



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Board of Supervisors



DATE: April 2, 2012
BOARD MEETING DATE: April 24, 2012
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: None
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Dave Pine

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Appoint Wanda Thompson and Edmund Bridges to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission Consumer/Client vacancies, each for a term expiring April 30, 2015.

BACKGROUND:

The Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission advises the Board of Supervisors and the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director on matters regarding local mental health and substance abuse disorder services and programs, reviews procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process, and submits an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the County's behavioral health and recovery services system.

DISCUSSION:

Wanda Thompson is an employee of the Mental Health Association. She holds a Peer Support Services Certificate from the Human Services Agency and completed the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Peer-to-Peer Recovery Curriculum.

Edmund Bridges is the Chair of the Veterans Mental Health Advocacy Council at the Veterans Affairs (VA) Palo Alto Health Care System. He is also a participant in the Lions Club Creative Writing Veterans History Project and the Veterans Garden/Farmers Market Project in Menlo Park.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.