



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
**Inter-Departmental Correspondence**

Board of Supervisors

**DATE:** August 11, 2009  
**BOARD MEETING DATE:** August 25, 2009  
**SPECIAL NOTICE/HEARING:** No  
**VOTE REQUIRED:** Majority

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Supervisor Rich Gordon  
**SUBJECT:** Mental Health Board Appointment

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the removal of Katherine Kerns as a Mental Health Board member and the appointment of Randall Fox to the vacancy created by her removal.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Mental Health Advisory Board Bylaws require all members to attend Board meetings consistently to maintain membership. Section 3.3 of the Bylaws states that a member who misses more than three Board meetings in a twelve month period may be recommended for replacement to the Board of Supervisors.

Currently the board is full. However over the past two years, Ms. Kerns attendance record has not met the standard of Mental Health Board Bylaws. If her position were to become vacant, the Board could appoint one of many qualified applicants.

Randall Fox applied for the consumer position in November, but did not receive the position then. Mr. Fox's application is still on file and he is eligible for the Consumer position. Mr. Fox has a strong educational background and has been a strong voice in the consumer community.

**DISCUSSION:**

Katherine Kerns, a consumer member of the Mental Health Advisory Board, has been able to participate in only five Board meetings over the last two years. I am recommending removal of Katherine Kerns as a member of the Mental Health



Advisory Board and appointment of Randall Fox, also a consumer.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.