

**Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission  
Thursday ♦ January 24, 2008 ♦ 4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**!!! NOTE DIFFERENT LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING !!!**

**921 Susana Street ♦ Martinez**

**Teleconference Location: 25 Talcott Road ♦ Park Ridge, IL**

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**AGENDA**

1. 4:30 Call to Order/Introductions
2. 4:35 Public Comment. 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 time limit (subject to change at the discretion of the Chairperson). In accordance with the Brown Act, if a member of the public addresses an item not on the posted 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
4. 4:45 Approval of the Minutes from December 11, 2007.  
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.
5. 4:50 Election of Officers.  
DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM. (Commission membership is now 12; therefore a majority vote must be 7)
  - The following Commissioners have been nominated for office (listed alphabetically): Chair: Dave Kahler  
Kathi McLaughlin and Karen Sloma (incumbent Co-Chairs, running only as Co-Chairs)  
Nominations from the floor (requires the nominee's consent).
6. 5:00 Co-Chairs' Report – Karen Sloma and Kathi McLaughlin
  - Welcome Commissioner Jacque McLaughlin
  - Introduce Doug Stewart, Vice President of the Pacheco Town Council to give a brief overview of his outreach to the homeless.
  - Report from the Mental Health Community Forum, January 23, 2008



that specifies the core responsibilities of a mental health board/commission, and discuss the best way to distribute the limited resources of the Standing Committees and the Commission.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.

- Entertain a motion recommending that the Commission formally support the Clubhouse and its programs and recognize the efforts of Herb Putnam on behalf of the Clubhouse Program.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.

- Entertain a motion to recommend that the Commission ask for an independent evaluation by Supervisor Susan Bonilla's office of the Mental Health Commission meeting of December 11, 2007 and cancellation of the November meeting, to be done in a timely manner. Discuss possible conflict of interest in conducting the meeting.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.

- Entertain a motion to discuss if the large contracts granted to Traditions (\$11,100,00 for 3 years) and Dr. Kolade (\$1,230,000 for 3 years) as consent items on recent Board of Supervisors calendars may fall under the Performance Contract Review mandate of the Welfare & Institutions Code.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS.

- Entertain a motion to recommend that the Commission collaborate with the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program on the formation of a Mental Health Task Force.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM.

- **Justice System Committee**

Meeting cancelled due to lack of quorum.

- **Executive Committee**

No meeting scheduled.

- Status of Vacancies:

- District III: Consumer Representative.
- District V: Consumer Representative, Family Member, Member-at-Large

- **Older Adult Committee.**

Meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

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| 11. | 6:15 | Reports: Ancillary Boards/Commissions<br><b>A. Contractor's Alliance</b><br><b>B. California Mental Health Planning Council</b><br><b>C. California Mental Health Boards/Commissions (CALMHB/C)</b><br><b>D. California Institute for Mental Health (CIMH)</b><br><b>E. Mental Health Coalition</b> |
| 12. | 6:28 | Future Agenda Items   |
| 13. | 6:30 | Adjourn meeting.  |