

**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MAY 4, 2016 – FINAL**

Agenda Item / Discussion	Action / Follow-Up
<p>I. Call to Order / Introductions In the absence of Commission Chair Duane Chapman (who is ill), and Vice Chair Barbara Serwin (who is out of the country), Mental Health Commissioner and member of the Executive Committee Diana MaKieve volunteered to Chair the meeting. The Commission voiced anonymous approval. Diana called the meeting to order at 4:30.</p> <p><u>Commissioners Present:</u> Candace Andersen, BOS Representative Greg Beckner, District IV Douglas Dunn, District III Diana MaKieve, District II Tess Paoli, District III Gina Swirsding, District I Sam Yoshioka, District IV</p> <p><u>Commissioners Absent:</u> Duane Chapman, District I Lauren Rettagliata, District II Barbara Serwin, District II</p> <p><u>Other Attendees:</u> Travis Curran, Crestwood Behavior Health Corey Hallman, IBT 856 Adam Hudson, ANKA Behavior Health Ralph Hoffmann, CCC Senior Mobility Action Council Matthew Luu, Deputy Director of Behavior Health Lavonna Martin, Homeless Services Chief Victor Montoya, Mental Health Integration Manager Joe Partansky, Advocate PWD Natasha Paulson, CCC Senior Mobility Action Council Jill Ray, Supv. Andersen's Office Roberto Roman, OCE/CPAW Karen Shuler, MHC Executive Assistant Connie Steers, CPAW Will Taylor, NAMI Bob Thigpen, Acting Family Services Coordinator Jennifer Tuipulotu, Children's Michael Ward, MHC Applicant</p>	

Shelly Whalon, CCRMC & HC	
<p>II. Chair Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “May is Mental Health Month” Proclamation Will be on May 10th BOS Agenda • Honoring Dave Kahler for his 16 years of service on the Mental Health Commission. Karen read the Proclamation that will be given to him May 10th. 	
<p>III. Public Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ralph Hoffmann spoke about the 18th being “Thank Your Bus Driver Day”. He related a story about how bus drivers have helped the elderly and disabled. He said Thank You cards are available. • Natasha Paulson complained about conditions at John George Hospital after being sent there by Kaiser for mental health services. • Joe Partansky spoke about reducing unfair barriers to housing. He asked that papers he distributed be attached to the Minutes. 	Scan papers from Joe into computer – attach to Minutes
<p>IV. Commissioner Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gina commented about John George Hospital, stating that consumers do not want to go there. If people go to PES, she said they should not be referred to John George. 	
<p>V. Approval of the March 2, 2016 MHC Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Motion: Sam made a motion, seconded by Gina to approve the Minutes. Discussion: None. Vote: By a unanimous vote of 7-0-0, the Minutes were approved as presented. <p>Approval of the April 6, 2016 MHC Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Motion: Sam made a motion, seconded by Gina to approve the Minutes. Discussion: Marina Becerra’s name was added to the attendance list. Vote: By a unanimous vote of 7-0-0, the Minutes were approved as corrected. <p>Approval of the April 6, 2016 Public Hearing Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Motion: Doug made a motion, seconded by Sam to approve the Minutes. Discussion: Jill Ray’s name was added to the attendance list. Vote: By a unanimous vote of 7-0-0, the Minutes were approved as corrected. <p>Each motion passed unanimously 7-0-0. Vote tally for each of the above three motions was: Ye: Candace, Greg, Doug, Diana, Tess, Gina, Sam</p>	

<p>Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Duane, Lauren, Barbara</p>	
<p>VI. Discussion of the Commission’s Mandated Responsibilities in the W&I Code. There was no discussion. It was felt it would be best to wait for Duane’s return to have a discussion.</p>	
<p>VII. Receive latest Homeless Count Report Homeless Services Chief Lavonna Martin presented an Executive Summary of the Homeless Count performed on January 27, 2016. (Copy attached to Minutes). Lavonna said the full Report will be posted May 5 and include this Report. She said they will only be conducting full counts from now on. Sam asked about the Virginia programs for veterans. He said they have reportedly eradicated homelessness. Lavonna explained Virginia had the ability to find homes for the homeless within 30 days, which we don’t. She added that there are 15 more vouchers coming in to the County. Gina asked how the County can be accurate in its homeless count. Lavonna said there is no ability to know about some living in an abandoned building or camping. She said they do GPS mapping of the encampments. Gina mentioned that they hide themselves individually and move as needed. Diana asked about shifts in trends. Lavonna said they look at the trends. Doug said that in Antioch 40% of the homeless are SPMI. Greg said a lot of homeless feel stuck. How do we fight the stigma of being homeless? Lavonna said they are working to look at it s an entire system of care when focusing on housing. They are creating landlord engagement strategies. If support is needed, support is there. They have started a housing security fund to support landlords and consumers. Greg asked about services for substance abusers. Lavonna said first, she has never found anyone who prefers to be homeless instead of getting their own apartment. It depends on what we can offer. The concept is housing first.</p>	
<p>VIII. Behavior Health Services Director’s Report There was no report. In follow-up to a Public Comment about John George Hospital, Supv. Andersen asked where we are sending our consumers. What standards does John George have? It was suggested that this be sent to the Executive Committee for further discussion.</p>	<p>Place on May Executive Committee Agenda</p>
<p>IX. Clarification of next steps for the MHC Budget White Paper</p>	<p>Place on</p>

<p>There was a question as to whether or not MHC procedure was followed. Candace said it was going to the BOS May 3.</p> <p>At the last Executive Committee, Duane said he still had concerns. He wants it to come back to the MHC 1st.</p> <p>It was suggested that it go back to the Executive Committee and then come back to the June MHC Agenda. We need a clear and concise discussion.</p>	<p>May Executive Committee Agenda and June MHC Agenda</p>
<p>X. Committee Membership No discussion.</p>	
<p>XI. Committee Reports</p> <p>1) Criminal Justice Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entertain a motion to change the Committee name to “Justice Systems Committee” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gina made a motion, seconded by Sam to change the Committee name. Discussion: None. Vote: By a unanimous vote of 7-0-0, the motion passed. • Entertain a motion to change the Committee’s Mission Statement. <u>Was:</u> “To work through families and interagency collaborations to ensure that individuals in the criminal justice system are given respect, dignity and human rights.” <u>Proposed change:</u> “To work with consumers, families and other agencies throughout the County to ensure that youth, transitional age youth, adults and seniors in the justice system are advocated for and given their respect, their dignity and their human rights.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gina made a motion, seconded by Sam to change the Committee’s Mission Statement. Discussion: None. Vote: By a unanimous vote of 7-0-0, the motion passed. <p>Each motion passed unanimously 7-0-0. Vote tally for each of the above two motions was: Yea: Candace, Greg, Doug, Diana, Tess, Gina, Sam Nay: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: Duane, Lauren, Barbara</p> <p>2) Executive Committee Discussion of process for AOT Reports to the Commission. Jill: This should go to the full Commission for discussion. Then it could be referred by the MHC to the appropriate Committee if there is an issue for a deeper dive. That Committee would then bring back a report to the full Commission. This keeps the process transparent</p>	

<p>and keeps everyone in the loop. Diana said this gives us all a chance to have a voice. Jill said if an issue comes up after a deeper dive, then it can be sent to Department Heads, the BOS, etc.</p> <p>3) MHSA-Finance Committee. No discussion.</p> <p>4) Quality of Care Committee Did not meet.</p>	
<p>XII. Commission Representative Reports</p> <p>1) AOD Advisory Board – Sam Sam mentioned they had a speaker on the issue of the legalization of marijuana. CA voters will get a chance to legalize marijuana. He said he would like experts from mental health to come to their meetings. Refer to the Executive Committee. Gina said the SPIRIT class had a speaker about AOD.</p> <p>2) CPAW General Meeting – Lauren No Report</p> <p>3) Children’s Committee – Gina Gina said there is a division between the Children’s Committee and CPAW and the MHC. Doug said he has had extensive discussions regarding the children’s system of care. Doug said we need to know how to approach the 3 Year MHSA Plan. He looked at several issues –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to set guidelines for unspent funds • What are guidelines for use of 1-time unspent funds • There should be sufficient funds for proposed progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First Break Program ▪ Workforce Education ▪ Capital Facilities ▪ Tapestry <p>Diana asked what he saw to be the Commission’s role. Doug said to get a timeline for the 3 year Plan Process. Gina said we’re on the MHC for all funding, not just MHSA, realignment dollars. Diana said we need to be thinking about our priorities – collect input, get it to the proper people. Doug said innovation money will be available. Gina asked who makes the decision on where MHSA dollars go? Candace said the BOS asks for the needs and separate priorities. Mental Health through the BOS should prioritize. The role is not to decide the budget – staff shows where the money is needed.</p> <p>Future MHC Agenda Item: Have a presentation (overview) of the MHSA</p>	<p>Place suggesting mental health experts attend AOD meetings on May EC Agenda</p>

by Warren.	
XIII. Adjourn Meeting The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.	

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Shuler, Executive Assistant
Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission