

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Board of Supervisors

BOARD AGENDA # *A-4c

Urgent Routine

AGENDA DATE March 30, 2010

CEO Concur with Recommendation YES NO
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

SUBJECT:

Approval of Appointment of Ritta Sudnikoff to the Stanislaus County Mental Health Board

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Appoint Ritta Sudnikoff, representing Supervisorial District Two, to the Stanislaus County Mental Health Board to a term ending on June 30, 2010.

Contact person: Christine Ferraro Tallman, Clerk of the Board

Telephone: 525-4494

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2010-146

On motion of Supervisor O'Brien, Seconded by Supervisor Chiesa

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Grover

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None


1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.



DENISE C. HUNT, RN, MFT
Director

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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March 5, 2010

TO: Christine Ferraro Tallman
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Linda Torres 
Executive Assistant

SUBJECT: MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Attached is an application for appointment to the Mental Health Board submitted by Ritta Sudnikoff. As you are aware, current law requires that 50 percent of the members of the Mental Health Board be consumers and family members. The appointment of Ms. Sudnikoff will ensure that Stanislaus County is in compliance with statute.

Statute also states that the Mental Health Board should "reflect the ethnic diversity of the client population of the County". The appointment of Ms. Sudnikoff will further ensure that Stanislaus County complies with statute. Ms. Sudnikoff is a member of the Latino community and will bring her knowledge and experience to the Mental Health Board.

Ms. Sudnikoff is a resident of District 3. Since there are no vacancies on the Board in District 3, an out of district appointment is requested for her.

Ms. Sudnikoff is the spouse of a member of the Mental Health Board. Following an interview by the Executive Committee of the Board, the issue of husband and wife both being members of the Board was referred for review by County Counsel who found nothing in the law or the Board Bylaws that would prohibit Ms. Sudnikoff's appointment. On the advice of Counsel, staff will be diligent in monitoring issues that may create a conflict of interest for either member.

Mental Health Board members recommend Ms. Sudnikoff's appointment. Behavioral Health and Recovery Services concurs with this recommendation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Attach.