



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
Health System



Date: November 8, 2012
Board Meeting Date: December 11, 2012
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Jean S. Fraser, Chief, Health System
Stephen Kaplan, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Subject: Amendment to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission ByLaws

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution amending the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission ByLaws.

BACKGROUND:

The Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission (MHSARC) is mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604, to ensure citizen and professional involvement in planning relating the behavioral health system of care. MHSARC also advises your Board and the Behavioral Health & Recovery Services Division Director regarding County behavioral health needs, services, special problems and outcomes of mental health services. The MHSARC is required to have a set of bylaws by which they operate, and to submit an Annual Report to your Board.

DISCUSSION:

MHSARC desires to amend the bylaws to: 1) include a seat designated as Law Enforcement that will be appointed by the local police chiefs; and 2) to allow the Youth Commission to appoint two youth commissioners, as their rules provide. In addition, MHSARC would like to add a rule allowing MHSARC the ability to deem a member "automatically resigned" when that member misses more than three (3) meetings within a twelve (12) month period.

The bylaws and Resolution have been reviewed and approved by County Counsel as to form.

The MHSARC contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Healthy Community by advising the Board of Supervisors and the Director of BHRS regarding County

mental health needs, services, special problems and outcomes of mental health services. It is required by the California Welfare and Institutions code that fifty percent (50%) of MHSARC members will be consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2011-12 Actual	FY 2012-13 Projected
Minimum percentage of MHSARC members who are consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers (State criteria).	50%	50%

FISCAL IMPACT:

Regular functions of the MHSARC are budgeted at a maximum of \$15,000, which is included in the BHRS FY 2012-13 Adopted Budget. These costs are 100% funded by Realignment. There is no Net County Cost.