

# Memo

**To:** Members, Board of Supervisors  
**From:** Rich Gordon <sup>AG</sup> and Mike Nevin <sup>mdn</sup>  
**Date:** 11/10/03  
**Re:** Appointments to the Mental Health Advisory Board

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the following individuals identified in the chart below be appointed to the Mental Health Advisory Board.

| Name               | Appointment Category       | Term of Service   |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|
| Al ...             | Public                     | To 9/30/04        |
| Julie Hoffman      | Family                     | To 9/30/04        |
| Amy Mah            | Public                     | To 9/30/04        |
| Valerie Gibbs      | Mental Health Professional | To 9/30/05        |
| Katherine Kerns    | Consumer                   | To 9/30/05        |
| Renee Aubuchan     | Mental Health Professional | 1/1/04 to 9/30/06 |
| James Fields       | Consumer                   | To 9/30/06        |
| Greg Love          | Public                     | To 9/30/06        |
| Josephine Thompson | Family                     | 1/1/04 to 9/30/06 |

**BACKGROUND:**

The membership of the Mental Health Advisory Board is defined in the Welfare and Institutions Code (Section 5604) and in Board of Supervisors Resolution # 65338. The W&I Code has specific requirements for composition of the MHAB and how members rotate off the MHAB. The Board Resolution specifies that the terms of service begin on October 1<sup>st</sup> and end on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

You will note that each person being recommended for appointment is being recommended in a specific appointment category.

Three individuals (Andrew Calman, Julie Hoffman, and Amy Mah) are being appointed to fill vacancies in terms that expire on September 30, 2004. They would be eligible for re-appointment to a full term at that point.

Two individuals (Valerie Gibbs and Katherine Kerns) are being appointed to fill vacancies in terms that expire on September 30, 2005. They would be eligible for re-appointment to a full term at that point.

Four individuals (Renee Aubuchon, James Fields, Greg Love, and Josephine Thompson) are being appointed to terms that expire on September 30, 2006. It is recommended that James Fields and Greg Love be appointed effective immediately. It is recommended that Renee Aubuchon and Josephine Thompson be appointed effective January 1, 2004. Two current and long-time members of the Mental Health Advisory Board, Doris Brown and Terry Walker, are scheduled to complete service on December 31, 2003. Renee and Josephine will replace Doris and Terry in the appropriate appointment category. Doris and Terry were appointed under an earlier term system, hence the different termination date. With these new appointments the October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> appointment cycle envisioned in the Board Resolution will become effective for all MHAB members.

Interviews were conducted over the past couple of weeks and members of the Mental Health Advisory Board were included in all interviews. Those participating in the interviews concur with our recommendation.