug issues and needs of the County, and make recommendations for improved access and care for those served.

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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