

**JUSTICE SYSTEMS COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 21, 2017 – FINAL**

Agenda Item / Discussion	Action / Follow-Up
<p>I. Call to Order / Introductions Commission Chair Gina Swirsding call to meeting to order @1:12pm</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Chair- Gina Swirsding, District I Duane Chapman, District I</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>Commissioners Absent:</u> Michael Ward, District V</p> <p><u>Other Attendees:</u> Sam Yoshioka, District IV Joe Pantaski, District IV, independent advocate for human rights, Veteran Jill Ray, Supv. Andersen’s office Adam Down, Behavioral Health Administration Liza A. Molina-Huntley, Executive Assistant for MHC</p>	<p>EA: will transfer audio to computer file and complete minutes</p>
<p>II. PUBLIC COMMENTS-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOE- distributed copies of the Concord Police Department, Chief’s recent report, on how they are functioning. Contra Costa County has 19 cities to the extent that the various cities, police departments, interact with people with mental health issues. On Wednesday night’s open meeting, at 7:30pm, the Family Justice center in Concord: has a two hour orientation session on mental health services for family members and the public, and it’s free. It is a very good informational meeting and there are a lot of helpful brochures, for consumers and family members, seeking services. • JILL- On Friday, the San Ramon Valley Discovery Center, is hosting Will Taylor from NAMI, to talk about the program and implementation due to more interests for information in the South county area. • GINA- there is not a group meeting for advocacy, in West County, yet; but, would like to see if a group can get started in West County. Will follow up and contact Will, from NAMI, to check on getting a group started. 	<p>Gina/Duane: call Will from Nami regarding getting a group started in West County</p>
<p>III. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GINA- very disturbed by the media’s referring to our President about being mentally ill and the reason he is mentally ill is because he’s liar, jokingly. The reason it is bothersome is because I work with many Consumers that have be assaulted or raped, victims of violent crimes, and when the information was brought forth, they were not believed or taken seriously. A symptom of mental illness is not because a person lies. It is not a symptom and I find it insulting that a Congressman made such a comment. I communicated with my Congressman and complained about the comment. I do not appreciate our elected government officials making such statements. It is not a joke, or being mentally ill is not a joke! There is a stigma, with the media, and I find it very offensive. • DUANE- there was several articles that addressed the situation, regarding the jail in West County. One of the things that were brought to my attention is that the Richmond’s City Council will direct the City Manager tonight, to write a letter in opposition of Contra Costa County’s application for SB844 funding. I will be present and I urge anyone else who is a mental health advocate to participate in the meeting. I will be present to show support for SB844. I did ask those who spoke out at the Board of Supervisor’s meeting if they had been in jail, if they had visited the West County detention facility, or have a loved one suffering from mental illness in the facility. I did inform, those who were present at that meeting, that I do and I know that mental health services are needed outside and inside the detention facility; there was “H” Ward, a geriatrics psych ward, not a facility with mental health services for everyone. No one knew, at the time, that there would be a problem. That more of the jail population would require services and need a specialized facility to provide mental health services so those incarcerated can do better, once they are released. Was present when the jail was built and at the time, it was not built for people with mental health issues. That is why I care so much about offering, mental health services, to those incarcerated too. • GINA- I will attend and will speak at the meeting, because this is something very serious and those incarcerated, need and deserve help. I have visited people in the West County facility and consumers would be better served, in the West County facility, rather than at the Martinez facility. I have visited both facilities. 	
<p>IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On March 1, the Mental Health Commission meeting will be held, in West County, at the San Pablo Community Center, 2450 Road 20 in the City of San Pablo, from 4:30pm to 	

<p>6:30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In October, the Mental Health Commission will have their meeting in East County, at a location to be determined. • April 4 through the 6, Commissioner Duane, will be in Redding attending the California Local Board Association of Mental Health and he has been elected Parliamentarian. 	
<p>V. MOTION to approve the January 24, 2017, meeting minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correct “51/50” to 5150 (page 5) • DUANE moved to motion, second by GINA, to approve the January 24, 2017 minutes. <p>VOTE: 2-0-0 AYES: Duane, Gina NAYS: none ABSTAIN: none Absent: Michael Ward</p>	
<p>VI. REVIEW and ACCEPT the 2016 Yearend Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted by DUANE, to include the number of mental health consumers being served, at all facilities, including all correctional facilities, for public awareness. Maybe the information can be obtained on a quarterly, bi-annual or annual basis? • Corrections are, as follows: to include the support for SB863 and SB844 in both 2016 and 2017. The EA will include it in the report. <p>MOTION to approve the Yearend Report-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DUANE moved to motion, to accept the Justice Systems Committee Yearend Report and pass it on to the Executive Committee, with the changes has stated. GINA seconds the motion. <p>VOTE: 2-0-0 YAYS: 2 NAYS: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 Absent: Michael Ward</p>	
<p>VII. DISCUSS outreach and communication goals for the Committee in 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GINA- One of the objectives for 2017 is to complete the “CCC Referral Card,” as soon as possible • GINA- work on CIT training • DUANE- we need to be a liaison for the Police Chief’s Association and for the Mayor’s office or the City Manager, or be a part of it. Mental Health is a public health issue and government offices need to know that, be more aware. Mental health is every body’s issue and responsibility, not just the County’s. There should be a liaison for the Mayor’s Association for the County; the Mental Health Commission needs to be a liaison for both groups. • JILL- There is a Contra Costa County Mayor’s Association and a West County Mayor’s Association. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GINA- March is the “Mental Health Awareness” month and it should be announced at the meetings and at the City Council meetings. • DUANE- I believe the full commission should request, from each city to declare, (including NAMI), a resolution. If nothing is said, then it is not remembered, but if we continue to be proactive, do resolution for the month of March and keep it in the public’s view, people will start paying more attention. Maybe ask the Warrior’s organization to adopt us, for Mental Health. We need to look into things that keep the public more aware of mental illness. • JILL- that is what other advisory boards’ do, get resolutions done at different cities and then it gets placed on the agenda and a presentation is done on the issue. It’s the best way to do outreach. • DUANE- I believe each person, on the commission, from each district should do, get all their cities in their district to do a resolution and next year, the Chair and the Vice Chair can help them, not this year. Whoever represents a district needs to take on the responsibility of getting the resolutions done. I will bring it up to the Executive Committee in March. • DUANE- Look at ways the justice system continues to improve, working with those with mental illness that are institutionalized, what follow up is being done. Inform the public, keep the public updated. We should also follow up with First- Responders/EMS and ask if they need training or any support or assistance from the Mental Health Commission 	
<p>VIII. DISCUSS the creation of a referral card for law enforcement agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GINA- regarding the “Referral Card,” the reason for the project is because during her enrollment at SPIRIT, one of her projects was to create something useful for the consumers in the community. I researched and found facilities and services, throughout West County and would like the referral cards to be handed to police officers, for them to hand out to the community, when needed. I would like it to be specific to each area of the county: East, West and Central and they should be bilingual. • GINA- a magnet is an option to consider, like the magnet card made for Behavioral Health’s “Welcome” packet. Although, if the card needs to be bilingual, the card will have to be double sided, credit card or business card size and laminated or plastic, like a credit card. 	<p>GINA/MICHAEL: provide the list and information, for the card, to the EA.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GINA- has discussed the idea, of the referral card, with police officers. The Police Officers reacted favorably, to the idea of the card, and said that they would use the card, when it becomes available. • GINA- I do want the card to be “user” friendly for family members too. If a family member has a loved one whom is 5150, they know who to call. I would also like advocating agencies, like NAMI, to be on the card too. The Coordinated Care contact number will be good to be on the card. • JILL- this is all going to change this year because all calls will be centralized by calling “211,” which will start in May of this year and by the fall, it will not be necessary to know all the different phone numbers. Everyone will be using “211” to find any service, or a bed, throughout the county. It is important to consider, when developing the card, how to tie in the “Coordinated Care Center information” into the card. To point people in the right direction. It is difficult to list every single facility that is why “211” is the referral center to get people connected and should be ready in the fall of this year. “911” will still be for emergencies. For now, use one of three portals: call 211, go to a care center or be reached by a court outreach team. 	
<p>IX. DISCUSS suggestions for CIT training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GINA- work on CIT training • JILL- would like more clarification regarding “working on” CIT training? • GINA- the reason it was brought up, by another Commissioner, is because apparently the police departments are not having any more trainings? • JILL- at the Police Academy, there is an extensive CIT training unit. One Commissioner had an incident, with one police officer in the City of Concord that issue should be brought to that city’s Police Chief, so he’s aware of what training needs to be done with his department. I don’t believe it to be a reflection of the CIT program and the entire county. In the area, I represent, Moraga participates in trainings all the time, they work with the MET program, they have had the MET program come into their department and train their officers. It is an imperfect society with imperfect human beings and somebody made a mistake and didn’t understand something clearly or communication was off, we do not know happened in that particular incident. If there was a list of incidents that would be ongoing, then I would say we have a major problem in our county. I don’t think, one interaction with one officer, at one point in time, creates an issue that needs to be solved by this commission with a department we don’t have jurisdiction over. David Seidner has given several 	<p>JILL- will email a copy of the handout, that Joe Pantaski had obtained regarding CCP and CAB meetings, to Duane and Gina</p>

<p>presentations regarding the CIT, Police Academy training. All consumers are our clients and it's a case by case basis. If we find out that there is something wrong, as a consumer or a family member, then a person should go to the jurisdiction that oversees that and make file a complaint. It is that jurisdiction to fix the issue. Although we would like to be able to fix every problem throughout the county, we cannot.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ADAM- the training is offered two additional times a year and in the new "Three Year Plan," basically MHSa is proposing to fund a third CIT training, in the year. It not ignored, MHSa is looking to expand the CIT training to offer it three times a year.• DUANE- I do not think it is an issue but I do think we should watch was is going on the Federal level, State level and County level. The mandates are a lot.• JILL- I think that base, of CIT training, has been covered several times, I know I have seen David do a presentation three different times.• JOE- at the State level, there is an organization that is responsible for police training; they are mandated, every other year, to have a review regarding their training modules. The meetings, that I've been attending, have it divided in three committees: Juvenile, Diversion and Adult. It is important for law enforcement to be able to know how to relate to people with mental illness. You can go to the COMIO website, to learn more, at: http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/COMIO/Meetings.html and look under the "trainings" that are available. All police departments have issues, the training is important and the accountability that follows.• DUANE- is it possible to obtain the minutes from the Police Chief's meetings? I do believe that someone, from this Commission, needs to be a liaison representing the stakeholders, to let them know that we are here to help.• JILL- I do not know, it is an independent organization now, and it's no longer run by the Sheriff's Office. The Police Chief's Association has a rotating Chair position, I believe. What Joe is discussing is AB109, which the Commission is aware of. The CCP (Community Correction Partnership Executive Committee) is AB109, which meets every other month. Public Protection Committee is the Board of Supervisor's subcommittee and the Community Advisory Board is CAB, which meets monthly. I can email everyone, if they want a copy of the handout? The Contra Costa County Police Chief's Association is a non-profit organization; the person listed on the old website is Pete Peterson. It is not a public organization. There is not a website for this organization.• JILL- Regarding the "STEPPING UP" initiative, there is a plan to have a two day summit, I cannot give details at this time, I will	
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<p>inform, as soon as the information is available.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JOE- The CCP (Community Correction Partnership) and the other two groups • DUANE- asks for a person to be assigned to keep track of the agenda items, regarding mental health, coming before the Board of Supervisors and to inform the Commission of the items to be presented to the BOS. (Connie Steers volunteered at the previous Executive Committee) • ADAM- to keep informed, there are lobby groups like the Behavioral Health Director’s Association, that is there job is to keep an eye on State policies and put out “ledge trackers” all the time that any person can sign up for or visit their website. • DUANE- I requested this information to be sent to me in a previous email, to receive this information. I did that before and will not do that again because I received too many emails. Behavioral Health website states: “are you willing to volunteer 10 hours... to be on the Commission?” That needs to be taken out of there because we all spend a lot more hours than that; it really needs to be removed. • DUANE- BART Police, is another issue that we should keep in mind • JILL- It’s like any of us, we all have far more work than we are able to get done, so we all need to find a balance and set priorities. Allwyn Brown, the Police Chief of the City of Richmond, is the representative of the Police Chief’s Association to the CCP for 2017 • ADAM- Anyone can just sign up for them, the just email notifications and mailing lists. • GINA- it is important for everyone to be aware that people with mental illnesses have rights too; they have a right to walk down the street, without someone calling the police because they’re talking to themselves. As for BART police, people receiving citations if they are causing disturbances. • GINA- I will contact Mike regarding the card 	
<p>X. Adjourn Meeting: at 2:45pm.</p>	

Respectfully submitted,
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FINAL Approved on 3/21/17