

# Palmer named to mental health panel

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Jim Palmer, President of the Orange County Rescue Mission, and County Housing and Community Development Commissioner, has been appointed to the California Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Steering Committee of Orange County.

Proposition 63 (MHSA) was passed by voters in November to address the needs of those with mental illness.

Palmer was invited to join the committee to help come

up with a strategic plan to present to the state to improve mental health services in Orange County.



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Each member has been selected by the County of Orange Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services Department according to State Department of Mental Health guidelines to serve on this committee.

The purpose of the MHSA

Steering Committee is to improve the lives of those adults afflicted with serious and persistent mental illness

and children with serious emotional disturbances by transforming the public mental health system.

"I was happy to be appointed," Palmer said.

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As a result of Prop 63,

Orange County is likely to be in the range of \$30 to \$50 million per year to expand mental health services to

children, adults, and older adults.

Palmer has 26 years of experience in serving the least, the homeless and

underprivileged of Orange County.

He will join 58 other professionals from around Orange County on the MHSA Steering Committee.

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