



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, September 27th, 2012 ♦ 4:30-6:30 p.m.
Concord Police Department Community Room ♦ 1350 Galindo, Concord

PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION

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.

I. 4:30 Call to Order / Introductions

II. 4:35 Public Comment

Members of 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 maximum time limit (subject to change at the discretion of the Chair). In accordance with the Brown Act, 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. Public Comment cards are available on the table at the back of the room. Please turn them in to the Executive Assistant.

III. 4:45 Announcements

- 1) Welcome new Commissioner Jack Feldman (District V Consumer Representative)
- 2) Commissioner Gina Swirsding is having eye surgery 9/27.
- 3) Commissioner Evelyn Centeno has requested a leave of absence.
- 4) Mental Health Director interviews started 9/24.
- 5) Holiday MHC meeting schedule.
November meeting will be the 5th Thursday, Nov. 29th
December meeting will be the 3rd Thursday, Dec. 20th.
Note: The December meeting will be a shortened monthly MHC meeting from 3:30-4:30, followed by the Annual MHC Meeting, 4:30-6:30.
- 6) Request that Committees place developing 2013 Goals on their October Agendas.

IV. 5:00 Approval of the Minutes from August 23, 2012

Action Item



- V. 5:05 **Request the Board of Supervisors to Proclaim the Week of October 7-13, 2012 “Mental Illness Awareness Week” in Contra Costa County. Action Item**
Approve proposed Proclamation.

VI. 5:30 **Committee Reports**

A. Criminal Justice Committee

- a. Recommendation for funding of Behavioral Health Court **Action Item**
➤ The Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Commission write a letter to those making decisions regarding the disbursement of AB109 funds, praising the Sheriff’s Department for their ongoing support and request that \$250,000 of the AB109 funds be designated for services the Sheriff’s Department has provided for the Behavioral Health Court in the past.
- b. Recommendation for support of Behavior Health Court **Action Item**
➤ The Criminal Justice Committee recommends that the Commission show strong support for the Behavioral Health Court by advocating to the Board of Supervisors for funding for services on their behalf.
- c. Report on effects of AB109 releases on County services.

B. Nominating Committee

- a. Status of Applicants
One application has been received for District I, but there are no openings. The applicant was informed there are no current openings. The District I Supervisor was notified and agreed that MHC staff should keep the application on file in case an opening occurs.
- b. There are two openings on the Commission: Districts II and V Family Members
- c. Receive Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and two members of the Executive Committee

C. Executive Committee

Did not meet.

D. Quality of Care Committee

No action items brought forward.

E. Capital Facilities Committee

- a. The Capital Facilities Committee will not meet in October.
- b. Recommendations for programming at the Crisis Residential Facility **Action Item**
➤ The Capital Facilities Committee recommends that the MHC support the educational component of dual diagnosis be embedded in the CRF

programming. All staff hired need to be co-occurring capable. An integral part of the program need to be peer partners who can address both the mental health and substance abuse components.

VII. 6:00 MHC Representative's Reports

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

VIII. 6:15 Commissioner Announcements

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

IX. 6:30 Adjourn Meeting

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the staff to a majority of the members of the Mental Health Commission less than 96 hours to that meeting are available for public inspection at 1340 Arnold Drive, Ste. 200, Martinez during normal business hours.