COUNTY AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Board of Commissioners	Presenter(s):	Chairman Charles W. Oddo
Meeting Date:	Thursday, May 14, 2015	Type of Request:	New Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Consideration of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Gale L. Anderson to the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board for a three-year term beginning March 1, 2015 and expiring February 28, 2018.

Background/History/Details:

The Regional Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board (Regional Planning Board) is a volunteer body composed of three members appointed by the Fayette County Board of Commissioners and by the governing authorities of thirty other counties located in central-western Georgia. The duties of the Regional Planning Board include but are not limited to assisting the Region Six Regional Office in preparing an annual plan for the provision of all disabilities serves in the Region Six area. This assistance may include consulting with families, customers, providers, and advocacy groups in order to identify local needs, gaps in services, and recommended priorities.

Fayette County advertised for one available position to the Regional Planning Board after Ms. Jackie Beggs term expired. Five citizens properly applied however four appeared for an interview. The Selection Committee, comprised of Vice Chair Coston and Commissioner Barlow interviewed all four applicants and selected Ms. Gail L. Anderson to serve on the Regional Planning Board.

The Board is requested to approve the Selection Committee's recommendation to the Region Six Board.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval of the Selection Committee's recommendation to appoint Gale L. Anderson to the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board for a three-year term beginning March 1, 2015 and expiring February 28, 2018.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Not Applicable.

Has this request been considered within the past two years?	No	If so, when?	
Is Audio-Visual Equipment Required for this Request?*	No	Backup Provided with Request?	Yes

**** All audio-visual material must be submitted to the County Clerk's Office no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting. It is also your department's responsibility to ensure all third-party audio-visual material is submitted at least 48 hours in advance.***

Approved by Finance	Not Applicable	Reviewed by Legal	
Approved by Purchasing	Not Applicable	County Clerk's Approval	Yes
Administrator's Approval			

Staff Notes:

Action Agenda
Region Six Planning Board Selection Committee Meeting
April 22, 2015
140 Stonewall Avenue, West
Suite 100
Fayetteville, GA 30290

Committee Members Present: Vice Chair Pota Coston
Commissioner David Barlow

The Selection Committee came to order at 10:30 a.m.

The Selection Committee interviewed Julia Matulia at 10:30 a.m. The interview was for the purpose of filling one available position on the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board. The interview lasted for approximately fifteen minutes.

The Selection Committee did not take formal action.

The Selection Committee recommended Gale L. Anderson for the Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board, and notified the County Clerk's Office of the recommendation.

The Selection Committee adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

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Pota Coston, Vice Chair
Fayette County Board of Commissioners

9:00am

Gail L. Anderson
[redacted]

March 10, 2015

Mr. Floyd L. Jones, County Clerk
Fayette County Board of Commissioners
140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Suite 100
Fayetteville, Georgia 30214

Dear Mr. Jones,

It was a pleasure speaking with you on February 25th regarding the vacant position on the Region Six Mental Health, Development Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases (MHDDAD) Region Planning Board.

Enclosed for your review and submittal is my application package to include: 1) completed application with answers provided in *Word* document; and 2) a brief bio.

Again, thank you for your assistance, and I look forward to hearing from the review and selection committee in the near future.

Yours truly,
[redacted]
Gail L. Anderson

Enclosures

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT
Fayette County Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board

Thank you for your interest in being considered for appointment to the Region Six Mental Health, Development Disabilities, and Addictive Diseases (MHDDAD) Regional Planning Board.

The Region Six MHDDAD Board members are appointed by thirty counties to terms lasting three years each. Meetings are typically held every other month, and are generally held on the second Wednesday of said month from 1:00 until 4:00 p.m. The meetings take place at the Upson County Senior Center located at 302 South Bethel Street, Thomaston, Georgia.

Please take a few minutes to complete the form and answer the questions below and return it with a resume, if available, to Floyd Jones, County Clerk, 140 Stonewall Avenue, West, Suite 100, Fayetteville, GA 30214 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2015.

If you have any questions, please call (770) 305-5102.

NOTE: Information provided on this form is subject to disclosure as a public record under Georgia Open Records Law.

NAME Gail L. Anderson

ADDRESS [redacted]

TELEPHONE (day) (404) 456-6759

(evening) same as above

(email address) [redacted]

[redacted]

Signature

3/10/2015
Date

1. How long have you been a resident of Fayette County?

2. Why are you interested in serving on the Region Six MHDDAD Board?

3. What qualifications and experience do you possess for appointment to the Region Six MHDDAD Board?

4. List your recent employment experiences to include name of company and position.

5. Do you have any past experience relating to the Region Six MHDDAD Board? If so, please describe.

6. Are you currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in and elected capacity with any government?

7. Have you attended any Region Six MHDDAD Board meetings in the past two years and, if so, how many?

8. Are you willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense?

9. What is your vision of the county's future related to the duties of the Region Six MHDDAD Board?

10. Would there be any possible conflict of interest between your employment or your family and you serving on the Region Six MHDDAD Board?

11. Are you in any way related to a County Elected Official or County employee? If so, please describe.

12. Describe your current community involvement.

13. Have you been given a copy of the county's Ethics Ordinance?

14. Is there any reason you would not be able to comply with the Ethics Ordinance?

Application for Appointment
Fayette County Region Six Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and
Addictive Diseases Regional Planning Board

1. I have been a resident of Fayette County since 2005.

2. I am interested in serving on the Region Six MHDDAD Board to provide a unique perspective to mental health, developmental disabilities, and addictive diseases that affect our communities and families. As a police officer, I have interfaced with these medical issues and social challenges while making lawful decisions that would serve in the best interest of the individual, families and communities directly impacted. With that in mind, during my tenure as a police officer, I have been committed to specialized training, such as Crisis Intervention Training (CIT), to provide the professionalism, empathy and transparency to all citizens I serve. Moreover, my interest is to bring my experience to the Board while learning and engaging with other Board members to provide leadership, guidance and professionalism for a cohesive annual plan that supports Region Six Regional Office's mission.

3. The qualifications and experience include an array of core competencies. For example, I have experience with teaching and mentorship as a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Trainer, and in the area of training and development as a Senior Law Enforcement Instructor for various courses. As a law enforcement officer, I acquired regulatory compliance and standards' experience as an Accreditation Manager, and in the area of community outreach and criminal justice, exercised my authority lawfully to citizens and communities. Moreover, I obtained an undergraduate and graduate degrees that instilled great analytical and strategic thinking skills. As a member of my community, I serve as a proactive leader equipped with organizational, interpersonal, and problem-solving aptitudes.

4. My work experience as a police officer has been with Clayton County Police Department, Georgia World Congress Public Safety Training Center, and College Park Police Department.

5. No, I do not have any past experience relating to the Region Six MHDDAD Board.

6. No, I am not currently serving on a commission/board/authority or in an elected capacity with any government.

7. I have not attended any Region Six MHDDAD Board meetings in the past two years.

8. Yes, I am willing to attend seminars or continuing education classes at county expense.

9. My vision of the county's future related to the duties of the Region Six MHDDAD Board is to provide a vehicle for more inclusiveness and less stigma for persons with mental illness, disabilities and substance abuse problems. This effort would be to better facilitate the existing resources and treatment provided through education and cooperative networking with private and public entities that provide such services.

10. No, I do not foresee any conflict with work or family while serving on the Board.

11. No, I am not related to any County Elected Official or County employee.

12. I actively support my community through public and social service activities. For example, I devote my time to educate the community on safety awareness and other community related matters by speaking with various organizations. As a Master Gardner, I volunteer my knowledge to neighbors on planting and landscape ideas. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service organization, I participate and support youth education and development and voter registration, to name a few. I am an active member of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, Fayette Visioning Initiative – Community Committee, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

13. Yes, I have been given a copy of the county's Ethics Ordinance.

14. No, I will be able to comply with the Ethics Ordinance.

Gail L. Anderson - Biography

Gail L. Anderson has been a resident of Fayetteville, Georgia since 2005. Gail L. Anderson is a seven-year veteran police officer, and since 2012, she has been employed with the Clayton County Police Department in Clayton County, Georgia. Throughout her tenure in law enforcement, she strategically focused on advanced training and law enforcement instruction.

In that regard, among many of her achievements, Gail L. Anderson ascertained two pivotal certifications as a Senior Law Enforcement Instructor and Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Trainer. As a Senior Instructor, she trained taught, and evaluated officers throughout the Georgia's Peace Officer Standard Training (POST) instructor training program. Subsequently, Gail L. Anderson improved upon her experience as she acquired the Georgia POST certification in Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training. It was during that training where she developed knowledge of and skills to identify, recognize and de-escalate crisis incidents with persons with mental illnesses. Gail L. Anderson demonstrated her leadership and training skills on many police incident calls where she put into action her de-escalation skills during crisis incidents involving persons with mental illnesses and pursued the medical attention they needed.

As she recognized the increased crisis incidents with mentally ill persons, from all backgrounds, Gail L. Anderson increased her awareness and advocacy for better law enforcement training. She then accomplished the CIT Trainer program where she had become qualified to coordinate and instruct the CIT training program to fellow law enforcement personnel. She also designed, organized and taught a modified CIT program for civilians. Her advocacy as a police officer for improved police response and accountability to crisis calls with mentally ill persons is paramount to building a better-informed public and inclusiveness for all members of the community.

Gail L. Anderson received a B.A. from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and a M.S. from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. She is currently pursuing her second Master's Degree at the University of Southern California's Masters of Social Work, Virtual Academic Center Program. Gail L. Anderson actively supports her community through public and social service activities. For example, she devotes her time to educate her community on safety awareness and other community related matters by speaking with various organizations. As a Master Gardner, she volunteers her knowledge to neighbors on planting and landscape ideas. As a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service organization, she has participated and supported youth education and development and voter registration, to name a few. She is an active member of the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce, Fayette Visioning Initiative – Community Committee, and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).