

**JUSTICE SYSTEMS COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2018 – FINAL**

<b>Agenda Item / Discussion</b>	<b>Action / Follow-Up</b>
<p><b>I. Call to Order / Introductions</b> Commission Chair Gina Swirsding call to meeting to order @1:09pm</p> <p><u>Members Present:</u> Chair- Gina Swirsding, District I Mike Ward, District V Geri Stern, District I</p> <p><u>Commissioners Absent:</u> Duane Chapman and Patrick Field</p> <p><u>Other Attendees:</u> Diana MaKieve, MHC District II Dr. Dan Battichok, Program Manager for Juvenile Mental Health Probation and Detention Services Dr. Marie Scanell, Manager for Adult Forensics Mental Health Clinic Jennifer Lewis, Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Mental Health Clinical Specialist John Douglas, Reentry Specialist -Reentry Center, Richmond Barbara Serwin, Chair of Mental Health Commission Adam Down, Mental Health Project Manager</p>	EA Transfer recording to computer
<p><b>II. PUBLIC COMMENTS-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<p><b>III. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair- would like for others to listen and be aware of depression and suicide signs. Encourages attendees to reach out and/or contact someone for help</li> <li>• Barbara, read a statement, on behalf of Lauren Rettagliata: (referencing a family, with a son who became very mentally ill, placing family members in potential danger) “it is in my opinion that the Mental Health Commission should write a letter of recommendation, and deliver it to all 23 law enforcement agencies, that speaks that whenever law enforcement finds a weapon, or is told that someone has made threats to harm others at the scene of a call, should be taken and placed under involuntary hospitalization, 5150. The person should be brought in for an assessment by a medical team and Psych Emergency Services. Family members and law enforcement do not have the expertise to evaluate a person. The Mobile Crisis Team can be called,</li> </ul>	

<p>they will assess and bring a person in, if the person has a weapon or threaten to harm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendees agree that in previous years, there was no hesitation in placing a person under a 5150 hold if the person demonstrated a harm to themselves or others. Now, there seems to be hesitation, and it is not understood why</li> <li>Adam, reminded that the discussion cannot take place because it is not on the agenda. Encouraged to agendize the matter for the next meeting.</li> <li>Chair of MHC suggests the matter be brought before the full Commission to pursue creating and sending a letter to law enforcement agencies</li> </ul>	
<p><b>IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Richmond Foster Care Youth Conference will be held at the end of March, contact the Richmond Police Department, Crime Prevention Unit, for further information</li> </ul>	
<p><b>V. Approval of July 25, 2017 minutes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mike Ward moved to motion, second by Gina, to approve the July 25, 2017, minutes. The motion passed by a vote of 3-0-0</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Vote: 3-0-0</b>  <b>Ayes: Gina Swirsding, Mike Ward and Geri Stern</b>  <b>Abstain: none</b>  <b>Absent: Duane Chapman and Patrick Field</b></p>	
<p><b>VI. DISCUSSION regarding Prop 47, with Dr. Marie Scannell</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview: Prop 47 passed several years ago with the perspective to reduce the sentence of <b>non-violent crimes</b>, from felonies to misdemeanors, to decrease the criminalization of behavioral, mental health issues, or substance abuse or both.</li> <li>Contra Costa County was awarded, one of the 23 Statewide grants, to start a three-year diversion program called "COCO Leads Plus". The project will start implementation with the Antioch Police Department. The funding is received through the Board State and Community Corrections. Most of the funds will be utilized for subcontracting services, for "Health Rights 360", which currently works with the AB109 population, providing a broad scope of services.</li> <li>Health Right 360 is in the process of hiring and putting out bids.</li> <li>It is hoped that program will begin to operate May 1, 2018</li> <li>Seattle, Washington was the pioneer of the program and has been successful, focused primarily on drug and prostitution offenses</li> </ul>	<p>*Dr. Scannell will forward the exact funding amount</p> <p>*A presentation of the program (including a Health Rights 360 representative), for the full Commission, will be planned tentatively for November 2018</p> <p>*Dr. Scannell will soon provide updates regarding the Mobile Crisis Team</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For Contra Costa County, a wider range of offenses will be studied to determine the eligibility for the program</li> <li>• A part time APD Lt. has been assigned to the program, to sort out arrests, reviewing which offenses may be eligible for referring to the program. A multidisciplinary team will review “wobbler” cases for eligibility</li> <li>• The goal is to decriminalize the mental health needs and eliminate incarceration, by providing services that will assist in reducing recidivism</li> <li>• The pilot will start in Antioch, for individuals arrested by Antioch Police, regardless if the person is a resident of Antioch. If the program is successful, it might be expanded to other cities within the county. Antioch was chosen as the pilot program because of the high crime rate.</li> <li>• The program is set up to serve 200 individuals, over a three-year period. If successful, then additional funding may be awarded. Approximately 11% of individuals will be eligible, but not all 11% will opt in to the program</li> <li>• All officers, in the Antioch Police Department will be trained and made aware of the program. There are three entry points to the program- first, the officer on the street can offer the program, at the time of the arrest; secondly, the officer may contact an individual with a record and inform the individual of the program, and during incarceration</li> <li>• The COCO Leads Plus program is available to individuals that are 18 years of age, or older and the charge must be a “low level” charge. If chosen for the program, it is one charge only. Only one charge will be dismissed. The entire criminal record of an individual will not be dismissed. The person does not have to be Medi-Cal eligible for HR 360 services.</li> <li>• An informational brochure was distributed to attendees</li> <li>• Policies and procedures are currently under development</li> <li>• A Program Coordinator will be hired by HR 360</li> <li>• Measurements for success of the program will be decreased incarceration, and/or arrests, including recovery for individuals</li> </ul>	
<p><b>VII. DISCUSS Membership and Committee Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gina has served as the Chair of the Committee for a long time and is willing to serve as a Vice Chair if someone is willing to become the new Chair. Gina no longer wishes to be the Chair</li> <li>• Diana MaKieve, Geri Stern, Gina Swirsding and Mike Ward committed their regular attendance, as volunteer</li> </ul>	<p><b>*MOTION to forward to the next Mental Health Commission meeting on 3/7/18, the Committee nominees for 2018</b>  <b>-Diana MaKieve</b>  <b>-Mike Ward</b></p>

<p>members to the Justice Systems Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee discussed various meeting time frame options to better suit members to obtain regular attendance and quorum</li> <li>• Mike Ward stated his schedule is open and is available for the next six months</li> <li>• Geri Stern stated that Tuesday afternoon works for her schedule. It would be ideal for her if the meeting started at 2pm, versus 1pm</li> <li>• Diana noted that the Executive Committee does follow, which starts at 3:15pm</li> <li>• Members discussed the possibility for the Justice Systems Committee to be from 2pm to 3:30pm, and the Executive Committee to be from 3:30pm to 5pm. This will change the meetings to 90 minutes, instead of two hours long each meeting. All members, including incoming members, of the Justice Systems Committee agreed and moved to motion</li> </ul> <p><b>Gina Swirsding moves to MOTION, seconded by Mike Ward, TO FORWARD, TO THE FULL COMMISSION, THE NOMINEES OF THE JUSTICE SYSTEMS COMMITTEE, TO SERVE AS MEMBERS FOR 2018 AS FOLLOWS: Diana MaKieve, Mike Ward, Geri Stern and Gina Swirsding</b>  <b>VOTE: 3-0-0 (2017 members)</b>  <b>YAYS: Gina, Geri and Mike</b>  <b>NAYS: none</b>  <b>ABSTAIN: none</b>  <b>ABSENT: Duane Chapman and Patrick Field</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair of MHC, Barbara Serwin, noted that the motion to utilize an Executive Committee member, to fill in for a quorum for all Committees, needs to be forwarded and approved by the County Council so that it may be incorporated in the Mental Health Commission's Bylaws</li> </ul>	<p><b>-Geri Stern</b>  <b>-Gina Swirsding</b></p> <p><b>*The Committee will decide at the next meeting, which new members will volunteer to be the Chair and Vice Chair</b></p> <p><b>*Starting 3/27/18, the Justice System Committee will be from 2pm to 3:30pm</b></p> <p><b>*The Executive Committee meeting will follow immediately after</b></p>
<p><b>VIII. REVIEW and DISCUSS Committee's Mission Statement</b></p>	<p><b>*Forward to the next meeting on 3/27/18</b></p>
<p><b>IX. REVIEW and DISCUSS Committee goals for 2018</b></p>	<p><b>*Forward to the next meeting on 3/27/18</b></p>
<p><b>X. REVIEW and DISCUSS 2017 Committee Annual Report-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 2017 report was not included in the meeting packet</li> <li>• The Committee will review and discuss the annual report and motion to forward to the full Commission</li> </ul>	<p><b>*Forward to the next meeting</b></p>
<p><b>XI. Adjourn Meeting at 2:15pm.</b></p>	

FINAL MINUTES APPROVED 4/24/18