

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

DATE: October 16, 2001

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Mike Lydon, Chair, Mental Health Board
Gale Bataille, Director, Mental Health Services

SUBJECT: Mental Health Board Annual Report to Board of Supervisors

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Mental Health Board's Annual Report for 2000-01

Background

The Mental Health Board (MHB) is mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604, to ensure citizen and professional involvement in planning processes regarding the mental health system of care and advise the Board of Supervisors and the Local Mental Health Director regarding County mental health needs, services, special problems and outcomes of mental health services. The MHB is required to interview applicants for the MHB and make recommendations regarding appointments to the Board of Supervisors. The MHB is also required to submit an Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors.

The 2000-2001 Mental Health Board Annual Report provides a summary of Mental Health Board priorities and accomplishments and identifies priorities for 2001-02.

Discussion

The 2000-01 Annual Report presents an overview of the MHB's membership, agendas and program presentations, full Board and committee activities and accomplishments and priorities for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

The MHB consists of 15 members and a representative from the Board of Supervisors. Realignment Legislation of 1991-92 established a requirement that at least 51% of the Board's membership be family members or consumers of mental health services and reflect the County's diverse population.

A goal for 2000/01 was to recruit additional family and direct client members and increase the diversity of the Board. This goal has been accomplished. Currently, the MHB has only one vacancy—a direct consumer position, and is over 51% family and direct consumer members. In addition, the MHB is more ethnically diverse.

During the spring of 2001, with the retirement of Beverly Abbott, Mental Health Director for 16 years, the MHB participated in the selection process for a new Mental Health Director. The MHB is committed to supporting a smooth transition in leadership.

The U.S. Surgeon General's Report on Mental Health (May, 2000) and the California Little Hoover Commission's report on Mental Health (November, 2000) both conclude that mental health treatment works, but that less than 50% of mental health need is addressed. With the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11th and the national economic downturn, the Board of Supervisors will be faced with tough budgetary decisions. Community mental health services function as a key component of our human service safety net particularly in times of community crisis and economic uncertainty. The MHB will monitor and continue to advocate for community response capability and most critically, the continued availability of mental health resources for our most vulnerable and disabled residents.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact related to the functions of the Mental Health Board.

RECOMMENDED


Health Services Agency

**SAN MATEO COUNTY
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

2000-2001

SAN MATEO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

2000-2001 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**SAN MATEO COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
2000-2001 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

By: Mike Lydon, L.C.S.W., Chair

INTRODUCTION

The Mental Health Board (MHB) is mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604. This Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors fulfills one of the MHB's mandated advisory functions.

With the passage of the Bronzan-McCorquodale (Realignment) legislation in 1991-92, program responsibility (with the exception of State Hospitals) and funding for mental health services, was shifted from the State to counties. A portion of State sales tax is dedicated to each County's mental health service with revenues deposited in a Mental Health Trust Fund. Realignment also changes the mandated composition of each County's Mental Health Board/Commission requiring that family members and direct consumers constitute at least 51% of the MHB's membership. The San Mateo County MHB meets this requirement.

In May of 2001, Beverly Abbott (Mental Health Director for the past 16 years) retired. A hallmark of Beverly Abbott's tenure was a positive and collaborative relationship with the Mental Health Board. With the appointment of Gale Bataille, the members of the MHB have renewed their commitment to an effective and collaborative relationship with the Mental Health Director. To date, the transition in leadership has been smooth and positive.

MHB PRIORITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 00/01

The MHB continues to have an active committee structure consisting of an Executive Committee, Children's Committee, Adult Committee and an Older Adult Committee. In addition, a MHB member has been elected as a Bay Area Region representative to the CA Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions. This Annual Report includes activity reports from each committee Chair.

The Mental Health Board consists of 15 members and a representative from the Board of Supervisors. As of October 2001, the MHB has one opening for a direct consumer. This is a significant reduction in unfilled positions over previous years.

Supervisor Rich Gordon has continued to function as the liaison to the MHB. The MHB appreciates Supervisor Gordon's commitment to community mental health as well as the skilled support provided by Supervisor Gordon's staff, Catherine Barber. We anticipate equally skilled and dedicated support from Joe Caruso, who has been recently assigned as Supervisor Gordon's liaison to the MHB.

The following are highlights of the MHB's activities during 00/01:

- **Older Adults with Organic Brain Syndrome.** The MHB and its Older Adult Committee have monitored the impact of the closure of the geropsychiatric program. This has included visits to psychiatric skilled facilities where these older adults (previous Crystal Springs residents) were placed when the geropsychiatric program closed. The MHB is concerned both about the lack of appropriate alternatives for older adults with organic brain disorders/dementia (OBS) and the financial burden on Mental Health Services to care for this population even though persons with OBS are not considered a mental health target population. The MHB will host a public forum on this issue in early 2002.
- **Forum on Mental Health Parity.** A public forum was sponsored by the MHB in November 2000. This forum offered a panel presentation on the history and provisions of the Mental Health Insurance Parity law sponsored by Assemblywoman Helen Thomson that went into effect July 2000. Panelists included representatives from Kaiser, Blue Shield, and US Behavioral Health. San Mateo was the first County to begin active negotiations with Kaiser Permanente regarding the implementation of mental health parity and provide leadership in the Bay Area on this issue. MHB members participated with staff in a series of meetings with Kaiser re: parity.
- **Bay Area Public Hearing on the CA Mental Health Master Plan.** The MHB co-hosted a meeting with the CA Mental Health Planning Council to review the proposed Mental Health Master Plan. Over 75 individuals were in attendance. As a result of public testimony, the Master Plan is currently being revised to include a greater emphasis on cultural competence in mental health services.
- **Outcome Based Management and Mental Health Services Strategic Planning.** Four MHB members participated in an OBM workshop for Children's Mental Health Services. The MHB will continue to participate in both OBM and a new strategic planning/system design initiative in 2001/02.
- **May is Mental Health Month: "Anthony Hoffman" Community Service Awards.** Supervisor Rich Gordon and Health Services Director, Margaret Taylor joined the MHB in presenting Certificates of Appreciation to the following:
 - Ace & Alba Ammenti, Landlords: for providing quality housing to the mentally ill
 - Harry Farmer, Volunteer: volunteer Senior Peer Counselor
 - Martha McPartlin, Media (San Mateo TIMES): for positive portrayals of mental illness
 - Ina Pottorff, Volunteer: for outstanding volunteer services to mentally ill persons
 - Lois Turner, Volunteer: for volunteer services to San Mateo AMI & Cordilleras
 - Bill Wolff, Volunteer: for volunteer services at the San Carlos Friendship Center
- **Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement.** The MHB has established a special committee to work with staff and local law enforcement to develop a training program for police in order to increase knowledge, sensitivity, and skills in intervening with seriously mentally ill persons in the community.

- **Mental Health Budget.** The MHB monitors the development of the Mental Health Services budget. The MHB is concerned that there has been a reduction of \$1.1 million in the County General Fund contribution for 2001/02, a reduction that is proposed to be carried forward in future years. While the MHB is aware that the County faces many financial demands, we are concerned that access to mental health services may be negatively impacted. Both the recent U.S. Surgeon General's report (May 2000) on mental health and the CA Little Hoover Commission Report on Mental Health (November 2000) state that less than 50% of mental health needs are currently met. San Mateo County has a proud record for supporting mental health services and the MHB will continue to support and advocate for this tradition of service to our mentally ill population.
- **Canyon Oaks Crisis/Residential Treatment Facility for Youth.** The MHB is concerned that an effective program be available to seriously emotionally disturbed youth. The MHB has specifically advocated that the program be County operated and will continue to monitor the provider selection process and program quality.
- **Public Education and Awareness.** Members of the MHB and staff appeared on a two-part public television program, "Cop Talk." Additional contacts are being developed to increase media coverage of mental health issues.

PRIORITIES FOR 2001/02

- Outcome Based Management/Strategic Planning for mental health services
- Forum on the "Crisis in Care and Financing for Services to Individuals with Dementia and Organic Brain Syndrome"
- Participate in setting budget priorities/monitor budget
- Canyon Oaks Youth Crisis/Residential Treatment Facility
- Crisis Intervention Training for Law Enforcement

We appreciate the continuing interest and priority that the Board of Supervisors places on mental health services and the activities of the Mental Health Board.



Michael Lydon, Chair
Mental Health Board

**ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001**

By: Monica Dea, Co-Chair

For the past year, the Adult Services Committee has continued to meet every month (except August). Monica Dea has co-chaired the committee with Eunice Kushman. Committee members include Eunice Kushman, Calvin Shelton, Monica Dea, Alison Mills, Teresa Walker, and Lois Turner. Julie Peck, Director of the Adult Services for San Mateo County Mental Health Services, has provided support staff for the committee as well as Bill Kruse, Administrator of Cordilleras.

In addition to the usual functions carried out for the Mental Health Board, the Adult Services Committee focused on the following issues during 2000-01:

Budget: The Adult Services Committee was involved in discussing the budget for 2001-2002.

Community Awards: This is the second year that the Mental Health Board recognized, honored and awarded community members who supported mental health clients in different ways. The Adult Services Committee first initiated the “**Tony Hoffman Community Award**” in 2000.

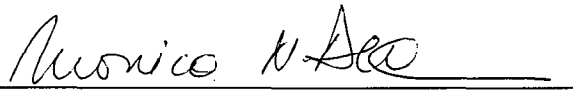
Training for Law Enforcement: The Adult Services Committee made a request to the Mental Health Services Administration to develop and implement training sessions for law enforcement from San Mateo County around mental health issues.

Monitor the Implementation of AB 2034: The Adult Services Committee was involved in the monitoring the first phase of the Transitions Program (AB 2034).

Objectives of the Adult Services Committee for the Year 2001-2002 Include:

- To get SamTrans buses to stop more than two times at Cordilleras. The fact that SamTrans stops only twice a day at Cordilleras (once in the morning and again in the evening) is preventing 60 clients from socializing in the community.
- To monitor the development and the implementation of the law enforcement training (Crisis Intervention Team-CIT) proposed by the Adult Services Committee and Mental Health Services Administration.
- To participate in the oversight committee and design team focused on strategic planning of the Adult System of Care and larger mental health system in San Mateo County.
- To continue to advocate for the development of supportive housing (designated units for San Mateo County residents with mental disabilities).

- To follow-up with the Sheriff regarding the memo sent in August 2001 (see attachment).
- To monitor the implementation of the AB2034 of the Transitions Program and to schedule a site visit to this program.
- To develop an information session on DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy).
- To ask Dr. Celia Moreno (Medical Director, Mental Health Services), to do a presentation to the Mental Health Board on “suicide in San Mateo County, 1995 – 2001” and to identify what resources are available in this county to support individuals in crisis.



Monica Dea, Co-Chair
Mental Health Board
Adult Services Committee

**OLDER ADULT COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001**

By: Doris Todd-Brown, M.D., Chair
& Diane Dworkin, L.C.S.W., Supervising Mental Health Clinician

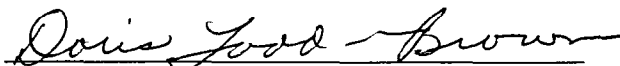
The Older Adult Committee has met on a quarterly basis during the past year. The committee members are: Doris Todd-Brown, M.D., Mental Health Board; Lani Blazer, Aging and Adult Services; Diane Dworkin, Senior Mental Health Services; Judith Guilfoyle, Ombudsman Program; Alicia Marquez, Ph.D., Advisory Council on Aging; Alison Mills, Mental Health Board; Jerry Nolan, Senior Peer Counseling; Julie Peck, Mental Health Services; Beth Phoenix, R.N., Mental Health Board.

During the past fiscal year, the committee monitored existing programs and services for older adults with mental health issues through discussion and information sharing at meetings as well as site visits. The committee also continued its advocacy role by identifying additional service needs for this growing population. Specific topics and activities of the committee included:


1. Identified needs of seniors with mental health issues in light of the application for SAMSHA grant funds.
2. Reviewed plans for clients in connection with the closure of San Mateo County General Hospital's geropsych unit including placement issues.
3. Provided updates on supplemental Board and Care homes that house county mental health clients including changes in the supplemental payment structure and evaluation process.
4. Discussed highlights of the Senior Peer Counseling and the Ombudsman programs.
5. Visited both Crestwood Manor and Crestwood Treatment Center in Fremont. Committee members were given a tour of both facilities, had extensive meetings with facility staff, and were served lunch at Crestwood Manor. The Neurobehavioral Program at Crestwood Treatment Center was of particular interest to the group.

During the next fiscal year, the committee will continue to focus on services for older adults with mental health issues by reviewing established programs and advocating for additional services. Some areas of special concern and attention for the new fiscal year include:

1. Housing – The committee will continue to make site visits to older adult facilities.
2. Re-establishing a Senior Mental Health Services presence in North County.
3. Issue of Dementia – The committee will address the issue of dementia in terms of treatment responsibility, legal responsibility in relation to probate dementia conservatorship, financial responsibility for long term care placement, and family caregiver stress.



Doris Todd-Brown, M.D., Chair
Mental Health Board
Older Adult Committee



Diane Dworkin, L.C.S.W.
Supervising Mental Health Clinician
Older Adult Committee

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000-2001**

By: Jane Lewis and Marianne Maneja

Members of the Committee: Daniel Forkin, M.D., Jane Lewis, MFCC, Michael Lydon, LCSW, Marianne Maneja, N.P., Deborah Tan, and Teresa Walker

The role of the Children and Youth Committee is to focus on children and youth with mental health disorders and those who are at risk of significant mental health conditions. It is also to provide oversight and to give community input; provide support to staff and children's programs.

Committee Accomplishments and Tasks for 2000-2001:

The Committee continued to monitor the implementation of the twelve bed, sub-acute youth crisis residential facility. This facility will serve youth ages twelve to seventeen. Groundbreaking for construction was held in the fall of 2000 and completion of construction is expected by November 2001. The facility has been named Canyon Oaks Youth Center. The Children's Committee strongly endorses that the County operate this program to promote continuity and accountability.

The Committee received monthly data information on number of youth seen at Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES), youth who were hospitalized and youth who were in out of home group placement. It was noted that there has been a decrease in number of youth being seen at PES and being hospitalized.

The Committee continued to monitor the hospitalization of latency aged youth (ages 5-12) and were concerned that there was a lack of alternatives to hospitalization in the immediate Bay Area for these youth. The Deputy Director of Youth Services within County Mental Health reported that a contract was established with a local residential provider, Edgewood Children's Center, to provide an alternative to hospitalization. This contract was initiated in November 2000 and did result in a decrease of hospitalizations for latency aged youth.

The Committee also monitored the progress of the "Wraparound Pilot Program". This Pilot Project is a family-centered, family-strength based, needs-driven planning process for creating individualized services and support for youth and their families. The goal of the project is to prevent out of home residential placement. This program was very successful and enabled fifteen youth to remain at home with their families while receiving significant supportive services.

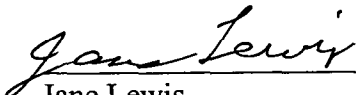
Committee Objectives for 2001-2002

The Committee would like to continue to monitor all of the above projects as they provided necessary services for the youth and their families of our County.

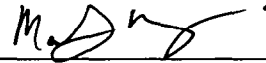
In addition, the Committee would like to monitor the implementation of the Crime Prevention Act (CPA) 2000 in this County. This award of approximately 2.5 million dollars to Juvenile Probation will provide services to youth who are in the Juvenile Justice System or who are at risk of involvement in this system. Eight interagency programs have been included in the San Mateo County Proposal to the Board of Corrections. Mental Health has been actively involved in the development of the proposal and will be obtaining additional mental health staff through the grant to implement these programs. The Committee will receive monthly updates from Mental Health Youth Management on the progress of these programs.

The Committee would like to explore various ways of reducing school violence in the community.

The Committee will continue to recruit a family member, who has or has had a child in the Mental Health System of Care, appointed to serve on the Mental Health Board.



Jane Lewis
Mental Health Board
Children's Committee



Marianne Maneja
Mental Health Board
Children's Committee

**MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE
MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF SAN MATEO COUNTY**

“The Mental Health Board shall consist of sixteen (16) members. One member of the Board shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors. There shall be an equal number of appointees (3) by each member of the Board of Supervisors. The Local Mental Health Board shall interview individuals and make recommendations to the County Supervisors. Counties are encouraged to appoint individuals who have experience and knowledge of the mental health system. The Board membership should reflect the ethnic diversity of the client population of the county.” [Bylaws, Article II, Sec. 3.1]

The Bylaws for the Mental Health Board, which replaced the MHB on January 1, 1993, have the following qualification for membership. Some of the qualifications are mandated by State Statute (shalls) [1 & 6], some are recommendations (shoulds) [4 & 5] and others are determined by the Bylaws [2 & 3].

1. At least half (8) shall be consumers or family of consumers. At least 20% (3) will be consumers, and at least 20% (3) will be family members. This is mandated by state law.
2. The Bylaws recommend that 25% (4) be selected from mental health professionals.
3. The Bylaws recommend that the remaining (3) be appointed from other professionals.
4. According to State Statute, membership should reflect the ethnic diversity of the **client** population in the county.
5. According to State Statute, composition of the Board should represent the demographics of the county as a whole, to the extent possible.

The term of each member of the Board shall be for three years, with staggered appointments so that approximately 1/3 (5) expire each year.

ARTICLE II

FUNCTIONS

The functions of this Board shall include, but not be limited to, the following [W&I 5604.2]:

Part A.

1. To review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities, and special problems.
2. To review any county performance contracts entered into with the state pursuant to Section 5650.
3. To advise the governing body and the local mental health director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
4. To review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
5. To submit an annual report to the governing body on the needs and performance of the county's mental health system.
6. To review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of a local director of mental health services. The board shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the governing body.
7. To review and comment on the county's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the State Mental Health Commission.
8. To interview applicants for the Mental Health Board and make recommendations to the Supervisors, ensuring that the composition of the Mental Health Board represents the demographics of the county as a whole, to the extent feasible [W&I 5604.5.b.].
9. To review the plan for Requests for Proposals (RFP) for contracting out mental health services. For contracts over \$50,000, the Board shall be consulted on the composition of the evaluation committee.

¹ December 31, 1992. These Bylaws have been developed and revised to comply with provisions in Part 2, Chapter 1, Section 5604 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code as revised by statute AB 14, 1992.

Part B.

1. It is the intent of the Legislature that, as part of its duties pursuant to subdivision A, the Local Mental Health Board shall assess the impact of the realignment of services from the state to the county, on services delivered to clients and on the local community [W&I 5604.2.b.1].

2001 MHB COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Meets 3rd Week of Each Month –days vary – 7:30 a.m.,
G. Bataille's office)

Mike Lydon, Chair, Children & Youth Committee Co-Chair
Beth Phoenix, Vice Chair
Eunice Kushman, Adult Services Committee Chair
Alison Mills, Representative to State Organizations
Doris Todd-Brown, MD, Older Adults Committee Chair
Terry Walker, Member at Large
Gale Bataille, Director, Mental Health Services (Staff)

ADULT SERVICES COMMITTEE

(Meets 1st Wednesday, 1:30 a.m., AIDS Conference Room
& Room 132)

Eunice Kushman, Chair
Monica Dea, Co-Chair
Bill Kruse, Member of the Public
Alison Mills, Mental Health Board member
Calvin Shelton, Mental Health Board member
Lois Turner, Member of the Public
Terry Walker, Mental Health Board member
Julie Peck, Mental Health Staff

CHILDREN & YOUTH COMMITTEE

(Meets 1st Wednesday, 2:00 p.m., G. Bataille's Office)

Mike Lydon - Co-Chair
Daniel Forkin, MD, Co-Chair
Greg Cowart, Mental Health Board member
Jane Lewis, Mental Health Board member
Deborah Anne Tan, Member of the Public
Debbie Torres, Mental Health Staff

OLDER ADULTS

(Meets every other 3rd Thursday, 12:00 p.m., La Selva or
other locations to be announced) NEEDVOLUNTEERS

Doris Todd-Brown, MD, Chair
Alison Mills, Mental Health Board member
Beth Phoenix, Mental Health Board member
Diane Dworkin, Mental Health Staff

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Appoint committee annually at February MHB meeting
Committee presents Slate at March MHB meeting
Officers elected at April MHB meeting

LIAISON, TASK FORCE AND AD HOC COMMITTEES

Liaison to Mental Health Agencies - (Meets 2nd Thursday, 9:00 a.m. at Caminar)
Coalition Rehabilitation Committee
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT)
Liaison to Inpatient Services
Neighborhood Housing Concerns
Quality Improvement Committee – Alison Mills

December 6, 2000

The Development of a "Recovery" Approach in San Mateo County
Presented by: Julie Peck, Deputy Director, Adult/Older Adult Services &
Chris Coppola, M.N., Clinical Services Manager

The County's Peer Counselor Program developed a Recovery Committee that meets twice a month or more, if needed. The program's principals are developed on the 12-Step Program. Recovery is a personal/spiritual process and is a profound experience of the recovery. Peers conduct the recovery meetings in an informal setting and invite open discussion to share experiences. Feedback is very positive and "I" statements are encouraged. Living the 12-Step Program concept gives strength, and hope comes from others, which leads to learning. Education is empowerment.

January 3, 2001

Children's Case Management Services
Presented by: Deborah Torres & Linda Simonsen

The Youth Case Management Unit has five full-time clinicians as well as a Youth-to-Adult Transitional Program with a program specialists and two case managers. The managers work with youth in Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES) or the hospital. Referrals come from PES, the mental health teams, and the families. The County also works with the Fred Finch Youth Center that provides the In-Home Crisis Stabilization and Therapeutic Behavioral Services Programs. The goal is to keep the youth at home with their families whenever possible.

February 7, 2001

In lieu of the regular meeting, Beverly Whitcomb, Deputy Executive Officer, California MH Planning Council, gave a presentation on the California Mental Health Master Plan (no minutes were taken).

March 7, 2001

Senior Mental Health Services (SMHS)
Presented by: Julie Peck & Diane Dworkin, Supervising Mental Health Clinician

SMHS works closely with the SM County General Hospital (SMCGH) when an older adult (60 years and older) is hospitalized on Unit 3 A/B. Diane receives admitting information every day and attends a weekly meeting to discuss each admission. SMCGH informs SMHS when a known client is admitted and shares all information to provide treatment and discharge planning. If the client is not in the system, Diane will determine if SMHS can assist in the care/disposition of the older adult.

April 7, 2001

Tour of Cordilleras Health Center/Telecare-Description of Facility Program
Presented by: William Kruse, Administrator

Cordilleras/Telecare has two programs:

Edgewood Suites

- *17 Beds*
- *Male/Female*
- *Age Range = 18 to 59 years old*
- *Originally Opened in January 1996*

- *Board & Care – Mostly transitional*
 - *Has discharged 43 residents since opening (18 own/share apartments)*
 - *50% Recovery Rate*
 - *First and second floors are open – Third floor is locked*
- Magnolia Suites
- *First Floor: Open/12 Beds/All Male*
 - *Second Floor: Open/20 Beds/Male & Female/Opened August August 2000/Three full-time case management staff assigned/ \$90 a month for spending, plus wages (if working)*
 - *Third Floor: Locked/68 Beds/Male & Female/Dual Diagnosis Program/\$40 a month for spending, plus wages (VRS Program)*

May 2, 2001

“Anthony Hoffman” Community Service Awards

In celebration of “May Is Mental Health Month”, the Board awarded certificates of appreciation to the following:

- Ace & Alba Ammenti, Landlords: for providing quality housing in Redwood City for people with serious mental illness.
- Harry Farmer, Volunteer: as a volunteer senior peer counselor in San Mateo County assisting people with serious mental illness.
- Martha McPartlin, Media – San Mateo TIMES: for informing the public in a positive way of the issues of mental illness.
- Ina Pottorff, Volunteer: for her volunteer services for people with serious mental illness.
- Lois Turner, Volunteer: for her volunteer services for people with serious mental illness at AMI and as a Cordilleras Board Member.
- Bill Wolff, Volunteer: for his volunteer services for people with serious mental illness at the San Carlos Friendship Center.

June 6, 2001

1) Proposed Development of a Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) Program for Police Departments in San Mateo County

Presented By: Chris Coppola & Greg Cowart, Chief, Millbrae Police Department & MH Board Member

The purpose of the CIT Program is to develop on-going training and collaborative responses to critical incidents between law enforcement and mentally ill individuals. The state-of-the art model program is in Memphis, TN and locally, in San Jose, CA. San Mateo County Health Services has developed a sub-committee to attend a law enforcement/mental health training session in October in San Jose. The goal is to learn from the training and develop an initiative for San Mateo County to improve the delivery of services from the perspectives of both law enforcement and mental health.

- 2) Update on the Mental Health Coalition Advocacy Day
Presented by: Alison Mills & Terry Walker, MH Board Members

The overall atmosphere of the conference was not as positive as originally hoped due to the fact the State's funding (energy) crisis has resulted in a reduction or elimination of funding for a number of mental health initiatives. San Mateo County was well represented by several members of the MH Board and staff from Cordilleras. Bills discussed were AB 1422 (Thompson), AB 2034 (Steinberg) AB 789 (Salinas), AB 971 (Steinberg), SB 931 (Burton), SB 632 (Perata), and AB 1424 (Thomson).