



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Human Services Agency

DATE: January 10, 2007
BOARD MEETING DATE: February 6, 2007
SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING: No
VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors
FROM: Beverly Beasley Johnson, J.D., Director, Human Services Agency
SUBJECT: Dissolution of the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution disbanding the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board (DAAB).

BACKGROUND:

Over the course of the past nine months, the Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Services, a division of the San Mateo County Human Services Agency has been involved in an effort to develop a strategic plan that targets AOD's resources to improve the lives of those with substance abuse issues.

This effort resulted in the Strategic Directions 2010 plan that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in November 2006.

As part of the implementation of the strategic plan, a steering committee will be formed to guide that process. This steering committee will be made up of a wide range of interested stakeholders, including County, AOD providers, regional partners, members of the business, law enforcement, faith-based and education communities, and County departments.

DISCUSSION:

We recommend that the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board (DAAB) be disbanded.

DAAB is an optional body that has been in place in San Mateo County since 1990. Some California counties do not have a drug and alcohol advisory board. The new steering committee, although not now being designated as a replacement for DAAB, could be reconstituted to become the new advisory group for the Board of Supervisors after the implementation process for the strategic plan is completed.

DAAB voted in October 2006 to endorse the strategic plan, the creation of the new steering committee, and the dissolution of DAAB.

The new steering committee will be able to address the issues of note to DAAB while utilizing a larger group of interested parties that state code would not otherwise recognize as part of a drug and alcohol advisory board.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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

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RESOLUTION DISBANDING THE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, on May 8, 1990, this Board adopted Resolution No. 53826, approving the creation of the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board, whose purpose was to advise the Board of Supervisors and Human Services Agency on matters relating to drug and alcohol treatment and prevention; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, this Board has adopted other resolutions revising the membership of the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board (Resolution No. 61601, adopted December 16, 1997) and specifying the responsibilities and membership of the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board and standing rules for its governance (Resolution No. 65336, adopted June 18, 2002); and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, this Board approved the plan for Alcohol and Other Drug Strategic Directions 2010, and the implementation of that plan, which calls for a broadly constituted Steering Committee to develop recommendations, identify standards and accountability measures, and submit annual report cards and budget for the Alcohol and Other Drug Strategic Directions 2010 plan; and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee represents all the interests that are currently represented on the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board, and it is expected to

assume many of the functions previously performed by the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board, and to take responsibility for an even broader scope of drug and alcohol prevention and intervention initiatives than are currently within the authority of the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, state law provides that the creation of a drug and alcohol advisory board is within the discretion of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, in light of the new directions for prevention, treatment and intervention services outlined in the Strategic Directions 2010 strategic plan, it appears that presently constituted Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board is no longer the most effective way to advise this Board of Supervisors and the Human Services Agency on matters relating to drug and alcohol treatment and prevention.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board created by Resolution No. 53826, and revised by Resolutions No. 61601 and 65336, is disbanded effective January 23, 2007, and the resolutions that have been previously adopted by this Board and that are applicable to the Drug and Alcohol Advisory Board are hereby rescinded and repealed.

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