

MEMORANDUM
PLACER COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Adult System of Care

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Jeffrey S. Brown, M.P.H., M.S.W., Director of Health and Human Services
Maureen F. Bauman, Director of Adult System of Care
DATE: December 9, 2014
SUBJECT: Membership Appointment to the Mental Health, Alcohol, and Drug Advisory Board

ACTION REQUESTED:

1. Approve the appointment of Debra Nyland Jarvis, Consumer Member, District 3, Seat 1, to the Mental Health, Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (MHADB).

BACKGROUND:

Debra Nyland Jarvis has applied for a position on the MHADB as a consumer member. Her work and volunteer history and interest in mental health make her an ideal candidate.

Ms. Jarvis' employment history includes over 20 years in community development and public administration working for both California State Department of Housing and Community Development as a program specialist, as well as the City of Sacramento Community and Economic Development in senior management and as an analyst. She also spent a couple years providing alcohol and other drug treatment services. She worked as a counselor and resource coordinator.

Ms. Jarvis has a great deal of organization and community experience with, just to name a few, AA, Placer People of Faith, and San Francisco Museum of Fine Arts. She previously served as a board member on numerous local boards.

She has a particular interest in substance abuse and would like to give back to the community by working to increase the abilities of those affected by substance abuse, addiction and those with mental health issues. As a Board member, her focus will be on enhancing the community outreach and educating interested persons on recovery.

Ms. Jarvis brings a great deal of knowledge in substance abuse treatment and related issues, as well as expertise on sobriety and relapse prevention. She will be an asset to this Board.

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 Employment History of Debra Nyland Jarvis, is on file with Clerk of the Board.

