# Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission Thursday • January 24, 2008 • 4:30-6:30 p.m.

# !!! NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING !!!

# 921 Susana Street • Martinez

Teleconference Location: 25 Talcott Road • Park Ridge, IL

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#### **AGENDA**

- 1. 4:30 Call to Order/Introductions
- 2. 4:35 Public Comment. The public may comment on any item of public interest within the jurisdiction of the Mental Health Commission. In the interest of time and equal opportunity, speakers are requested to observe a 3-minute time limit (subject to change at the discretion of the Chairperson). 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.
- 3. 4:40 Announcements
- 4. 4:45 Approval of the Minutes from December 11, 2007. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
- 5. 4:50 Election of Officers.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM. (Commission membership is now 12; therefore a majority vote must be 7)

• The following Commissioners have been nominated for office (listed alphabetically): Chair: Dave Kahler

Kathi McLaughlin and Karen Sloma (incumbent Co-Chairs, running only as Co-Chairs)

Nominations from the floor (requires the nominee's consent).

- 6. 5:00 Co-Chairs' Report Karen Sloma and Kathi McLaughlin
  - Welcome Commissioner Jacque McLaughlin
  - Introduce Doug Stewart, Vice President of the Pacheco Town Council to give a brief overview of his outreach to the homeless.
  - Report from the Mental Health Community Forum, January 23, 2008

- Discuss the formation of a Bylaws committee to:
  - Develop policy regarding Special Meetings
    - Amend Bylaws to conform to County Counsel's interpretation
  - Clarification regarding committee quorum
    - Quorum currently 2
      - Consult County Counsel about amending the Bylaws to allow only 1 (as is currently allowed for County Board of Supervisor Committees)
- 7. 5:15 Report: Employment and Human Services Department/Mental Health Administration's proposal presentation to the Board of Supervisors' Family and Human Services Committee December 17.
  - Report by Commissioner Pasquini regarding presentation of Commission's recommendation at December 11, 2007 meeting.
  - Adult Mental Health Program Chief Victor Montoya.
     DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
- 8. 5:30 Report: Crisis Stabilization Unit staffing.
  - Health Services Director William Walker, MD
    - Status of recruitment efforts for licensed clinical staff DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
- 9. 5:45 Report: Mental Health Director Donna Wigand, LCSW
  - Mental Health Services Act, Prevention and Early Intervention planning process
    - o Community Forums, February 12, 13 and 20
    - o Membership of Stakeholders group
    - o Timeline
  - Potential Impact of State budget cuts on Contra Costa Mental Health Services

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM

- Anticipated county budget cuts to Mental Health Services DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM
- 10. 6:00 Committee Reports.
  - Children's Committee.
    - Entertain a motion to oppose the proposed budget cuts and ask the State to consider revenue enhancement alternatives.
       DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
  - Adult & Transitional Age Youth Committee.
    - Bissell Cottages Report
       Entertain a motion to approve the draft of a letter to Bissell Cottages
       (follow-up to the site visit). Carried over from December meeting.
       DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
    - Entertain a motion to clarify how Standing Committee or Commission participation relates to the Welfare & Institutions Code

that specifies the core responsibilities of a mental health board/commission, and discuss the best way to distribute the limited resources of the Standing Committees and the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.

- Entertain a motion recommending that the Commission formally support the Clubhouse and its programs and recognize the efforts of Herb Putnam on behalf of the Clubhouse Program.
   DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
- Entertain a motion to recommend that the Commission ask for an independent evaluation by Supervisor Susan Bonilla's office of the Mental Health Commission meeting of December 11, 2007 and cancellation of the November meeting, to be done in a timely manner. Discuss possible conflict of interest in conducting the meeting.

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.

- Entertain a motion to discuss if the large contracts granted to Traditions (\$11,100,00 for 3 years) and Dr. Kolade (\$1,230,000 for 3 years) as consent items on recent Board of Supervisors calendars may fall under the Performance Contract Review mandate of the Welfare & Institutions Code.
  - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS.
- Entertain a motion to recommend that the Commission collaborate with the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program on the formation of a Mental Health Task Force.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.

## • Justice System Committee

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

### • Executive Committee

No meeting scheduled.

- Status of Vacancies:
  - District III: Consumer Representative.
  - District V: Consumer Representative, Family Member, Member-at-Large
- Older Adult Committee.

Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

- 11. 6:15 Reports: Ancillary Boards/Commissions
  - A. Contractor's Alliance
  - B. California Mental Health Planning Council
  - C. California Mental Health Boards/Commissions (CALMHB/C)
  - D. California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH)
  - E. Mental Health Coalition
- 12. 6:28 Future Agenda Items
- 13. 6:30 Adjourn meeting.