

PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult System of Care and Medical Clinics

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

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DATE: May 19, 2015

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

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. The Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (MHADB) respectfully requests the Board of Supervisors approve the appointment of Dr. Andrew Mendonsa, Public Interest Member, District 1, Seat 7.

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Andrew Mendonsa has applied for a position on the MHADB as a public interest member. His professional experience as a clinical and forensic psychologist and volunteer experience within public and private mental health make him an outstanding candidate.

Dr. Mendonsa is a board certified Psychologist. His employment history includes working with local, state and several mental health and correction facilities over the last 10 years. His history also includes research, public policy, and leadership in hospitals and inpatient settings. He is certified with the American Board of Professional Psychology, the American Association of Suicidology (Forensic/Psychological Autopsy and Profile certificate), and American Psychotherapy Association (Diplomate and Fellow designations).

Dr. Mendonsa has played a significant role as an expert witness and has testimonial experience in the legal system as well as in the media, both television and radio. He's had extensive training and experience in Suicide Risk Assessment and Profiling.

He has a particular interest in services in the community he lives in and feels he can help improve the system with prevention and early intervention. He would like to increase education around mental health and suicide. Dr. Mendonsa feels his role in the justice system and corrections will be beneficial in helping to effect change.

Dr. Mendonsa's experience, training, and education, will be beneficial to promote this Board's goal – making sure mental health and substance use disorder programs truly meet the needs of those they are designed to serve.

The MHADB recommends appointment of this applicant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

Application for Membership on Advisory Board or Commission, Interest Survey, and resume of Dr. Andrew Mendonsa, are on file with Clerk of the Board.

