

# Memo

**To:** Members, Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Rich Gordon *RG*  
**Date:** 10/05/02  
**Re:** Appointment to Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that Cindy Perry be appointed to a four-year term to end on December 31, 2006 on the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board works with the Alcohol and Drug Program in the Human Services Agency and advises the Board of Supervisors on issues related to alcohol and drug treatment and prevention.

There is a dedicated position on the Board for someone who works in law enforcement, which may include criminal justice or probation, and a representative of the County Probation Department has historically filled this position. Deputy Probation Officer Ken Pessa has filled this position for over a decade. Mr. Pessa has served as Chair of the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board and has assumed great responsibility for the success of the County alcohol and drug program. Mr. Pessa has reached the maximum term limits for service and must be replaced on the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board.

Chief Probation Officer Loren Buddress has recommended that Cindy Perry, Probation Services Manager, be appointed to fill this vacancy on the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board. Ms. Perry is currently the manager of the unit in Probation responsible for the implementation of the Proposition 36 alternative program.

I concur with the recommendation of Loren Buddress and recommend that we appoint Cindy Perry to the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board. Ms. Perry would assume this position immediately and would serve a four-year term ending on December 31, 2006.