



Mental Health Commission

Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission has a dual mission: 1) To influence the County's Mental Health System to ensure the delivery of quality services which are effective, Efficient, culturally relevant and responsive to the needs and desires of the clients it serves with dignity and respect; and 2) to be the advocate with the Board of Supervisors, the Mental Health Division, and the community on behalf of all Contra Costa County residents who are in need of mental health services.

Thursday, August 23, 2012 ♦ 4:30-6:30 p.m.
John Muir Behavioral Health, 2730 Grant Street, Classroom A, Concord

AGENDA

The Commission will provide reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities planning to participate in Commission meetings. Contact the Executive Assistant at 925-957-5140 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

- 1. 4:30 Call to Order / Introductions**
- 2. 4:35 Public Comment**
Members of the public may comment on any item of public interest within the jurisdiction of the Mental Health Commission. If a member of the public addresses an item not on the 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**
 - 1) Welcome new Commissioners Louis Buckingham (District III Family Member) and Jerome Crichton (District III Member-at-Large).
 - 2) Revisiting the Current Bylaws
 - 3) Clarifying how tardies are noted in the Minutes.
- 4. 4:55 Approval of the Minutes from July 26, 2012 Action Item**
- 5. 5:00 Recommendation from the Executive Committee on the Director of Mental Health Interview Process. Action Item**
 - 1) Have three people represent the MHC on the Interview Committee.
 - a. One from each position (family member, consumer, member-at-large).
The Chair or Vice Chair will represent the member-at-large position.
 - b. The Commission representatives must be knowledgeable and respectful of representing the Commission in the interview process.
 - 2) Timeframe
The applicant is to be interviewed and appointed by October 1st.
If none of the candidates are suitable, the Commission requests that an Acting Mental Health Director be appointed by October from within the mental health system.
 - 3) Included in the interview process would be representatives from two contract agencies – inside and outside the Human Services Alliance.
 - 4) One frontline and one management staff would be representatives on the Interview Committee.



Commissioners were asked to bring their suggestions for interview questions to the Commission meeting.

6. 5:20 Committee Reports

A. Capital Facilities Committee

The Committee continues to discuss housing issues and at next month's meeting will be discussing programming for the Crisis Residential Facility at 20 Allen.

C. Criminal Justice Committee

Due to holiday and vacation schedules, the Criminal Justice Committee did not meet in August.

D. Nominating Committee

1) Status of applicants

The Commission's recommendation to appoint Hiram "Jack" Feldman to the vacant District V Consumer Representative seat has been sent to Supv. Federal Glover.

2) Commission vacancies:

District II Family Member

District V Family Member

District V Consumer Representative seat is pending (see above)

3) Nominating Committee membership requirements

E. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee recommends sending a letter to the Board of Supervisors explaining increased Commissioner responsibilities due to their involvement in community issues surrounding mental health ... basically updating the BOS on Commissioner activities.

F. Quality of Care Committee

1) The Committee was asked to reconsider the wording on a recommendation regarding room and board issues they brought to last month's Commission meeting. County Counsel has informed the Commission Chair that the County does not do room and board placements so the motion will not be placed on the MHC Agenda. Vic Montoya and Beverly Fuhrman reported to the Committee that issues have been taken care of, but they will continue to monitor. The Committee requested an updated report in October and would like follow-up from people who came before the Commission.

2) The Committee will report to the Commission's September meeting on their site visit to Napa State Hospital.

- 3) At their September meeting, they will continue to discuss ways to secure free or low-cost dental care; and there will be discussion on developing and implementing a tool for consumer workforce support – maintaining a safe working environment for consumers.

7. 5:45 MHC Representative’s Reports

- 1) Behavioral Health Integration Steering Committee – Sam Yoshioka
- 2) MHSA Social Inclusion Committee Report – Carole McKindley-Alvarez
- 3) CPAW Housing Committee Report – Annis Pereyra

8. 6:15 Commissioner Announcements

Commissioners must submit a yellow form with a brief description of the announcement.

9. 6:30 Adjourn Meeting

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