

**NOTICE OF BYLAWS REVISION  
TO BE CONSIDERED BY GOVERNING BOARD ON  
MARCH 17, 2010**

Based on recommendations by both the Bylaws and Membership Work Teams, the following revision to the Bylaws will be considered by the Governing Board at its next meeting on March 17, 2010.

Section 3.2 B. of the bylaws shall be revised as follows:

- B. The Parent Empowerment Group shall elect seven Family Members and seven Alternates, three (3) of whom shall be members of the Parent Empowerment Group and four (4) of whom shall be members of families currently or previously served by SOH.**

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**Reason for the Recommendation**

At the last Governing Board meeting, several Family Members were not permitted to be seated on the Governing Board because the Bylaws limit those positions to members of families currently being served by Systems of Hope. By revising the Bylaws, Family Members who have been previously served by SOH will be able to sit on the Governing.

Without this change, it will be difficult to seat enough Family Members, because often families currently being served are in crisis and have no time to be on the Governing Board. Further, the reason to require that served family members be on the Board is that they know first hand what has worked and where the barriers are. This information can also be provided by previously served family members, who also have time to serve as the crises have settled down.

Therefore, the Bylaws and Membership Work Teams recommend that the Bylaws be revised to make clear that these positions can be filled with currently or previously served family members.

**Notice**

**This proposed revision is being noticed more than 30 days prior to the meeting at which it will be considered, in accordance with Section 11.2 of the Bylaws, which provides:**

**Section 11.2 Notice**

**Notice of all proposed amendments, revisions or repeal shall be emailed, mailed or hand- delivered to each Governing Board Member and be made available to the public at least 30 days prior to the meeting at which such amendments, revisions or repeal are to be considered.**

February 9, 2010