

Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission
Thursday, March 23, 2006, 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Concord Police Department Community Room, 1350 Galindo Street, Concord

The Mental Health Commission will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to participate in Commission meetings who contact Executive Assistant Karen Shuler at least 48 hrs. prior to the meeting at 925-957-5149.

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 February 23, 2005.
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
5. 4:50 Chairperson's Report – Bobbie J. Arnold
 - On recommendation from County Counsel, due to the requirements listed in the Welfare & Institutions Code applying to the Commission, entertain a motion to change the quorum portion of the Bylaws to read: "A quorum shall be a majority of the number of the currently filled seats on the Commission."
[Last revised in 2002, it now reads: "One (1) person more than one-half (1/2) of the appointed members shall constitute a quorum." In June of 2005, County Counsel ruled that it must state: "One (1) person more than one-half (1/2) of the authorized seats on the Commission (16) shall constitute a quorum."]
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
 - Entertain a motion to recommend to Supv. Federal Glover that Daniel Ruxin be able to serve as an out-of-district representative following his move to Walnut Creek (Supv. Piepho's district).
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- Entertain a motion to approve a letters to Kaiser and John Muir Behavioral Health Center regarding sending patients out-of-county. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
 - Mental Health Commission’s Annual Awards.
 - Each Committee will choose their nominees at their April meetings. The Awards will be presented in May.
6. 5:10 Guest: Jonathan Young, Children and Family Services
- Speaking about the wraparound services mentoring program.
7. 5:20 Mental Health Director’s Report – Suzanne Tavano for Donna Wigand
- Update on the Implementation of the Mental Health Services Act
 - Update on the County Budget Process
- DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM
8. 5:45 Committee Reports
- Justice System Committee**
- Sign-up for April 14th site visit to Richmond Jail facility.
- Older Adults Committee**
- Entertain a motion to approve a letter to Dr. William Walker asking that he aid the Commission in obtaining a report from Dr. Jeff Smith. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
- Organizational Development Committee**
- Status of vacancies: 1 Member-at-Large position in District I.
- Annual Retreat**
- Follow-up.
- Adult & Transitional Age Youth Committee**
- Children’s Committee**
9. 6:00 Ancillary Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports
- Contractor’s Alliance – Liz Callahan
 - California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH)
 - Mental Health Boards/Commissions Regional Training
 - California Mental Health Boards/Commissions (CALMHB/C)
 - California Mental Health Planning Council – Bettye Randle
 - California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth (CMHACY)—Kathi McLaughlin
 - Consumer Involvement Steering Committee – Geet Gobind
 - Mental Health Coalition
10. 6:30 Adjournment