

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: F.C. "Rocky" Rockholm, Supervisor, District 1 and Kirk Uhler, Supervisor, District 4

DATE: December 8, 2009

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$350 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing (AMIH) *Housing Program* to subsidize the mentally ill in their housing program, as requested by Supervisor Rockholm (\$100) and Supervisor Uhler (\$250).

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked once again to approve appropriations to help support the Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing (AMIH) *Housing Program*. AMIH is a non-profit organization serving mental health clients of the Placer County Adult System of Care, who are in need of housing. This program is designed to assess and intensively support consumers for ninety days with the goal to transition residents to Level II or Supportive Semi-Independent Housing. The more intensive services allow mental health consumers transitioning out of board and cares, hospitals, and higher levels of care greater opportunity for success. The funds designated towards this popular program will be used to subsidize the mentally ill in their housing program.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

WELCOME HOME

November 2009



AMIH

Advocates for

Mentally Ill - Housing

WWW.AMIHOUSING.ORG

Hello,

AMIH seeks to provide more than housing, our sole focus is to provide homes that help heal. Through our unique partnership with Placer County's Adult System of Care, we are able to provide our participants with a package of support services such as counseling, independent living skills and, most importantly, a chance to regain a sense of hope and normalcy in their lives.

A few of this year's highlights include:

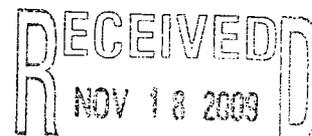
- We have provided safe, comfortable, secure homes to over 80 mentally ill people.
- We are in the preliminary stages of developing an exclusive housing program for returning Veterans. With our collaborating partners from Veterans Affairs, Sierra College's Veterans Student Alliance, Gold Country Chaplaincy, California Statewide Collaborative for our Military, and Golden Sierra One Stop we are geared up to launch a specialized program for those who have served our country and are returning home seeking support and a safe haven from "the invisible wounds of war".
- We have collaborated with the Gathering Inn and Sutter Hospitals for the Interim Care Program serving homeless adults released from inpatient care and emergency rooms providing them an environment of respite and care.
- In recognition of "May is Mental Health Month" we held a series of "learning lunches" throughout Placer County with a stigma panel that included law enforcement, veteran's affairs officers, faith community representatives, and clinical professionals in the field of mental health treatment.
- We have had the opportunity to develop a new website, www.amihousing.org, for our community, clients and anyone who is seeking resources to help the mentally ill.
- With the cooperation of Placer County Adult System of Care Housing Collaborative, under the Mental Health Services Act, we have purchased our second home in Auburn providing permanent housing for those with a mental illness.
- We have also had the pleasure of working with HomeAid on a landscaping project for our home in Rocklin and celebrated completion with our community officials: Mayor Peter Hill, Supervisor Jim Holmes, and representatives from Assemblyman Ted Gaines's office.

Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing needs your support to address the growing needs of local residents dealing with mental health disorders. To donate on-line, Pay Pal is available on our website, www.amihousing.org, or just return the enclosed envelope/donation form. 100% of your donation will be used to subsidize the mentally ill in our housing programs.

Wishing you and your loved ones a warm home for the Holidays,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Baker".

Karen Baker, Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing, Board President



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