



*The 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.*

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday ♦ April 7, 2015 ♦ 1:00 pm-3:00 pm**  
**1340 Arnold Drive, Ste. 112, Martinez (Downstairs Conference Room)**

**AGENDA**

The Mental Health Commission respects your time, and every attempt is made to accurately estimate when an item may be heard by the Commission. All times specified for items on the Mental Health Commission agenda are approximate. Items may be heard later than indicated depending on the business of the day. Your patience is appreciated.

*Criminal Justice Committee Mission Statement: To work through families and interagency collaborations to ensure that individuals in the criminal justice system are given respect, dignity and human rights.*

1. **1:00 Call to Order/Introductions**
2. **Public Comments**
3. **Commissioner Comments**
4. **Announcements**
5. **Approve Minutes from March 3, 2015** *Action Item*
6. **Discuss support of SB 11.** *Possible Action Item*

This bill would require POST to include in its basic training course an evidence-based behavioral health classroom training course *and instructor-led active learning, such as scenario-based training*, to train law enforcement officers to recognize, deescalate, and refer persons with mental illness or intellectual disability who are in crisis. The bill would require that this evidence-based behavioral health classroom training course *and instructor-led active learning* be 20 hours long and be in addition to the basic training course's current hour requirement.

The bill would also require POST to establish and keep updated an evidence-based behavioral health training course as part of its perishable skills training under its continuing professional training requirement. The bill would require that this evidence-based behavioral health training course be a minimum of 4 consecutive hours of the total hours required in each 4-year period for perishable skills training.
7. **Goal #4 – Monitor the issue of how jails and juvenile halls are being used as our new asylum as Prop 47 is implemented.**

*Recommendation to state the goal as was in 2014, adding Prop 47.* *Action Item*

Prop 47: The measure's effects were to convert many nonviolent offenses, such as drug and property offenses, from felonies to misdemeanors. These offenses include shoplifting, writing bad checks, and drug possession. The measure also required that



money saved as a result of the measure would be spent on "school truancy and dropout prevention, victim services, mental health and drug abuse treatment, and other programs designed to keep offenders out of prison and jail." The measure included exceptions for offenses involving more than \$950 and criminals with records including violence or sex offenses. The measure specified that reduction from a felony to a misdemeanor would not restore gun rights.

The measure both affects future convictions and allows for people currently incarcerated for crimes covered by the measure to petition for re-sentencing. Source: [Wikipedia](#)

A. Discuss efforts to invite BHC Judge and County Prosecutors.

B. Fate of Resolution Recommending the hiring of a Clinical Specialist for the BHC in light of Prop 47. *Action Item*

8. **Goal #2 – Continue to monitor AB109 realignment funding and its impact on the Contra Costa County Mental Health System.** *Information and Discussion*
- A. Review of County Quarterly Summary Report – discuss impressions, thoughts, questions for David Seidner, your 2cents. *Possible Action Item*
9. **Goal #3 – Work with Juvenile Justice Commission** *Information and Discussion*
- A. Site visit at Juvenile Hall
- Director Bruce Pele offered the dates of April 14, 23, or 25 at either 10:00 am or 2:00 p.m. They can accommodate 6 people *Action Item*
- B. Resume conversation with Superintendent Newton in May or June.
- C. Jerome and Louis: Discussion with BHS Research and Evaluation Manager Ken Gallagher on developing Survey questions for psychologists, Orin Allen staff and kids who have been place there. *Information and Discussion*
10. **Goal #1 – Advocate to improve outcomes following interaction between law enforcement and consumer**
- A. Discuss progress on selecting post-5150 survey questions. *Possible Action Item*
11. **Items to report on at the April Commission Meeting.**
- 1) Recommend date for informational site visit to Juvenile Hall and sign-up attendees (Action)
  - 2) Recommendation regarding support of SB11. (Action)
  - 3) Revisit resolution requesting Mental Health Clinical Special Specialist for the BHC (Action)
12. **Develop proposed Criminal Justice Committee Agenda for May.**
- 1) Devorah Levine re: JAG Grant
  - 2) Phil Kader update on the AB109 population. Where are the Mentally Ill offenders (# incarcerated, # in probation, # released to Forensics). Are statistics available for total population move: # at 2013 year end; # at 2014 year end; % recidivism/ revolving door. Noteworthy items? Impact of Prop 47?
13. **3:00 Adjourn Meeting**