

MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING: July 27, 2009 - Consent	AGENDA NO.: 45
SUBJECT: Accept and approve the By-Laws of the Monterey County Mental Health Commission as amended.	
DEPARTMENT: Health – Behavioral Health Bureau	

RECOMMENDATION

Accept and approve the By-Laws of the Monterey County Mental Health Commission as amended.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION

The California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5604(a)(1) requires each county to have a Mental Health Board or Commission. Monterey County Board of Supervisors Resolution Nos. 80-12, 86-76 and 93-271 established the Monterey County Mental Health Commission ("Commission"). The Mental Health Commission members consider communication between mental health and law enforcement as an essential element to public safety in Monterey County. At its June 24, 2010 meeting, the Commission voted unanimously to submit the following amendment to its By-Laws to the Board of Supervisors for approval: Under Article 2, Composition, Section 2.01, the number of members to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors is proposed to be increased by one, plus one member of the Board of Supervisors, for a amended total of 17 members. The proposed additional member to be appointed by the Board of Supervisors would be a Chief law enforcement officer with a local law enforcement agency from within the boundaries of Monterey County. As required in Article 10, Section 10.02, amendments to the By-Laws become effective immediately upon approval by the Board of Supervisors.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

The Monterey County Health Department's Behavioral Health Bureau provides staff support to the Mental Health Commission. The Behavioral Health Director addresses key issues affecting the County's mental health system at each meeting. The proposed amendment to the By-Laws has been approved as to form by County Counsel. The By-Laws are on file with the Clerk to the Board.

FINANCING

There is no impact to the budget by approving this proposed amendment to the Monterey County Mental Health Commission By-Laws.

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