

Resolution

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND HONORING

BEVERLY ABBOTT

UPON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that BEVERLY ABBOTT was born and educated on the East Coast and moved to Southern California after college to accept a social work position at the San Diego County Welfare Department; and

WHEREAS, BEVERLY ABBOTT left San Diego for a promotion in Marin County, accepting the position of Unit Chief in the County Mental Health Department, and eventually became the Director; and

WHEREAS, in March 1985, BEVERLY ABBOTT joined the San Mateo County Health Services Agency as Director of Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, BEVERLY ABBOTT has provided extraordinary leadership in building a continuum of mental health care for children, adults, and older adults that is nationally recognized for quality and innovation; and

WHEREAS, BEVERLY ABBOTT developed a range of model services, such as a system of care for seriously disturbed children and their families, a federal children's system of care demonstration grant, the first mental health managed care system in California for Medi-Cal clients, and comprehensive mental health/public health services to pregnant and parenting women and their young children; and

WHEREAS, BEVERLY ABBOTT has involved clients, their families or parents, and the Mental Health Board in the planning, design, and evaluation of mental health services, and

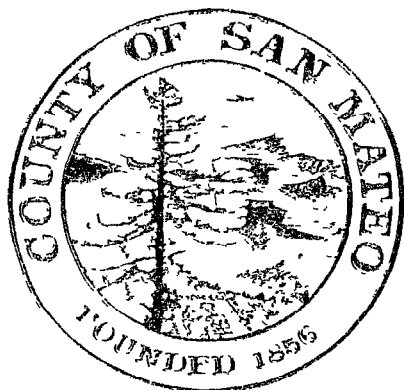
WHEREAS, BEVERLY ABBOTT has tirelessly promoted integrated services to serve mental health clients, including the development of partnerships with the Human Services Agency, Probation, Sheriff, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, BEVERLY ABBOTT has provided skilled leadership and policy direction as a member of the California Mental Health Directors Association (and its predecessor, the California Conference of Local Mental Health Directors), including service as Chair of the Systems of Care Committee and the Quality Improvement Committee and member of the State Department of Mental Health Quality Improvement Committee, and has served as an officer and member of the Governing Board for many years; and

WHEREAS, BEVERLY ABBOTT, LCSW, is leaving county service to spend time with her husband, Dr. J.R. Elpers, and their extended family, and to pursue other work in the field of community mental health services.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, does hereby honor and commend BEVERLY ABBOTT for her leadership and passionate commitment to the mental health and well being of our residents and wishes her the best in all future endeavors.

DATED: April 11, 2001



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