## Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission JUSTICE SYSTEM COMMITTEE

## NEW NAME – STILL ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS OF THE MENTALLY ILL IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY.

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 • 3:15-5:00 p.m.
Concord Police Department Community Room • 1350 Galindo Street • Concord

The Justice System Committee will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to participate in Justice System Committee meetings who contact Executive Assistant Karen Shuler at least 48 hrs. before the meeting at 925-957-5149.

Mission Statement of the Mental Health Commission's Justice System Committee: To address the issues and concerns of the mentally ill in the justice system.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order/Introductions
- 2. 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. Announcements
- 4. Approval of the Minutes from January 11, 2006. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
- 5. Chairperson's Comments Judy McCahon and Karen Sloma
  - Richmond jail unit site visit Friday, February 17, 10:00-12:00.
  - Law Enforcement Referral Card.
  - Develop Mission Statement.
- 6. Adult/Older Adult Program Chief Victor Montoya
  - > Mental health liaison to the courts
  - ➤ Items in the Mental Health Services Act relating to law enforcement and the justice system.
- 7. Report from the Multidisciplinary Forensics Committee
- 8. Guest Speaker: Roberto Reyes, Adult Interim Housing and Emergency Services Coordinator with the Contra Costa Public Health Homeless Program DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.

## 9. 2006 Focus Goals

Transitioning people into beds in lieu of jail. There is no place to go from "M" Module even if they aren't severe offenders and judges are willing to release them if they have a bed. Dual diagnosis beds at board and cares are especially needed.

Next steps:

- Encourage open discussions surrounding the issues of patients' rights, public safety and other components of the justice system.

  Next steps:
  - Explore components of the justice system
- ➤ Monitor the use of the Law Enforcement Referral Card in Brentwood and launch the program in Hercules.

Next steps:

10. Future Agenda Items

March: Concord Chief of Police David Livingston

Future: Miles Kramer

11. Adjournment