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FORMER DRUG ADDICTS CELEBRATE THEIR SOBRIETY ***“Recovery Happens” Event Takes Place September 17***

WHAT: People in recovery from drug and/or alcohol addiction will share their stories and path to recovery at an event to commemorate September as *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*.

Participants will also celebrate their months and years of being clean and sober with family and friends and encourage drug users to seek help.

WHO: **Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price**, County of San Diego Board of Supervisors
Nick Macchione, Director, County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)
Susan Bower, Director, Alcohol and Drug Services, HHSA
Judge Peter L. Gallagher, San Diego County Superior Court, Adult Drug Court
People in recovery

WHEN: **Friday, September 17, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.**

WHERE: **County Administration Center—Bayside Plaza**
1600 Pacific Highway

WHY: During 2009, more than 12,000 people were admitted into County-funded treatment centers. Approximately, 10,000 were adults and about 2,000 were under the age of 18.

Meth was the primary drug of choice for more than 38 percent of adults entering treatment, with marijuana (77%) being the primary drug of choice among adolescents.

It is estimated that more than 20 million Americans, 12 years of age and older, use illicit drugs, according to the 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health.

Typically, about one third of people who enter treatment complete their program, one third drop out, and one third make some progress toward recovery.

The County of San Diego Board of Supervisors declared September Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in the county.

People with substance abuse problems can call the County’s Access and Crisis Line at (800) 479-3339.

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