



# Solano County

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## Legislation Text

**File #:** 19-566, **Version:** 1

Approve the appointments of Margaret Buckley and Elizabeth Edwards to the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, each filling a seat for a person in long-term recovery, and each for a three year term to expire July 2022

Published Notice Required? Yes ☐ No ☒  
Public Hearing Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

### **DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Health and Social Services (H&SS) recommends that the Board approve the appointments of Margaret Buckley and Elizabeth Edwards to the Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board, each filling a seat for a person in long-term recovery, and each for a three year term to expire July 2022.

### **SUMMARY/ DISCUSSION:**

The Alcohol and Drug Advisory Board (ADAB) is an advisory board to the Board of Supervisors, composed of individuals from diverse backgrounds and disciplines that represent a cross-section of Solano County. The ADAB ensures that community needs are met with regard to substance abuse related issues through prevention, early intervention, treatment, and ongoing recovery. The ADAB reviews, evaluates, and participates in planning processes, advises the Board of Supervisors, and encourages public understanding of alcohol and drug issues, thereby assuring the most effective use of prevention and treatment funds.

The ADAB bylaws allow for nine members, two of which are dedicated for persons in long-term recovery. This assures that the ADAB members are informed by the point of view of the lived experience(s) of people in recovery from drug or alcohol issues.

Ms. Buckley is interested in public awareness programs and outreach to citizens in need of recovery services. She is a certified paralegal and is currently employed by the Social Security Administration in the Office of Hearing Operations; she also has run her own legal documentation business in the county since 2015.

Ms. Edwards is a nationally renowned artist and serves on the Advisory Council for the Faces and Voices of Recovery, a national advocacy organization located in Washington, D.C. She is in constant contact with recovery organizations throughout the United States and will bring a fresh perspective to the ADAB.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

These appointments have no fiscal impact on the County General Fund. The costs of preparing this report are nominal and absorbed by the Department's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose to not approve these two additions to the ADAB. This is not recommended because the appointment of two persons in long-term recovery is a membership requirement of the ADAB bylaws.

### **OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

None.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION