

**CONTRA COSTA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2006**

<p>1. Call to Order/ Introductions</p> <p>Attendees:</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bobbie J. Arnold at 4:30 p.m.</p> <p><u>Commissioners:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bobbie J. Arnold, District I 2. Geet Gobind, District III 3. Dave Kahler, District IV 4. Judy McCahon, District III 5. Kathi McLaughlin, District II 6. Cynthia Miller, District II 7. Teresa Pasquini, District I 8. Bettye J. Randle, District I 9. Lisa Ronan, District IV 10. Daniel L. Ruxin, District V 11. Scott Singley, District III 12. Karen Sloma, District IV 13. Diane Soto, District V 14. Robert Torres, District II <p><u>Staff, Members of the Public and Guests:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mariana Moore, Contractors' Alliance 2. Karen Shuler, MHC Staff 3. Donna Wigand, Mental Health Director 	<p><u>Commissioners Absent:</u> Supv. DeSaulnier, Exc. Supv. Glover, Abs. Lisa Honegger, Exc.</p>
<p>2. Public Comment</p>	<p>None</p>	
<p>3. Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathi presented flowers to Executive Assistant Karen Shuler on the occasion of "Administrative Staff Day." • A Thank You note from Donna Wigand and her mother was distributed, thanking the Commissioners for their donation on behalf of Donna's father who recently passed away. 	
<p>4. Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>The Minutes of March 23, 2006 were approved as presented.</p>	<p>M-Sloma; S-McCahon. Carried.</p>
<p>5. Chairperson's Report – Bobbie J. Arnold</p>	<p>Newly-appointed Commissioner (District I Family Member), Teresa Pasquini, was introduced and gave a brief overview of her background. Teresa was welcomed aboard.</p> <p>Committee Choices for the Mental Health Commission's Annual Awards.</p> <p>The list of the award nominations was distributed. There were no additional nominations. The nominations presented by the committees were approved.</p> <p>There were no nominations presented for the "Spirit of Caring" Award.</p>	<p>M-McCahon; S-Sloma. Carried.</p>

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<p>6. Mental Health Director's Report</p>	<p>Report on the County Budget Hearings. Donna reported that it was awful – that none of the members of the Board of Supervisors challenged the package as presented by CAO John Cullen. Included in the budget cuts is shutting down the County-run pharmacies. The only glimmer of hope was removing the expressive arts program from the cut list was possibly being considered. Donna said she is going to check with foundations by July 1 for art and therapy grants.</p> <p>The Mental Health Services Act will not bail this out. She said she will be meeting with John Cullen regarding EPSDT expansion. She encouraged the Commission to attend the May 2 BOS meeting where the final budget will be approved.</p> <p>Local 1 has submitted an alternate plan that swaps out every line staff cut with a management position. Most Counties have 15% management. We have 9%.</p> <p>Dave Kahler read comments from Mike Cornwall to the Board of Supervisors regarding the budget cuts.</p> <p>Next steps: If the BOS votes to approve the budget Tuesday, there will be two waves of layoffs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. May 26 – Summit Center must close and some staff will go at that time.2. June 30 – the rest of the layoffs. <p>Kathi said that maintaining a 5% reserve is unconscionable when the State only requires 3%. She also asked where the money will come from for required services that we cannot possible provide.</p> <p>Bettye asked how many retirees have contracts to work for the County. Donna replied that she doesn't know.</p> <p>Karen was asked to find out how many EHSD individual contracts there are and how many County retirees now have County contracts.</p> <p>Kathi asked if the transition in closing the pharmacies could be monitored to make sure individuals are getting their medication. Donna said the injectibles have been carved out. She said this will be tracked.</p>	
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	<p>Update on the Implementation of the Mental Health Services Act. Donna reported we sent two people to the Older Adult Services MHSA Conference. We have replied to the DMH questions. We should be hearing from them in 2 weeks. We hope to get going next month. Requests for Proposals will be issued.</p> <p>Donna was asked how we can make sure we get Prevention and Early Intervention dollars. She replied that we will set up groups to apply. The proposal has to be competitive and we can't apply until 2007.</p>	
<p>7. Budget Cuts Advocacy</p>	<p>Suggestions for advocacy efforts due to the budget cuts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the May 2 BOS meeting. • Contact Dorothy Sansoe and ask who sets the bond rating; can the reserve rating be reevaluated; and can loans be renegotiated? 	
<p>8. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Older Adults Committee To accommodate guest speaker Jeff Smith, MD, the Committee will meet Thursday, May 4 instead of May 5.</p> <p>Organizational Development Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Status of Vacancies: None. • Bob Torres, whose term expires June 30, has announced he does not wish to be reappointed. • Requests for reappointment have been made on behalf of Dave Kahler, Judy McCahon, Cynthia Miller, and Bettye Randle. <p>Adult & Transitional Age Youth Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on the Los Medanos Adult Mental Health Clinic site visit. Diane Soto reported on the visit to Los Medanos. She was joined by Commissioners Judy McCahon and Lisa Honegger. The facility was nicely revamped. She was surprised there weren't more clients there. There are groups scheduled, but there weren't any going on while she was in attendance. She'd like to see more brochures for distribution to the clients. She expressed concern over whether or not the patients from the old School Street site know about Los 	

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	<p>Medanos.</p> <p>Children’s Committee. The Children’s Committee dedicated their entire last meeting to advocacy efforts to prevent budget cuts to children’s services. Kathi will represent the committee at the BOS meeting Tuesday.</p> <p>Justice System Committee It was announced that the site visit to Richmond Jail facility on April 14th has been postponed.</p>	
9. Ancillary Committees/Boards/Commissions Reports	<p>Contractors’ Alliance. Marianna Moore thanked the Mental Health Commission for their efforts in getting the Crisis Center Hotline removed from the budget cuts list.</p>	
10. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:25.	

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Shuler, Executive Assistant
Mental Health Commission