

Mendocino County Health and Human Services Agency

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Mendocino County Mental Health Board March 17th Meeting in Fort Bragg

The Mental Health Board (MHB) regular monthly meeting on the third Wednesday of each month will be held on March 17th, 9:30 a.m., in the Harbor Conference Room of the County Social Services office, 825 South Franklin Street, Fort Bragg. Members of the public are encouraged to attend these open MHB meetings to ask questions and give testimony during the public comment segment of the meetings.

Each of the five districts in the county has three seats on the MHB, which is a mandated body by the State of California and conforms to the Brown Act. Currently, the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Districts each have one vacant seat on the MHB for which applicants are sought. Mileage reimbursement is available to Board members.

MHB members attend regular monthly meetings as well as the bi-annual meetings of the MHB and Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Committee. MHB members also serve on board

committees of their choice to review county mental health services, provide advice to county mental health administration, and participate in the preparation of a public annual report with recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

In addition to seeking MHB applicants, the board is accepting consumer and consumer family member membership in the board's MHSA Committee. Members of the committee attend County workgroups that include topics about changes in county mental health services. To apply to become an MHSA committee member please send a letter of interest to MHSA Committee Chair Joe Mortz, by email to joemotz@hotmail.com , or by mail to 756-B E; Rio Street, Ukiah CA 95482. For more information call him at 467-9261.

To apply to fill a District seat on the MHB, complete an application and return it to either the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors office or the Mental Health Branch Administrative office, 501 Low Gap Road, Ukiah CA 95482, or fax it to 707-463-4245. The application can be found in the Mendocino County website at <http://www.co.mendocino.ca.us/bos/pdf/APPLICATION.pdf>.

Upon receipt by the Clerk of the Board, applications for a seat on the MHB go to its Chair to schedule applicant interviews with the board which makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for appointments to the MHB.

For more information about the MHB application process contact Sandra O'Connor, Mental Health Board Chair by calling 707-459-3677, or email lairdsmith@comcast.net .

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