

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

826A



FROM: Department of Mental Health

SUBMITTAL DATE:
August 20, 2012

SUBJECT: Recovery Happens Month

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim September 2012 as Substance Abuse "Recovery Happens Month."

BACKGROUND: Since 1994, the Riverside County Department of Mental Health's (RCDMH) Substance Abuse Program has requested that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors recognize its annual celebration called "Recovery Happens Month". This annual event celebrates individual recovery, and promotes the success of California's diverse substance abuse prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery programs. Recovery Happens Month also recognizes the extraordinary achievements of those individuals and their families in recovery. This year's theme for the Riverside Recovery Happens Month is "RECOVERY HAPPENS-You Want It We Got It", and the theme for the Desert Recovery Happens Month is "CELEBRATE HEALTHY FAMILIES-Protect Our Children... A Recovery Happens Event."**(Continued on page 2).**

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Jerry Wengard

Jerry Wengard, Director
Department of Mental Health

FINANCIAL DATA

Current F.Y. Total Cost:	N/A	In Current Year Budget:	N/A
Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	N/A	Budget Adjustment:	N/A
Annual Net County Cost:	N/A	For Fiscal Year:	2012/2013

SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A

Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

County Executive Office Signature

BY: *Debra Cournoyer*
Debra Cournoyer

- Policy
- Consent
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- Consent

Dept Recomm.:
Par Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: 8/16/11; 2.17

District: All

Agenda Number:

2.21

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SUBJECT: Recovery Happens Month

BACKGROUND (CONT'D):

Recovery Happens Month has been instrumental in enhancing the community's knowledge of the problematic use of alcohol and other drugs in California. Therefore, the RCDMH, Substance Abuse Program requests the Board of Supervisors formally recognize and proclaim September 2012 as the eighteenth annual Riverside County "Recovery Happens Month".

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No County funds are required.

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

PROCLAMATION

“RECOVERY HAPPENS MONTH”

WHEREAS, celebrating individuals in substance abuse recovery and recognizing the achievement of those individuals and their families helps educate our community about the benefits of treatment, and affirms that substance use disorders are treatable, and builds a stronger, healthier community; and

WHEREAS, successful completion of substance abuse treatment and recovery programs reduces: unnecessary county health care costs; lost productivity; the number of people incarcerated; street and gang violence; school dropout rates; crime; recidivism; the burden on law enforcement; and the financial drain on our economy; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse treatment improves the quality of life for individuals, families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County Department of Mental Health Substance Abuse Program welcomes and supports individuals and their families in all stages of recovery; and

WHEREAS, thousands of individuals are now living clean and sober, productive, responsible lives as a result of substance abuse treatment and recovery services in The County of Riverside; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the Riverside County Board of Supervisors demonstrates its continued support and commitment to substance abuse treatment and recovery, and does hereby proclaim the month of September 2012, “Recovery Happens Month”.