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**AGENDA DATE:** September 3, 2008  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**DEPARTMENT:** Health & Human Services  
**PRESENTED BY:** Rob Rockstroh



**AGENDA TITLE:** IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO FILL A VACANCY ON THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY/LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG PLANNING COMMITTEE.

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**I. MOTION**

In the Matter of Appointing One Member to Fill a Vacancy on the Mental Health Advisory/Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee.

**II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

The Mental Health Advisory/Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee (MHAC/LADPC) LM3.524 seeks to fill one vacancy created by the August 31, 2008 term expiration of one of its members.

**III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION**

**A. Board Action and Other History**

A vacancy notice was advertised from July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008. At the close of the advertising period three applications were received. A fourth application was received after the deadline date of July 31<sup>st</sup>. Although this application was not submitted in time to be considered for this posting, it will be kept on file for one year in the event another vacancy is posted.

The MHAC/LADPC convened a subcommittee and conducted interviews of the three applicants. The MHAC/LADPC herewith nominated a candidate with an extensive background in the mental health forum.

The proposed appointment would be as follows:

1. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: TERM EXPIRATION:

Sandra Scheetz

August 31, 2012

## 2. MEMBERSHIP

### TOTAL MEMBERSHIP: 12

Current committee composition, by Commissioner District (see attached committee membership list) with 1 vacancy is:

- West Lane – 2 members
- Springfield – 1 member
- South Eugene – 6 members
- North Eugene – 1 member
- East Lane – 1 member

Proposed committee composition, by Commissioner District of appointment, if approved:

- West Lane – 2 members
- Springfield – 1 member
- South Eugene – 7 members
- North Eugene – 1 member
- East Lane – 1 member

### APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED: 3

ADVERTISING PERIOD: July 1, 2008 – July 31, 2008.

TERM: Four (4) year term. (8-31-2012)

## B. Policy Issues

The nominee meets and exceeds the minimum qualifications for service on this advisory committee.

## C. Board Goals

Meets Board objective of encouraging citizen participation.

## D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

Recruitment for committees represents a significant, ongoing expense for H&HS.

H&HS is very reliant on advisory committees and the pool of applicants, possessing the specialized needs required to adequately staff these committees.

## E. Analysis

The nominee possesses an extensive background in the mental health field.

**F. Alternatives / Options**

1. Appoint the nominee.
2. Reject the nomination and consider the other applicants and/or re-post the vacancy.

**IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION**

If Board approval is received, this member would be added to the MHAC/LADPC with an effective date of 9/3/08 to serve their first term ending on 08/31/2012.

**V. RECOMMENDATION**

Both the MHAC/LADPC and Health & Human Services staff approve the nominations proposed above.

**VI. FOLLOW-UP**

Board approval being received for this appointment, the prospective member would be issued an appointment letter and would be invited to attend the next MHAC/LADPC meeting.

**VII. ATTACHMENTS**

Board Order  
2008 MHAC/LADPC Membership List  
Applications  
Letters of Appointment and Non-Appointment

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER:** ) IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO  
) FILL A VACANCY ON THE MENTAL HEALTH  
) ADVISORY/LOCAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG PLANNING  
) COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, there is one vacancy on the Mental Health Advisory Committee/Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee; and

WHEREAS, the vacancy was posted and one applicant out of the three that applied to fill the vacant position has received endorsement for appointment from the Committee; and

WHEREAS, this matter having been fully considered by the Lane County Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the following individual be appointed to serve on the Mental Health Advisory/Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee effective immediately, said term to expire as indicated below:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>	<u>Term</u>
Sandra Scheetz	08-31-2012	First

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2008.

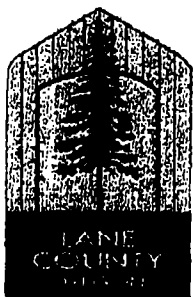
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Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 8/22/08 Lane County  
Faye Stewart  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY/LOCAL ALCOHOL & DRUG PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**Membership List With Term Expirations**  
**August 31, 2008**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Commissioner</b>
Albi, Gordie	08-31-10	First Term	Sorenson
Holser, MaryAnn	08-31-11	First Term	Sorenson
Kriegh, Rena	08-31-10	First Term	Green
Leeds, Michael	08-31-10	(CT)	Sorenson
Mueller, Tim	08-31-09	First Term	Sorenson
Rogers, Diane	08-31-10	First Term	Fleenor
Sullivan, Larry	08-31-11	First Term	Dwyer
Wells, Jennifer	08-31-09	First Term	Stewart
Wright, Bob	08-31-10	Second Term	Sorenson
Wright, Charles	08-31-09	First Term	Sorenson
Zoller, Phillip	08-31-11	Second Term	Fleenor
Commissioner Bill Dwyer		Lane County Commissioner	



Lane County  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: <i>Sandra Scheetz Eugene</i>	DATE: <i>7/31/2008</i>
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: <i>Mental Health Advisory</i>	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.) *Thirty-four years experience as a psychiatric nurse, have worked in acute and long-term psych care, 11 years in administration of behavioral health at Sacred Heart; 9 yrs. as administrator of Lane Co. Psych Hospital. Currently review mental health cases for Pacific Source Health Plans. Was a member of Lane Care Oversight Committee.*
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make? *I am extremely knowledgeable about mental health and substance abuse services in the county, and in administration and finance and believe I can provide insights on continuing to make available quality services to Lane Co. citizens.*
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed. *Declining mental health and substance abuse (SA) treatment services leading to fewer people served, and more individuals incarcerated for lack of care and treatment. Increased use of jails as treatment sites for mental illness and substance use with fewer services available in the jail.*
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.) *I have spent 11 years on the Board of Shelter Care including 2 years as Board President; member of the 100% mental health access committee of the United Way; chair of a United Way review panel.*
5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or age in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort? *Care and treatment for mental illness or substance abuse should be "color blind", that is should have no biases. I will adhere to non-discrimination principles and maintain awareness during committee work or review of any programs.*
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones? *None for Lane County. See above regarding Shelter Care and United Way community volunteer work.*
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)

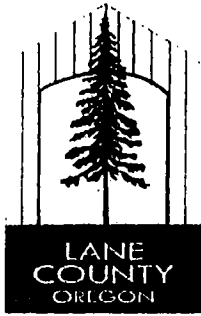
No  Yes Specify:

8. How did you learn about this vacancy?  Newspaper  Word of mouth  Other:

9. In which County Commissioner District do you reside? please check one:

- Unsure  West Lane County  Springfield  South Eugene  North Eugene  East Lane County

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 a. Members of County advisory groups will serve a maximum of two consecutive terms when term lengths are three or more years in length.  
 b. The deadline for incumbent applications will be the same as the deadline for new applications.  
 \* Unless waived by the Board.



Lane County  
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
APPLICATION

APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY: Mary Meacham - Eugene	DATE: 7/14/08
NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE: Mental Health Advisory/Local Alcohol + Drug Planning Committee.	PLEASE CHECK ONE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Reappointment

1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.)  
I have a Masters degree in Social Work and 30 years experience providing and administering behavioral health services. See resume.
2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make?  
See attachment with answers to two questions.
3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.  
integration of primary health and behavioral health care  
treatment of co-occurring mental illness and addictions  
inadequate funding for services  
work force shortages.
4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)  
My experience in the field has been as a provider and an administrator.
5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or age in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort?  
See attachment with answers to two questions.
6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?  
no
7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30 days.)  
 No  Yes Specify:
8. How did you learn about this vacancy?  Newspaper  Word of mouth  Other:
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Lane County  
Citizen Advisory Committee Application  
Mental Health Advisory / Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee

Answer to Question # 2.

Why do you want to become a member of this committee and what contributions do you hope to make?

Since moving to Lane County from New York State last winter, I have worked to familiarize myself with the mental health and addiction services in Oregon and Lane County. I recognize many of the issues from my previous experience and may be able to contribute some perspective that is helpful. I am also very current with national regulatory, revenue, audit, and quality trends and could offer some of that information but only where it would be of use. I would not expect to impose my views on others and would expect to learn as much as I contribute.

Answer to Question # 5.

If selected, how would you contribute to the effort to have Lane County reflect diverse cultures on its boards and committees and avoid discrimination on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, disability or age?

I have observed that the stigma of mental illness is very much alive. One of the most important roles of the Committee is the promotion of the message that treatment works. Treatment is more successful when it is sensitive to cultural characteristics of the individuals served. I would expect that part of the Committee's responsibility is assuring that takes place in Lane County services. Deliberations about new and old policies should include consideration of their potential for discrimination.



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CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
**APPLICATION**

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**APPLICANT'S NAME AND CITY:** Thomas A. Wilson      **DATE:** July 31, 2008  
**NAME OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Mental Health Advisory Committee/ Local Alcohol & Drug Planning Committee. **PLEASE CHECK ONE:** New Applicant  XXX  
Application for Reappointment   
No Yes Specify:

**1. Give a brief description of the experience or training that qualifies you for membership on this advisory committee (If you wish, you may attach a resume or other pertinent material.)**

NAMI of Lane County, joined in 1987, Served on the Board of Directors, Vice President, President (1 year), member of several committees, including education. Other positions, trainings include;

Support Group Facilitator. In Our Own Voice speaker, co-coordinator. Peer to Peer trainer. Community Speaker. Represented NAMI at other community committees.

Halfway House Services, Inc. Member, Board of Directors, starting in 1988 for approximately 12 years. Served as President, Vice President, and board committees including, finance and personnel. Familiar with state audits and paperwork necessary to adhere to regulation and rules. (until 2001) Also trained as relief staff person, see attached letter.

Lane County Consumer Council Advisory Committee. Member at Large.

Mind Freedom International. Member of Lane County Advisory Council.

Opal Network. Start up committee, planning committee, Facilitator.

Also have served the community through Boy Scouts, and various leadership positions in my Faith community.

**2. Why do you want to become a member of this committee, and what specific contributions do you hope to make**

Mental Health issues have been my passion since becoming involved with the care of a family member in mid- 1980's. Since then I have been a resource to more family members and others. I have the ability to work with a diverse group of people and build community if not consensus. I like to look at issues from the perspective of others to challenge my own preconceptions.

**3. List the community concerns related to this committee that you would like to see addressed if you are appointed.** Some of my concerns are focusing on recovery rather than stability to move participants **through** Mental Health Services rather than getting stuck in the system. A Family member describes this as "Stable but not able".

How our youth enter/do not enter the system. Continued education with-in the community about recovery.

**4. Briefly describe your present or past involvement in relevant community groups. (Having no previous involvement will not disqualify you for appointment.)** Answered in Question 1.

**5. Lane County is committed to reflecting diverse cultures on its boards/committees and does not discriminate against any person on the basis of gender, race, color, national origin, religion, disability, or age in employment or in admission, treatment, or participation in its programs, services, and activities. If selected, how would you contribute to this effort?**

Though I am a white male, I have worked with many of other cultures, and it has usually been a pleasure to meet and be welcoming to all. Early on as a tree planter worked for a season as one of two English speaking people on a Hispanic crew to facilitate communications with American Forest Products company personnel. Enjoyed working with my Asian co-workers at Hynix and before that HMT technologies especially the patient practice of communicating technological tasks.

**6. Are you currently serving on any Advisory Boards or Committees? If so, which ones?**

Mind Freedom, Lane County Advisory Board  
Opal Network  
Lane County Consumer Advisory council.

**7. Are you employed by, have any business, contractual arrangements or family connections with programs having contractual agreements with the County or that might be within the purview of the committee on which you are seeking appointment? (If there is a change in your circumstances, please advise the staff for the committee within 30days.)**

Though in the past I have earned stipends or pay, I am not currently receiving any.

**8. How did you learn about this vacancy? Newspaper Word of mouth Other: email**

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**Please Print**

Name: Wilson, Thomas

(Last) (First)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Home Phone: (541) \_\_\_\_\_ How Long Have You Lived in Lane County? \_\_\_\_

Years 32 Months

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Information in this box consisting of home addresses and phone numbers may be exempt from disclosure per ORS 192.502(3).

**OPTIONAL INFORMATION**

Lane County is required under state and federal guidelines to identify applicants by ethnicity, race, gender and age. Supplying this

September 3, 2008

Sandy Scheetz  
4916 Larkwood Street  
Eugene, OR 97405

RE: Mental Health Advisory Board Committee Member Appointment

Dear Ms. Scheetz:

Congratulations on your appointment to the Mental Health Advisory Board. Lane County is most fortunate to have a person with your knowledge, interest and willingness to serve on this board.

On behalf of the county commissioners, I hope that your association with the Mental Health Advisory Committee/Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee will be beneficial and rewarding.

Mental Health Advisory/Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee meetings are held on the fourth Thursday of the month, 11-1:00 p.m. at the Lane County Mental Health building, Michael Rogers Conference Room, 2411 Martin Luther King Blvd., Eugene. However, an annual retreat is held each October and if possible, you are asked to attend. Details will be provided closer to the retreat date. If you have questions about your appointment, please contact C.A. Baskerville, 682-3031 or Jennifer Wells at (541) 937-1070.

Best wishes to you as you assume your new responsibilities. I look forward to your participation in the next meeting on September 25, 2008.

Sincerely,

Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

September 03, 2008

Mary Meacham  
2663 W. 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Eugene, OR 97405

RE: Mental Health Advisory Board Committee Member Appointment

Dear Ms. Meacham:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for taking the time to apply for the position on the Mental Health Advisory Board.

Making a final choice from among the many applicants for the position was quite difficult. However, after careful consideration of qualifications, background, and experience, we have selected another applicant to fill the position on the Mental Health Advisory Board.

Although you have not been selected at this time, your interest in these issues is apparent and we invite your participation in other ways. The Mental Health Advisory Committee/Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee, has several subcommittees, which are open to anyone interested. If you would like to learn more about these subcommittees and how you can get involved, please contact the following:

- Mental Health Services: Charlie Wright at 485-4399
- Alcohol and Drug: Phil Zoller at 541-902-7732
- Developmental Disabilities: Tim Mueller at 521-7208

We will continue to keep your application on file for a year from date of receipt, and if another vacancy should occur during this time your application will be automatically submitted for consideration.

Your interest in serving Lane County is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

September 03, 2008

Thomas Wilson  
665 Level Lane  
Springfield, OR 97477

RE: Mental Health Advisory Board Committee Member Appointment

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for taking the time to apply for the position on the Mental Health Advisory Board.

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Sincerely,

Faye Stewart, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

September 03, 2008

Marty Paola  
738 Throne Dr. #299  
Eugene, OR 97402

RE: Mental Health Advisory Board Committee Member Appointment

Dear Mr. Paola:

I would like to acknowledge and thank you for taking the time to apply for the position on the Mental Health Advisory Board.

Although your application was received after the deadline and we were not able to consider you with this round of applicants, your interest in these issues is apparent and we invite your participation in other ways. The Mental Health Advisory Committee/Local Alcohol and Drug Planning Committee, has several subcommittees, which are open to anyone interested. If you would like to learn more about these subcommittees and how you can get involved, please contact the following:

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Lane County Board of Commissioner