

**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: June 23, 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 Stephen Surgener as a Consumer Member for District 1, Seat 2.

BACKGROUND:

Stephen Surgener has applied for a position on the MHADB as a Consumer Member. He is currently working with National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) California, providing counties with technical assistance in the hiring of consumer and family members into all levels of the public mental health system. Mr. Surgener is deeply concerned and interested in supporting consumers to achieve independence.

In 2007, he founded Placer County Mental Health Collective, an interactive online community which is designed to provide support and resources for persons and their loved ones who have been affected by mental illness. This on-line community provides a place for people, who at times are isolated, to come together as a community for change.

As a volunteer, Mr. Surgener was actively involved in the local Campaign for Community Wellness providing a "consumer voice" that has been invaluable. He has a desire to learn more about substance abuse/co-occurring issues, in an effort to continue to educate himself for a better understanding of the challenges of the community. As a board member, he will make recommendations on how to best disseminate vital information on recovery, empowerment through education and interaction, and identify new ways to engage the community.

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.



PLACER COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON
ADVISORY BOARD OR COMMISSION

THE FOLLOWING IS PUBLIC INFORMATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON: Placer County Mental Health Drug & Alcohol Board
(NAME OF BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE)

IF THIS BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE CALLS FOR A SPECIFIC TYPE MEMBER, PLEASE INDICATE THE
POSITION FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING: Consumer Member

NAME: Stephen Surgener

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IN WHICH YOU RESIDE: District 4

TIMES YOU ARE AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS: DAYS: M-F TIMES 6-10pm

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE/PROFESSION (A RESUME MAY BE ATTACHED): Program Specialist
for NAMI CA

ORGANIZATION/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE: Placer Steering Committee, Placer County
Mental Health Collective (Founder), NAMI Placer (President), Tech
Assistance for Amputee Mentorship Program (AMP)

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE: Some College (approx. 30 credits) Business Degree

APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETAINED FOR TWO YEARS

APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
175 FULWEILER AVENUE, ROOM 101, AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603

DATE: 3/24/09

SIGNATURE

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