



# County of San Mateo

## Inter-Departmental Correspondence

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**Department:** HEALTH

**File #:** 16-306

Board Meeting Date: 6/27/2017

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**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Louise Rogers, 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 to amend 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 processes regarding the behavioral health system of care. The MHSARC also advises your Board and the local Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) 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:**

The MHSARC desires to amend its bylaws to reflect an official name change from the Mental Health Board to MHSARC. The MHSARC name signals the community's recognition that mental illness and substance abuse are often co-occurring or inter-related disorders, and more clearly aligns our activities with those of the integrated BHRS Division of the County of San Mateo Health System.

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 50% of MHSARC members be consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers.

**PERFORMANCE MEASURE:**

Measure	FY 2016-17 Estimated	FY 2017-18 Projected
Minimum percentage of MHSARC members who are consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers (State criteria)	74%	74%
	14 of 19 members	14 of 19 members

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Regular functions of the MHSARC are budgeted at a maximum of \$5,000, which is included in the BHRS FY 2016-17 Adopted Budget. These costs are 100% funded by Realignment. There is no Net County Cost.