



*The Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission has a dual mission: 1) To influence the County's Mental Health System to ensure the delivery of quality services which are effective, efficient, culturally relevant and responsive to the needs and desires of the clients it serves with dignity and respect; and 2) to be the advocate with the Board of Supervisors, the Mental Health Division, and the community on behalf of all Contra Costa County residents who are in need of mental health services.*

**Thursday ♦ March 22, 2012 ♦ 4:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**John Muir Behavioral Health ♦ 2730 Grant Street, Classroom A ♦ Concord**

**AGENDA**

*The Commission will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to participate in Commission meetings who contact the Executive Assistant at least 48 hrs. prior to the meeting at 925-957-5140.*

*Public Comment on items listed on the Agenda will be taken when the item is discussed. Times are approximate; items may be taken sooner than noted or out of the order listed. To obtain a copy of the full packet, contact the MHC staff, Karen Shuler at 925-957-5140.*

**I. 4:30 Call to Order / Introductions**

**II. 4:35 Public Comment**

The public may comment on any item of public interest within the jurisdiction of the Mental Health Commission. In accordance with the Brown Act, if a member of the public addresses an item not on the posted agenda, no response, discussion, or action on the item may occur. Time will be provided for Public Comment on items on the posted Agenda as they occur during the meeting.

**III. 4:40 Announcements**

March 22-25: Ram California Free Medical Services. See flyer.

March 26: "Overdosed America" Health Expo. See flyer.

April 2: 2012 Brown Act Training. See flyer.

April 21: Dentistry from the Heart Free Dental Care for Patients in Need. See flyer.

May 2: MHCC Art Show/Reception for Mary Ellen Copeland. See flyer.

May 18: Contra Costa's New Frontiers in Healthcare Integration conference presented by Rubicon. See flyer.

June 8<sup>th</sup>: Suicide Awareness Walk-a-Thon. More information later.

**IV. 4:45 Approval of the Minutes from the January 26, 2012 Meeting**  
(Carried over from February meeting.)

*Action Item*

**Approval of the Minutes from the February 23, 2012 Meeting.**

*Action Item*

**V. 4:50 Mental Health Commission Committee Reports**

• **Nominating Committee Report from Committee Chair Colette O'Keeffe**

- Status of applicants.
- Considering changes to Applicant Interview Questions.

• **Quality of Care Committee Report from Committee Chair Peggy Kennedy**

- Update on free or low-cost dental and medical services.



- Update on children placed out-of-county.
  - **Capital Facilities Committee Report from Committee Chair Teresa Pasquini**
    - A recommendation for the MHC to conduct a site visit to CCRMC’s Psychiatric Emergency, Unit 4C, and also tour the areas where the proposed ARC and RCF will be located. *Action Item*
    - Request that MHA and Finance provide the MHC with information about the expenses of providing out-of-county placements at all locked and unlocked facilities. (In order to assist us in the decision-making process regarding additional housing funds.) *Action Item*
    - In accordance with the MHSA Guiding Principles developed by the Commission, the Committee requests that the MHC be kept informed of all housing matters discussed at CPAW and its committees and, in the interest of transparency, all stakeholders be noticed of all meetings. *Action Item*
    - Accept the report of the Capital Facilities Committee on its site visit to Crestwood- Angwin, and its recommendations. Send a letter to Crestwood on MHC letterhead, signed by Carole and Teresa, detailing the Committee’s findings. *Action Item*
  - **Criminal Justice Committee Report from Committee Chair Dave Kahler**
    - Update on AB109 Realignment
    - Update on CIT Training
    - Recommend that the MHC conduct a site visit to the Behavioral Health Court. *Action Item*
- VI. 5:10 **Finalize the Wording of the “May is Mental Health Month Proclamation.”**  
A presentation date at the BOS of May 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> will be requested. *Action Item*
- VII. 5:15 **Removal of MHC Referrals from the BOS IOC Agenda** *Action Item*
- Discussion regarding removal of items from the IOC agenda.
  - Consider developing a Task Force or Committee dedicated to MHSA funding issues.
- VIII. 5:25 **Acting Mental Health Director’s Report – Suzanne Tavano, BSN/PhD.**
- Update on filling Family Advocate Position ASAP
  - Update on hiring and replacement of managers in mental health.
- IX. 5:35 **Behavior Health Director’s Report – Cynthia Belon, LCSW**
- X. 5:45 **Mental Health Services Act Report – Acting MHSA Program Manager Mary Roy, LMFT**
- Update on MHSA funding
  - CPAW Update
  - Design Team Report/Update
  - Public Hearing
- XI. 5:55 **MHC Representatives to Committees Reports**
- CPAW Housing Committee – Annis Pereyra
    - Clarify Annis’ membership/representative status
  - MHSA Social Inclusion Committee – Carole McKindley-Alvarez
  - Integration Steering Committee – Carole McKindley-Alvarez

- XII. 6:10 The Executive Committee Recommends to the MHC that a Working Meeting be Created with Organizations Responsible for Support for Families and Consumers in Crisis in Contra Costa County. *Action Item***  
Include people from the hospital, the criminal justice system, CFS and others.
- XIII. 6:20 Announcements from Commissioners**
- Clarification on site visit procedure
  - Rotating Mental Health Commission monthly meetings to West and East County
- XIV. 6:30 Adjourn Meeting**

Upcoming MHC meetings are posted at:

[http://www.cchealth.org/groups/mental\\_health\\_com/meeting\\_schedule.php](http://www.cchealth.org/groups/mental_health_com/meeting_schedule.php)

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