

Staff Briefing

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Santa Barbara County Department of Alcohol, Drug & Mental Health Services

Patients' Rights Advocate Hired



Deedrea Edgar

Deedrea Edgar has been hired as the ADMHS Patients' Rights Advocate, succeeding **Angela Romanello**, who moved to Visalia, California. Angie supervises psychiatric

technicians who provide mental health care to inmates at Corcoran State Prison.

Ms. Edgar is bilingual, has a law degree, and has passed the California Bar. Prior to the appointment, she served as Student Affairs and External Relations Manager for the Chemistry Department at UCSB.

As Patients' Rights Advocate, Ms. Edgar ensures that recipients of mental health services are notified of their rights and conducts or oversees investigations of complaints from or concerning recipients of services.

"Ms. Edgar is an exciting, well-qualified individual who will bring a great deal of energy and talent to the representation of consumers," notes Dr. Jim Broderick, ADMHS Director. "Please join me in welcoming her to the ADMHS team."



Congratulations to **Ernest Thomas**, who has been appointed Interim Facilities Manager to succeed **Tony Murguia** (see below). Ernest joined the staff of ADMHS last March after serving as Manager of Administrative Service/Facilities Administration at Tenet Healthcare for 20 years.

Moving on ...

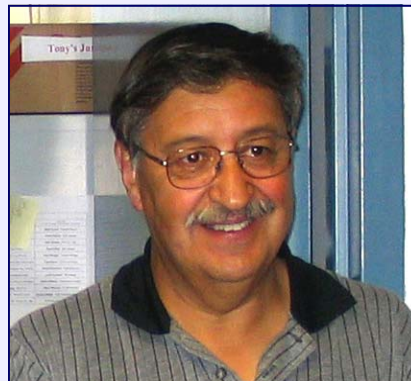
- ▶ We are sorry to lose 16-year ADMHS veteran **Tony Manuel** and congratulate him on his promotion to Departmental Analyst—Fiscal with the County Executive's Office.
- ▶ As many of you know, during his more than four years of service to ADMHS, Facilities Manager **Tony Murguia** successfully met a number of challenges confronted by a department on the move. Most recently,

he supervised the flawless relocation of the Santa Barbara Child and Family Services Program. We congratulate Tony on his retirement and trust that he is enjoying the added time he can spend with his family.

- ▶ After eight years with ADMHS, **Stan Speck**, MFT, Program Coordinator, Youth and Family Treatment Services, Alcohol and Drug Program, has accepted joined the staff of Cottage Hospital as Manager of the Residential Center. Stan will continue to combat the effects of substance abuse in his new assignment.



Tony Manuel



Tony Murguia



Stan Speck