County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISTRICT 1
File #: 21-677

Board Meeting Date: 9/14/2021

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Supervisor Dave Pine, District 1

Subject: Appointments to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendation for appointments to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission, each representing Public member, for an initial term ending September 30, 2024:

   A) Noel Vest, PhD; and

   B) Chelsea Bonini; and

   C) Candice Hawley.

BACKGROUND:

The Mental Health and Substance Abuse Recovery Commission reviews and evaluates the County's mental health and substance abuse disorders needs, services, facilities and special problems. The Commission advises the Board of Supervisors and the Behavioral Health and Recovery Services Director on any aspect of the local mental health program, reviews and approves 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 mental health system.

The Commission consists of 22 members, 19 of whom are appointed by the Board of Supervisors representing family members, consumers/clients, professionals and interested residents. With respect to the remaining three members, one shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors, and two shall be members of the County's Youth Commission. By State law, at least 50% of the 19 members appointed by the Board must be consumers or family members of consumers of mental health services.

DISCUSSION:

Members of the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission Executive Committee have completed the interview process for the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission Consumer/Client vacancy, and recommends the appointments of Noel Vest, PhD, Chelsea Bonini, and Candice Hawley.

FISCAL IMPACT:
None.