

**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.  
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**DATE:** December 14, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Placer County Mental Health Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Annual Report

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**ACTION REQUESTED:**

Accept the Placer County Mental Health Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009-10 that summarizes the activities of this Advisory Board and identifies areas of focus for the coming year. There is no fiscal impact to the County as a result of this action.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mental Health Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board is mandated by Welfare and Institutions Code 5604.2, and is required to review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, review any agreements relating to mental health services entered into by the County, advise the Board of Supervisors, review the public input process, submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors, participate in the hiring of the Mental Health Director, and review and comment on the County's performance outcome data. Additional duties are allowed as part of this statute and in Placer County this Advisory Board is combined to also review services and needs in the area of substance abuse treatment services.

In the last year this Advisory Board conducted 11 monthly meetings in various locations within the County. In addition, the Advisory Board reviewed programs and gave feedback through site visits to seven programs; received 11 detailed presentations about programs and issues at their regular meetings; reviewed and gave specific input to the Placer County Systems of Care web pages; participated in or reviewed three audit processes; reviewed all mental health contracts; and performed test calls for the adult and children's 24-hour intake phone lines. Three committees were established to review programs and processes in more detail in the areas of quality improvement, alcohol and drug services, and children's mental health. The Advisory Board had special interest in the areas of co-occurring disorder (persons with both mental health and substance abuse issues), the use of suboxone for opiate addiction, and persons on parole.

Of special significance is the Advisory Board's participation in training on the use of data in continuous quality improvement sponsored by the California Mental Health Planning Council and the California Institute for Mental Health. During this training, Placer County was able to share its use of more current data, and the excellent working relationship between Advisory Board members and staff in reviewing programs, audits, and data processes. As a result, members of the El Dorado Mental Health Commission have attended several meetings in Placer County to learn from the good work of this Advisory Board.

There are no specific recommendations for the Board of Supervisors in this year's report, but the Advisory Board will continue to review the issues identified in this report.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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

This Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2009-10 is on file with the Clerk of the Board for your review.

