

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting

May 26, 2011

Minutes APPROVED on 6.23.11

1. **CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 by Chair McKindley-Alvarez. Introductions were made around the room.

Commissioners Present:

Peter Bagarozzo, District V
Evelyn Centeno District II
Peggy Kennedy, District III
Dave Kahler, District IV
McKindley-Alvarez, District I
Colette O’Keeffe, MD, District IV
Floyd Overby, MD, District II
Teresa Pasquini, District I, Vice Chair
Sam Yoshioka, District IV

Commissioners Excused:

Annis Pereyra, District II
William Wong, District V

Commissioners Absent:

Supv. John Gioia, District

Attendees:

Geet Gobind
Mariana Moore, Human Services Alliance
Al Farmer, NAMI Contra Costa
Brenda Crawford, MHCC
Carolina Salazar, District IV
Connie Steers, MHCC
Joyce Martin, Anka/Nierika
Scott Singly
Janet Marshall Wilson, MHCC
Suzanne H. Davis, Conservator/Public Guardian

Staff:

Linda Cipolla, Staff to MHC
Suzanne Tavano, MHA
Donna Wigand, MHA
Imo Momoh, MHA
Susan Medlin, OCE
Jennifer Tuipulotu OCE
Roberto Roman, OCE

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Bagarozzo spoke about a CC transit Authority meeting that he had attended. The members requested having a Commission representative in attendance. O’Keeffe said she was not on the Transit Council. Bagarozzo wanted to bring the request to the Executive Committee to move forward with action.

Commissioner Centeno was concerned about the nature of the Commission as an independent watchdog. In particular, she was concerned about a meeting in which she was not in attendance. She spoke about her proposed letter and she thought there should be a well studied resolution regardless of BOS alignment.

Janet Marshall Wilson, Director of Patients' Rights at MHCC: read her statement (inserted as a matter of record)

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A. Invitation to Integration meeting May 25, 2011

Vice Chair Kennedy said Cynthia Belon, the new Director of Behavioral Health and Homeless Services, had brought together stakeholders from various bodies to hear how things will be integrated moving forward. Kennedy had attended and left the meeting feeling hopeful that the process would soon begin and would include all stakeholders. The information will be included in the next packet.

Discussion:

There was discussion about the possible outcome and Kennedy felt one outcome was to have everyone come together in a boot camp with a combination of training and education another choice was to have an ongoing monthly meeting.

Mariana Moore who attended felt the outcome and the next step wasn't clear but that there was discussion about a hybrid model: either top down or bottom up discussion with key people versus a diffuse group.

The Acting MH Director felt that it was a one-time ad hoc meeting.

Chair McKindley-Alvarez said Cynthia Belon will attend the June meeting and she encouraged everyone to contact her and let their voices be heard.

John Gragnani acknowledged that Susan Medlin was 'heroic' in the meeting. Her efforts were wonderful and she carried everyone.

B. MHC Appreciation and acknowledgment to Donna Wigand

Donna Wigand, former MH Director, came forward and Chair McKindley-Alvarez and Vice Chair Kennedy provided a certificate and flowers as appreciation of her work and celebration for her retirement.

John Gragnani said he wouldn't have attended the MHC meetings if not for Donna Wigand who had suggested he attend. Despite disagreements he felt that Donna, MHA and himself generally were in agreement and was thankful for Wigand's contribution.

Connie Steers also expressed thanks and said she knew Donna long ago as a volunteer in what was a small agency with consumer providers. She said "she and the other consumers owe her a lot."

Dave Kahler said when his son disappeared in Bakersfield, the first person he called was Wigand, who called her counterpart in that area and several days later his son was found.

Donna Wigand said it's a strange process to leave something you love. She had worked in Mental Health for 33 years. She acknowledged that currently it's a turning point for the county system and for the stakeholders in the room. MHA will be doing some really good work with Drug and Alcohol in ways they haven't done and she was encouraged that barriers would be breaking down in new ways. She said there may be challenges but we can agree we're all sitting here for the same reason, because we cherish the consumers and family members that need help. Our goals are the same. It has been a privilege to fight the good fight with you, and Suzanne (*Tavano*) will be continuing the fight.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 28, 2011 Monthly Meeting

Commissioner Yoshioka asked why the letter to Dr. Walker didn't make last month's packet. Chair McKindley-Alvarez said there was a miscommunication with the EA regarding the letter.

- **ACTION: Motion made to approve the April 28, 2011 Monthly Meeting minutes:**
(M- Kahler /S-Pasquini; Passed, 7-0-2; Y-Centeno, Bagarozzo, Kahler, Kennedy, O’Keeffe, Overby, Pasquini, A-McKindley-Alvarez, Yoshioka)
McKindley-Alvarez Abstained because she did not attend the April 28th meeting.

B. April 28, 2011 Public Hearing

- **ACTION: Motion made to approve the April 28, 2011 Public Hearing Meeting minutes:**
(M- Kahler /S-Centeno; Passed, 7-0-2; Y-Centeno, Bagarozzo, Kahler, Kennedy, Overby, Pasquini, Yoshioka; A-McKindley-Alvarez, O’Keeffe)
McKindley-Alvarez Abstained because she did not attend the April 28th meeting.

5. **ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE Peter Bagarozzo and Carole McKindley-Alvarez to develop an annual calendar of important events impacting Mental Health Consumers to assist MHC in being proactive in its advocacy.

Commissioner Bagarozzo explained the purpose was to identify state or county budget issues in order to plan and take action in advance of that particular date. Having lead time will help the Commission with their decisions. He said he and Chair McKindley-Alvarez would take the time to do the hard work of identifying the schedule of events.

Commissioners O’Keeffe and Centeno supported the idea.

- **ACTION: Motion made to approve and authorize Peter Bagarozzo and Carole McKindley-Alvarez to develop an annual calendar of important events impacting Mental Health Consumers to assist MHC in being proactive in its advocacy.**
(M- Centeno /S-O’Keeffe; Passed unanimously, 9-0-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Commissioner Yoshioka said there was issue of the delay of the letter to Dr. Walker and he didn’t like that the letter said the “MHC was pleased to welcome Cynthia Belon.” He asked why the process excluded stakeholders. He thought it should have been on the table with the Commission. He didn’t know Belon and felt he was in the dark. She was presented without their having any part in the process.

6. **STAKEHOLDER UPDATES:** ACCEPT informal oral reports from the following individuals, updating the Commission on activities and events:

A. Susan Medlin – Office for Consumer Empowerment (OCE)

- SPIRIT graduation is the end of July. It’s the time people get to apply all that they’ve been learning. She apologized to Commissioner O’Keeffe because she didn’t think to invite her and knows what it’s like to feel left out. Commissioner Yoshioka attended and “did a wonderful job” presenting.
- Integration of services at El Portal: rules have been established and tasks with wellness coaches created and they expect to roll it out in Fall 2011.

- WREACH is doing well with the Speaker's Bureau. Currently auditions with over thirty people are being held. They would like a lot of speakers so the same people don't get overloaded. They are preparing to initiate training and to present in the communities.
- California Network for Mental Health Alliance, the only consumer run organization: Regional forums are provided and she and her staff attended. They felt it was a good experience for consumers, covering intentional peer support and billable peer support services.

B. Al Farmer – National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

- Saturday was the picnic and they were blessed with good weather and were sold out. There were 2,000 walkers and the revenue from that covers the year of services shared by a few groups.
- The NAMI board sent a letter to the Supervisors regarding Bonita House in Knightsen. He thought it was a clear case of discrimination against the Olmstead act. He hopes for approval from the BOS because there is a desperate shortage of consumer housing.

C. Brenda Crawford – Mental Health Consumer Concerns (MHCC)

- June 11th is the MHCC anniversary party. They've gotten wonderful responses and are grateful for the support.
- The West County location was recently robbed. The burglars took all the computers, \$800 of food and a television. Security is being worked on. West County is the fastest growing area. There are two years left on the lease, and they are not sure if they can negotiate.
- Central County is growing and they are seeing new people since the cutbacks. They are receiving a lot of referrals from the access line. The new people are making an interesting mix.
- East County is growing more slowly. They are currently not filling a post until the appropriate fit with a bilingual person is found. Holistic peer support continues with focus on nutrition, physical exercise etc. There is an enormous gap - those with mental health issues live 25 years less.

D. John Gragnani – Local One/MH Coalition

- Donna had talked about health services budget, in reality they are not so bad. He said there were additional cuts discussed at the May 3rd BOS meeting. That day, he ran out of time and Mariana was there to take the baton and run with it in support of the vital services they provide. Fortunately the BOS held the line with the District Attorney's office but he warned everyone to pay attention to the first week of June for the next update.
- He returned to the BOS the next week which was glowing about MH Coalition. As Union members, on Local 1, they made sacrifices in the last contract. He suggested there may be reserves to draw upon and in the spirit of working together, mentioned their contract expires end of June and they are currently in talks.

E. Mariana Moore – Human Services Alliance

- The alliance has two new members: CC interfaith housing, and the Jewish and Family Services. The Alliance now has 27 members.
- The Safety Net Summit was at the end of April; there is now a debriefing which mostly hasn't been shared in public. They will have funding to provide a facilitator to do action planning. She mentioned the upcoming 'Track' for next session and that people are excited about it and 35 people who had participated will remain involved.

- She attended the Behavioral Health Services Strategic Planning Meeting and is excited for next steps. During which, she said to Cynthia Belon that she's gotten many calls from Alliance members regarding a lack of clarity. They are watching closely to see if more transparent information becomes available and she suggested the Commission do so as well.

7. **MHSA UPDATE – Annis Pereyra and Teresa Pasquini**

- A. ACCEPT oral update on MHSA including Anti-Stigma collaboration.
- B. APPROVE any modifications to the appointees or their responsibilities.

Commissioner Pasquini said the CPAW meeting was cancelled but there were two (CPAW) Planning Committee meetings. She expressed concerned that a lot of the committee meetings have been getting cancelled. She did attend the Housing Committee Meeting. In that meeting there was discussion about changing the meeting frequency to every other month. She was concerned particularly with the Knightsen issue and the back log.

In regard to the CPAW Planning Anti-stigma meetings, Pasquini was concerned the ratio of MHA staff to stakeholders was unequal with only four stakeholders present.

Also, since the item (*the anti-stigma meetings*) was originally presented as a partnership (*CPAW and MHC*) she felt the Commission's process needed to be revisited and said that the process had been staff driven. She approved what Sherry Bradley had provided but she thought the Commission had done an 'in concept' appointment only and that the original MHC approval should be updated.

Discussion:

Commissioner O'Keeffe said it's a Bermuda triangle location and she was angry that she hadn't gotten a reply to her email letter of grievance, that anyone dependant on public transportation couldn't attend meetings in that location. Brenda Crawford said that Ralph Hoffman had identified routes for that meeting location and had shared with everyone

Chair McKindley-Alvarez wanted to know who would attend and what would be the role and expectation of the MHC members. There was also discussion about the usefulness of O'Keeffe's attendance late in the process with only one more planning meeting left. Brenda Crawford felt that it might not be productive for someone to join at this late date. Mariana Moore recommended O'Keeffe to attend the last meeting.

Commissioner Pasquini and Brenda Crawford who had been in attendance gave an overview of the Planning meetings:

- 1st Meeting: Introductions made within the group; scientific data around discrimination was presented. Some brainstorming on setting goals and strategies occurred but with a lack of stakeholders. There was discussion around the need for county wide anti-stigma campaign.
- 2nd Meeting: Strategies were developed for identifying key stakeholders
- 3rd Meeting (June 24 @ 1pm at Bisso Lane, Concord) would be facilitated and the intent was to put 'legs on those strategies.'

Pasquini said she will support the funded process doing a full out media regional outreach, learning partnerships established. She added that the meetings weren't intending to cover specific stigma issues that had been discussed in the Commission such as the Arizona Tragedy / Laura's Law or the Richmond Mayoral issue.

There was discussion about the expectation of members in attendance at the Planning Meetings and Commissioner Bagarozzo asked if it would be possible for someone running the planning meetings to provide an oral presentation at the Commission.

Chair McKindley-Alvarez said her understanding was they were appointing folks to the Planning meeting so they had a voice but they couldn't have a voice if the Commission didn't provide expectations.

- Commissioner Pasquini felt that she represented the Commission and wanted clarity before going into the next meeting.
- Commissioner Yoshioka felt it was confusing and that having expectations was micromanaging. As volunteers it's hard to know what the Commission expects of them. He didn't believe there should be a uniform expectation from the Commission about what members could do at these meetings. He prefers to represent himself on CPAW rather than having to represent the Commission.
- Commissioner Centeno thought it was fine as is because a member knows whether they are representing the commission because of their goals. She said the representatives come back after the meeting and provide a report and if there is an action needed the Commission would vote.
- Pasquini said she is clear about her role on CPAW because she got permission to vote as a family member not as a Commission representative. She's also clear in the need to respect when she speaks on behalf of the Commission. It's time consuming but she tries to be respectful of the Commission process. She's comfortable with the process and if everyone is fine, she's fine.
- Clarification added later: Both Commissioners Pasquini and Pereyra are MHC liaisons on CPAW, while Yoshioka and Kahler represent families and NAMI. It is Pasquini and Pereyra's responsibility to report back to the MHC on the CPAW meetings to keep the MHC informed.

There was discussion about what would occur after the initial meetings such as whether there would be an opportunity to provide input after the plan is made.

- Dr. Tavano said the intent was to develop a roadmap and create strategies to move forward.
- Crawford said it was a good beginning but not a final product.
- Mariana Moore said there was a deep interest and they identified 5 goals and broke into 5 groups to brainstorm and discuss.

Geet Gobind brought up the recent occurrence of a teen that committed suicide by jumping off the Golden Gate Bridge. She asked what they would do about getting money to build the barrier on the bridge?

The Chair asked if the suicide was regarding the issue of anti-stigma.

There was discussion that the proposed barrier for the bridge costs >\$40M and that John Bates in the Crisis Center is an expert who could be invited to a MHC meeting to present about the suicide rate. He could also speak to whether there are studies that would provide clarity around whether people who attempt suicide might simply choose an alternative method or that the barrier would, in fact, lower the suicide rates.

Result:

There was no vote on approving modifications to the appointees or their responsibilities.

8. **STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES**

A. Capital Facilities

CONSIDER approving the objectives and timelines of the Capital Facilities Committee, as recommended by Commissioners: Pasquini, Pereyra, O'Keefe & Wong

The Capital Facilities minutes and timelines for objectives were in the packet.

- **ACTION: Motion made to approve the objectives and timelines of the Capital Facilities Committee, as recommended by Commissioners: Pasquini, Pereyra, O’Keeffe & Wong**
(M- Kennedy /S-Centeno; Passed unanimously, 9-0-0)

B. Criminal Justice

CONSIDER approving the revised mission statement and 2011 goals/objectives of the Criminal Justice Committee, as recommended by Commissioners: Kahler, Bagarozzo, Yoshioka & Overby

The chair of the Criminal Justice Committee, Dave Kahler, recounted their last meeting:

- Susan Medlin explained proper language for people diagnosed with or in recovery from mental illness
- The Committee visited the Martinez Detention Facility
- The ongoing meeting date was changed to the 2nd Wednesday of the month beginning in June

Chair McKindley-Alvarez read the revised mission statement for the committee:

“To advocate for the mental health consumer so that law enforcement and practitioners will be mindful of the rights of the consumer and concerns of families when upholding the law.”

- **ACTION: Motion made to approve the revised mission statement of the Criminal Justice Committee, as recommended by Commissioners: Kahler, Bagarozzo, Yoshioka & Overby**
(M- Kennedy /S-Centeno; Passed unanimously, 9-0-0)

The goals and objectives were not discussed as there was no report provided in the packet.

C. Quality of Care

CONSIDER approving a Consumer Workforce Supportive services taskforce and 2011 goals/objectives of the Quality of Care Committee, as recommended by Commissioners: Kennedy, McKindley-Alvarez, O’Keeffe, Overby

The Chair of the committee, Peggy Kennedy said at the last meeting they were lucky to have the quality and research team who spoke about current mechanisms around quality versus quantity data.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Roberto Roman conveyed his personal support for the taskforce. He felt that extending the opportunity for self sufficiency to consumers pursuing employment has been a major part of his and others recovery; this task force would have the capacity to cover ground by supporting consumers how are in need of support. Personally his path was fraught with stress. There are a lot of consumers on that journey who want to continue and some who question if they can take that journey. It potentially could be a tremendous benefit for consumers.

(Comment was in the packet on page 115)

The Chair of the Quality of Care Committee asked for approval for their goals (*Pg 114 in packet*).

1. *Work collaboratively with the Mental Health Administration department responsible for quality management to explore quality outcomes and gap analysis.*

2. *Review and recommend consumer supportive services*

This was moved by O’Keeffe and seconded by Centeno

Discussion:

Commissioner Pasquini asked who was the quality management department and Kennedy named, Erin McCarty, Steve Hahn-Smith, Imo Momoh...

Dr. Tavano explained David Cassell is the Quality Improvement Coordinator however Steve Hahn Smith chairs the Quality Management Committee, and then there are Planning Evaluators such as those Kennedy listed.

Pasquini recalled that the Chair was supposed to be invited to those meetings and Chair McKindley-Alvarez responded that with the changes in March that she had not been invited but that she would attend the meeting going forward.

GOALS:

- There was concern that the goals were too vague, unquantifiable and with unclear steps for actualization.
- MH Director explained that the data is available and her understanding was they would next build qualitative measures. O’Keeffe agreed.

Chair McKindley-Alvarez explained that the first goal was intentionally left general because they didn’t have the data but would need to get it in order to direct them. The second goal was intentionally left general because they didn’t want to be limited to one supportive service but to look at many that tend to bridge into different arenas.

- **ACTION: Motion made to approve 2011 goals/objectives of the Quality of Care Committee, as recommended by Commissioners: Kennedy, McKindley-Alvarez, O’Keeffe, Overby**

(M-O’Keeffe/S-Centeno; Passed, 7-1-1; Y-Bagarozzo, Kahler, Kennedy, McKindley-Alvarez, O’Keeffe, Overby, Yoshioka; O-Centeno, A-Pasquini)

TASKFORCE:

Chair McKindley-Alvarez said the task force was intended to support individual consumer needs, strategies to support programs around having effective engagement in gaining and retaining employment and consumers.

Issues identified:

- Concern around the origin of the taskforce and ensuring it moves forward with positive ways to support consumers.
- Concern that it should be voluntary for employers (*and not forced*)

Responses:

- Clarification that the taskforce would make use of existing programs, coming to the table to discuss options – the taskforce would not tell programs what to do and how to do it. The taskforce was requested by agencies such as Putnam House.
- It would be an important effect to have various groups working together in their individual programs to break down silos.

Pasquini asked that “and family” be added to the motion and the Quality of Care committee agreed to the amendment.

MOTION made by Pasquini, seconded by Centeno.

Discussion:

- ‘Numerous reports show gains in various areas but not in employment.’ There is concern that data should move the process and support the Commission’s work.
- Not all consumers can ‘be at the table’ and they ‘can’t have a voice.’
- There are more serious quality of care issues to focus on with twelve Contra Costa County people placed in Napa County where several deaths have occurred.
- There should be an action item, which hasn’t happened in 1 ½ years from the Quality of Care Committee.

- **ACTION: Motion made to approve Consumer and Family Workforce Supportive Services Taskforce as recommended by Commissioners: Kennedy, McKindley-Alvarez, O’Keeffe, Overby**
(M-Pasquini /S-Centeno; Passed, 7-1-1; Y- Kahler, Kennedy, McKindley-Alvarez, O’Keeffe, Overby, Pasquini, Yoshioka; O-Centeno, A-Bagarozzo)

D. Nominating Committee

CONSIDER approving the interview process and applicant recommendations of the Nominating Committee, as recommended by Commissioners: Yoshioka, O’Keeffe, Overby & Wong.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Commissioner Yoshioka moved that the Commission accept their recommendation for two applicants. One has since withdrawn her name. Quentisha Davis, who applied at in October of 2010, should be moved forward with an approval.

Discussion:

Issues identified:

- The Commission had not been involved in the process and had been given no information, and therefore there was concern about the process itself.
- No information was given with which to base their votes which felt disrespectful, and the Commission would respect the recommendations of the Nominating Committee (*if informed*).
- There was an expectation that the Commissioners should get a copy of the applications and see answers to the questions so they could vote; information should be in writing.
- The issue was one of lack of staff support and that all the committees needed more support.
- There is a need for transparency of the various committees and there has been confusion about what they are or are not doing.

Commissioner Yoshioka said the Nominating Committee is unique and doesn’t follow the same By-Laws as the standing committees. He read the mission statement:

The Membership/Nominating Committee shall recruit and interview applicants to the Commission. Following the interview, the Committee will forward its recommendation to the Commission. After Commission approval, the recommendation for nomination of the applicant shall be forwarded to the appropriate member of the Board of Supervisors for their action.

He said the issue of using the old questions versus creating new ones had been in question. He felt they had done their job, and the Commission could either accept or reject their recommendation.

Chair McKindley-Alvarez announced that it was 6:30pm and that the meeting would to run an extra fifteen minutes.

Discussion:

- One Commissioner said questions used in the interview did not need to be critiqued.
- There was concern that information was confidential and could not be made public (*by inclusion in the packet*)
- Commissioner Pasquini said that procedure had been followed, and that she had provided Chair McKindley-Alvarez a historical procedure document and asked that it be provided to others. Not only had a procedure been established but the BOS (*representatives*) met with prior EA (*Karen Shuler*) and chief of staff of all supervisors on the topic.

Commissioner Yoshioka said he had not seen it.

Chair McKindley-Alvarez said the issue was not just about the Nominating Committee but about transparency for all committees. She respected that the interview questions had been created in good faith but that they were not vetted through the commission. That information is something that needs to be provided. So the full commission could be represented in the process. She asked how they do that thoughtfully so that everyone knows what is going on.

Commissioner Overby explained they had the (*original*) questionnaire which was pared down to three broad questions.

The Nominating Committee was concerned about the statements made about the applicant process during the Executive Committee (page 44).

Commissioner Yoshioka expressed concern about the structure of the Commission:

- The Executive Committee is composed of four Commissioners.
- The Quality of Care Committee have the Chair and Vice-Chair as members (two members of the Executive Committee)
- The Capital Facilities Committee has Teresa Pasquini, also on the Executive Committee
- The Criminal Justice Committee has no members on the Executive Committee. (*Peter Bagarozzo is a member of the Criminal Justice Committee as well as the Executive Committee*)

Therefore the Nominating Committee was at a disadvantage.

Chair McKindley-Alvarez said that all committees need to submit comprehensive minutes. Because of running over the allotted time, this would have to be discussed at another meeting.

She asked the Commission if they were in favor of approving Quentisha Davis as an applicant (*to be approved and moved on to the district supervisor*).

- **Motion made to approve applicant recommendation for Quentisha Davis from the Nominating Committee, as recommended by Commissioners: Yoshioka, O’Keeffe, Overby & Wong.** (M-O’Keeffe /S-Overby; Failed, 3-3-3; Y-O’Keeffe, Overby, Yoshioka; O-Bagarozzo, Kahler, Pasquini A- Centeno, Kennedy, McKindley-Alvarez)

Conclusion reached:

It was discussed that applications are considered public and they can and have in the past been included in the packet. The candidate approvals will be put on the next agenda with a copy of the applications (*in the packet*) at the next meeting.

E. CONSIDER the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of Committees.

APPROVE a proposal (to the MHC) for committee roles, responsibilities and expectations.

There was no time for this item so it will be on a future agenda

9. **ACTING MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Dr. Suzanne Tavano**

A. HEAR Update on enrollment in Medicare program: county and contractor requirement

B. HEAR Update on budget based on Governor's May Revise

The Acting MH Director said she provided a summary and passed the reports around the room. (report inserted as a matter of record)

Additional updates:

She mentioned that Gloria Hill, a former Family Advocate, will remain in Florida so that position would be opened.

Regarding the crisis residential facility, she said that was the 2nd on the wish list, and is currently undergoing a long feasibility study.

Also, they are seeing an increase in Murphy conversions, people who have come through the criminal justice system and were committed but not by reasons of insanity. The State is making decisions that these folks can't be dealt with on that side of the house they are converted to 'Murphy conservatorships' which moves the financial responsibility to MHA. State hospital care is extraordinarily expensive and is something they're going to have to figure out how to manage.

They are getting more referrals on misdemeanor 1370 charges.

Discussion:

Commissioner Pasquini was concerned about the rush and appreciated that it was discussed last month (*Oak Grove?*) but wondered what conversations had been happening on the topic prior to the Commission's hearing about it.

Acting MH Director said it's been discussed for about two months prior to her speaking about it at the last meeting.

Pasquini said that with the pressure of planning on MHSA there is never any time to have a stakeholder process. She would like the Commission to consider the perception of the process and that hearing about it at this last date doesn't give them time to do comparison work.

She said she is looking forward to hearing from Vic. She'd like time for a site visit because she's never been there, and wasn't sure that could be done this late in the process.

Brenda Crawford also expressed concern about the lack of discussion about the use of the property for the crisis residential facility and that there are other populations in need besides TAY. MHCC had looked at the location as possibly a peer run crisis residential facility.

Chair McKindley-Alvarez said they might want to have future discussion around that on some topics they won't be able to have a voice as much as others, and where do they draw the line and what does that process look like.

Commissioner Centeno suggested that items 6 and 7 on Dr. Tavano's report be brought to the next meeting and invite others to provide more information.

6. Update on proposed Assessment and Recovery Center (ARC)

7. Exploration of converting Oak Grove property into a multi-service TAY campus

10. **DISCUSS: 2010 MHC Annual Report**

A. CONSIDER approving the MHC 2010 Annual Report

B. DIRECT staff to submit the report to the Board of Supervisors.

➤ **ACTION: Motion made to approve the MHC 2010 Annual Report**

(M-Floyd /S-Kennedy; Passed, 7-1-1; Y-Bagarozzo, Kahler, Kennedy, McKindley-Alvarez, Overby, Pasquini, Yoshioka; O- Centeno, A- O'Keeffe)

11. **ADJOURN MEETING**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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Executive Assistant

Janet Wilson

From: Janet Wilson [jmwilson@mhccnet.org]
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Cc: 'bcrawford@mhccnet.org'
Subject: thank you, and I am back!

As you all know, I have gone through a tremendous ordeal with knee surgery and resulting serious psychiatric issues due to the cold-turkey discontinuation of a psychotropic medication by my health care provider.

While one should not need to apologize for an illness, I write to acknowledge what happened, to thank you all for your support and caring during my extended absence, and to remind you that "recovery is real" and that I am back to work resuming full duties as the Director of Patients' Rights for Mental Health Consumer Concerns.

I thank each and every one of you for your roles in helping me get through this time.

Janet Marshall Wilson, J.D.
Director of Patients' Rights
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Contra Costa Mental Health Commission
FROM: Suzanne Tavano, Ph.D., Acting Mental Health Director *ST*
SUBJECT: Mental Health Director's Report

1. County Budget

The MHD was instructed to reduce its 2011-2012 budget by 1.6 million dollars. The reductions will be managed by three strategies: 1) increased management of EPSDT services; 2) increased management of mental health services to special education pupils; and 3) salary savings accrued from vacant management positions. It is anticipated that this reduction will not result in significant reduction of mental health services to consumers nor result in work force reduction.

2. Governor's May Revise

If the Governor's May Revise is adopted as the State Budget for 2011-2012, the following will impact Mental Health:

- o There will be a repeal of the 3632 mandate, thereby returning full responsibility for all mental health services and residential care to Education.
- o Education will receive a total of \$389.4 million dollars to provide all necessary services.
- o AB3632 will not be realigned to county mental health in future years.

3. AB 100

\$861 million from MHSA funds will be re-assigned to counties for 2011-2012 for three specific purposes:

- a. "Capped" EPSDT allocation



- b. MediCal Managed Care Allocation
- c. Mental health services for special education pupils. This is apart from the 3632 mandate and use is to be determined by Mental Health.

4. **Medicare Enrollment of Programs**

The State Departments of Mental Health and Health Care Services determined that all Medicare reimbursable services first must be billed to Medicare before claimed to Medi-Cal. The criteria to determine this necessity include:

- The service is Medicare-covered
- The provider is Medicare-eligible
- The location of service delivery qualifies for Medicare

This policy requires programs not previously enrolled in Medicare to apply for enrollment, and includes both County and contract providers.

5. **Integration of Mental Health, AOD and Homeless Services**

An Ad Hoc meeting occurred on May 25, 2011 to discuss the integration of Mental Health, AOD and Homeless Services into a new Behavioral Health Division.

6. **Update on proposed Assessment and Recovery Center (ARC)**

The feasibility study for proceeding with the ARC seems to be completed. The intended site is adjacent to Contra Costa Regional Medical Center. It will be co-located but separate and distinct from a new primary care clinic. The physical design will support separation of youth and adults utilizing services the facility's services.

7. **Exploration of converting Oak Grove property into a multi-service TAY campus**

Given significant changes in the 3632 program, it no longer was financially feasible to sustain the Seneca Oak Grove residential program for pupils receiving services through the 3632 program. It was mutually decided by Seneca and the County to close the program. Mental Health has right of first refusal on the property and would like to explore the possibility of converting the site into a multi-service TAY campus. This might include a transitional residential program, a specialty outpatient mental health clinic and a Psychosis Early Intervention team. This concept will be explored at the next MHC Capital Facilities Committee meeting and discussed at the next CPAW meeting.