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APPLICATION FOR REPRESENTATION ON THE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Date: Dec. 5, 2012 Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____

Name: Absey Cindy Marie
Last First Middle

Address: Rm. Number Street City Zip Code

Occupation: Victim/Witness Director, District Attorney's Office

Supervisor/District #: N/A

1. Do you or your spouse work for the California State Department of Health Care Services, or for County Behavioral Health Department, or a Behavioral Health Contract agency? (These categories are ineligible.)

Yes No

2. State law requires that Behavioral Health/Mental Health Boards be made up in part of persons who have received mental health services. Have you or has any member of your family ever received mental health services?

Self Family Neither

3. Why do you want to participate as a Behavioral Health Board member?

To help represent the interests of crime victims and the District Attorney's Office in Board discussions and recommendations.

4. **Education, Knowledge, Experience:** List school courses, volunteer activities, special skills, training, certificates, licenses, or work experience that you feel relate to your qualifications:

M.A. (Counseling) coursework, Arizona State University; B.A. (Psychology), University of North Dakota;

Numerous trainings over the past 30 years in crime victims' rights and services, including issues related to victims with disabilities; membership on the San Luis Obispo County Adult Services Policy Council (ASPC); membership, including 2 terms as President, with the California Crime Victims' Assistance Association (CCVAA); multiple services on committees and advisory groups for the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA), California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB), and the California District Attorney's Association (CDA).

5. Please describe your personal and/or professional experience with mentally ill persons; substance abuse disorders and/or co-occurring disorders.

Professionally, many cases handled by the District Attorney's Office involve victims and/or offenders with mental disorders or conditions. Currently, the D.A. has a number of pending murder cases involving alleged offenders with mental health issues.

6. How much time will you be able to devote to Mental Health Board duties/activities?

2-3 hours/month 4-6 hours/month 7-10 hours of more/mo.

SELF IDENTIFICATION: We need to ask your age; racial or ethnic group and sex to make sure Affirmative Action guidelines are considered. This information is voluntary and if you object to filling it out, YOU NEED NOT DO SO.

Age: _____ Sex: _____ **Check One:** White Black
Asian Spanish/Hispanic
Filipino Native American
Other

Physical Handicap: _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

Behavioral Health Board
Membership Committee
2180 Johnson Avenue
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401