

Memo

To: Members, Board of Supervisors
From: Rich Gordon and Jerry Hill
Date: March 7, 2006
Re: Appointments to Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Joyce Berenstein and Charles Hall be appointed to the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board. Joyce Berenstein and Charles Hall are recommended to the remaining vacant positions that end on December 31st, 2006.

BACKGROUND:

The Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board exists to review the five-year plan to eliminate drug and alcohol abuse as prepared by the Drug and Alcohol Program Administrator. The Board also advises the Board of Supervisors on issues related to substance abuse prevention and treatment.

The Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board is authorized at eleven members. Currently there are two vacancies. These vacancies were advertised and we conducted interviews of applicants. We are recommending the appointment of the following individuals:

Joyce Berenstein is currently retired, and was most recently employed by Chase, Berenstein and Murray, a Burlingame-based law firm. Ms. Berenstein is performing pro bono work for Legal Aid, and has acted as a Pro Tempore Judge to assist the courts when judges are not available for service.

Charles Hall is currently employed as a private consultant for financial institutions and credit card processors. Mr. Hall has been very active in Half Moon Bay community projects, and came highly recommended from a number of local elected officials and other members of the community.