

Contra Costa Mental Health Commission  
Monthly Meeting  
November 12, 2009  
Minutes – Approved 12/10/09

**1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS**

The meeting was called to order at 4:39 pm by Vice Chair Teresa Pasquini.

Vice Chair Pasquini read the MHC mission statement.

Commissioners Present:

Art Honegger, District V  
Dave Kahler, District IV  
Carole McKindley-Alvarez, District I  
Bielle Moore, District III (arrived at 6:00)  
Scott Nelson, District III  
Colette O’Keeffe, MD, District IV  
Floyd Overby, MD, District II  
Teresa Pasquini, District I  
Annis Pereyra, District II  
Anne Reed, District II  
Sam Yoshioka, District IV

Attendees:

Brenda Crawford, MHCC  
John Gragnini, Local 1  
Danielle Harold, Sonoma State nursing student  
Sean Kleen, NAMI  
Mariana Moore, Human Services Alliance  
Connie Steers, MHCC  
Lori Teller, NAMI  
Jakki Tachiera, Diablo Valley Family Coalition  
Johanny Ubeda, Sonoma State nursing student  
Janet Wilson

Commissioners Absent:

Peter Mantas, District III-Excused  
Supv. Mary Piepho, District III

Staff:

Victor Montoya, MHA  
Susan Medlin, MHA  
Dorothy Sansoe, CAO  
Karyn Cornell, Supv. Piepho’s office  
Nancy Schott, Executive Assistant to MHC

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sean Kleen – has been in the mental health system since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. He feels the hospital shouldn’t have turned down the PHF as it was an opportunity to replace some of what has been taken away from mental health clients. J and D ward type facilities are not available any longer, but very much needed. He would like to see some movement forward toward that type of facility.

Connie Steers - Residential Patients Rights Advocate. She has been spending more and more time in Wellness and Recovery Centers and the consumers have educated her to their financial issues. Recent budget cuts have cut \$60.00 – \$70.00 from their monthly SSI checks; they now receive approx. \$825.00 per month which makes it difficult to reach the end of the month. In addition to transportation increases, there have also been cuts to vision, foot and dental care. These patients are unable to get treatment or cannot pay their treatment bills. There may be some options involving a patient going to a primary care doctor and having a medical needs letter written allowing for services to be provided. She is very concerned.

Commissioner Yoshioka – As a new commissioner he wondered if there is a list of all MHC standing committees, task forces or workgroups (and the commissioners working on them). Vice

Chair Pasquini mentioned this information would have been covered in the New Commissioner Orientation, but the training had to be cancelled due to scheduling difficulties. There are currently no standing committees or task forces; standing committees were recessed approx. 1 year ago with the exception of the Executive Committee.

**TO DO: Staff to prepare a list of any standing committee, task force or workgroup.**

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Char Mantas finished his treatment and is looking forward to return to the MHC in January or possibly Dec.

A. Carole McKindley-Alvarez introduced herself. She is a clinical psychologist and has worked in the mental health field, mostly in administration, for 15 years in Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco counties. She was interested in joining the MHC because she grew up in Richmond and was wanted to look at the issues plaguing West County.

B. Annual Advisory Body Training Dec. 7, 4:00 – 5:30 pm at the BOS chambers at 651 Pine Street. Both new and veteran commissioners are strongly encouraged to attend to learn about the rules and laws governing the MHC.

### 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- **ACTION: October 8, 2009 MHC Monthly Meeting – Motion made to approve the minutes with the exception of the motion on pg. 6, paragraph 4. The question is whether or not the word “independent” should be included. (M-Pereyra /S-Reed/ P-Kahler, Nelson, O’Keeffe, Overby, Pasquini, Pereyra, Reed, Yoshioka, 8-0; Honegger, McKindley-Alvarez and Moore abstained as they did not attend the 10/8/09 meeting)**

Commissioner Honegger noted a correction to the 6/25/09 minutes approved at the 10/8/09 MHC meeting. He is listed as having been in attendance, but he was not. (Clerical error; minutes will be corrected.)

### 5. VICE CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS

Vice Chair Pasquini acknowledged Nancy Schott’s support and work on behalf of the Commission.

To ensure accuracy of all Motion wording, the Executive Assistant will read any Motion back to the full Commission prior to taking a vote.

Sam Yoshioka wondered if the MHC should approve the agenda at the beginning of each meeting in case there are items Commissioners wish to be added. Dorothy Sansoe said the MHC cannot do that because of the Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance requires 96 hours public posting so that the public has a chance to know what will be discussed ahead of time. Nothing can be added to the agenda once it’s posted, although items can be removed. Historically at the end of each MHC meeting, Commissioners can request items be added to the next meeting’s agenda. Sam asked if the Executive Committee should set the agenda. Dorothy suggested reviewing this concern at the next Bylaws Committee Meeting. The current bylaws (dated 10/06) Article 7, Section II Meetings: the agenda is prepared at the discretion of the Commission Chairperson. The bylaws would need to be changed to have the agenda prepared by a different process. Vice Chair Pasquini mentioned she

preferred the previous method of work being accomplished in standing committees resulting in items moved to the MHC meeting agenda. We can revisit standing committees if we wish.

A. Revision of the Bylaws:

At the October meeting the Commission heard a report from Dorothy Sansoe on the proposed Bylaws and comments from County Counsel. In an email, Chair Mantas requested the revisions be referred back to the Bylaws Workgroup final recommendation to the Commission.

- **ACTION: Motion made to refer the Bylaws back to the Bylaws Workgroup for reconsideration of additional changes. (M-Pereyra/S-Nelson/P-unanimously 11-0)**

Discussion:

Commissioner Yoshioka asked is the Bylaws Committee meeting would be announced ahead of time. Commissioner Pereyra said there have problems in the past with too many commissioners attending requiring the cancellation of meetings. Dorothy Sansoe mentioned if the agenda is posted 96 hours ahead of time, only Bylaws Workgroup members may vote, but any commissioners can attend and make comments. The Bylaws Workgroup consists of Chair Mantas and Commissioners Kahler, O’Keeffe, Pasquini and Pereyra. All issues worked on in a Workgroup come back to the Commission for ratification.

B. Report on Mental Illness Awareness Week:

Last month the BOS declared the first week of November as MIAW. Vice Chair Pasquini read some personal thoughts on behalf of the Commission and accepted the Proclamation from Supv. Piepho. After the presentation there were eloquent comments from various Consumers from Mental Health Consumer Concerns about the suicide of a West County Consumer and “friend”. As a result of those comments, a Center visit was set up to take place on Nov. 30. Vice Chair Pasquini and Brenda Crawford will join him to hear the concerns in more detail.

At the 10/8/09 MHC meeting, a Motion was made to have a letter written to the BOS regarding this suicide. During the motion, there was a malfunction with the tape recorder. Nancy Schott checked the wording with Commissioners Reed and Pereyra, who made and seconded the motion. Due to conflicting recollections of the precise wording, Vice Chair Pasquini would like to request the Motion be set aside and a new Motion considered by the MHC.

- **ACTION: A Motion was made to set aside the Commission’s decision from last meeting in order to reconsider the topic. (M-Pasquini/S- Reed/P-unanimously, 11-0)**

Discussion:

Vice Chair Pasquini would like the Commission to wait until after the Nov. 30, 2009 meeting with Supv. Gioia at the MHCC Wellness Center to determine the next steps in the request for an independent internal investigation. The confusion around last meeting’s motion centers around the inclusion of the word “independent”. She made this suggestion based on the fact that Dorothy Sansoe advised her “that the BOS does not normally do this type of investigative work. If the Commission changes the wording of the motion to include an independent investigation, initiated by the BOS and conducted by the BOS through their staff, it should be noted the MHA is the BOS’ staff and the BOS will most likely ask the MHA to handle any investigation as they see fit. This means the Commission ends up at the same place they are now.

Vice Chair Pasquini stated that all sentinel events result in an internal investigation and she assumes one has already taken place. Victor Montoya said they usually try to conduct an review within 30 days. Vice Chair Pasquini said her report last month called for an independent investigation by a neutral party, but she doesn't think the system allows for this type of review at this time. She would like the Commission to request at least a full report back. Brenda Crawford said MHCC feels comfortable the County is looking at the incident and there have been some positive changes around the relationship with the staff in West County.

Commissioner Reed thought she read at the April meeting there was an invitation from Donna Wigand to have David Cassell to attend a meeting and explain the internal review procedure. Vice Chair Pasquini said that issue is covered in the next agenda item. A Motion regarding the West County consumer suicide will be revisited after the 11/30/09 MHCC meeting with Supv. Gioia.

Commissioner McKindley-Alvarez asked if the family had been contacted and if they feel the incident has been handled appropriately. Vice Chair Pasquini said the family has not contacted the MHC. Brenda Crawford said the family has been in contact with MHCC and they appreciate the support they have received from the MHCC and MHA.

C. Contra Costa Times article regarding the request for incident reports on alleged violence at CCRMC that have not been provided. The article suggests that the County is censoring information the public is entitled to receive. Vice Chair Pasquini was contacted by the author of the article and was sorry her comments were not included. She expressed concern about the focus of the article and would have preferred to see the CC Times do an in depth system-wide investigation that does not focus on only one part of the system, the hospital. CCRMC accepts and treats some patients who are very high acuity, would have difficulty being placed in contract facilities and would not be admitted to a psychiatric health facility. This has been one of her main arguments that all 4C beds remain open. She also hoped the article would have addressed the fact that some violent acts could be preventable if the community services included more oversight, housing services and crisis intervention. Reporting on similar information requests from other psychiatric facilities and not just CCRMC, that takes some patients other facilities refuse or are not staffed to accept, would have been beneficial as well.

- **ACTION: Motion made to invite someone from Health Services to attend a Commission meeting to educate the MHC on the general policies and procedures on the reporting of psychiatric incidents at CCRMC and all sentinel events occurring in the mental health system. Motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Reed; action was not taken.**
- **TO DO: Invite one or more Health Services representatives to educate the MHC on the policies and procedures surrounding sentinel events using Victor Montoya's suggestions and guidance on the different reporting structures.**

Discussion:

Commissioner Reed clarified the invitation was to educate the Commission rather than asking about a specific event. She also asked if a Motion was required to invite someone to a MHC meeting. Vice Chair Pasquini said technically no; she was trying to get input from the Commission. Motion was withdrawn.

Vic Montoya offered some guidance regarding reporting structures: Mental Health services in CC County have 2 reporting structures: The Jail, Juvenile Hall, CSU and 4C report up through Health





Services through Anna Roth. Children's Services, Outpatient Adult and Outpatient Children's Services report up through Donna Wigand. In addition, hospital services under Title 22 have different obligations and requirements for sentinel events as do Jail and Juvenile Hall. Mental Health Outpatient Services has its own sentinel event process. Any requests for presentation on sentinel event review procedures should be done in the context of the separate reporting structures; possibly consider having 2-3 different case experts in their areas make presentations.

John Gragnini thanked Vice Chair Pasquini for her comments to the Contra Costa Times reporter. Not all patients are awarded beds at contract hospitals and must be admitted to 4C. It hasn't been discussed in a while, but decisions have to be made where to treat patients. The community needs to recognize the importance of 4C. Vice Chair Pasquini agreed.

## **6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A. Vice Chair Passquini commended Commissioner Reed's attention to detail in organizaing the elections. Commissioner Reed read the election rules; this year written ballots will be used. There are 2 ballots: Chair/Co-Chair and Vice Chair; a summary of nominations was included in the packet. If interested, each candidate can give a 1.5 minute to statement and public comment can be made on either the process or election. A candidate must receive at least 6 votes based on today's attendance.

Vice Chair Pasquini asked if the MHC needs to vote to accept the option of voting in co-chairs. Dorothy Sansoe replied since previously there have been Co-Chairs, there is a precedent, unless there is an objection from the floor. Commissioner Overby asked why we have co-chair option when there is a Vice Chair. Dorothy Sansoe said because the workload is quite heavy for 1 people; in the past it has been beneficial to share the Chair work between 2 Commissioners.

Commissioner Kahler removed his name from both the Chair and Vice Chair ballots. Vice Chair Pasquini removed her name from the Co-Chair ballot. Vice Chair Pasquini read a statement for the Vice-Chair nomination. Commissioner Pereyra removed her name from the Vice Chair ballot.

### ELECTION RESULTS

#### Chair:

Peter Mantas: Honegger, Kahler, Nelson, O'Keeffe, Overby, Pasquini, Pereyra, Reed, Yoshioka

Write-In: None

Abstain: McKindley-Alvarez

#### Vice Chair:

Teresa Pasquini: Honegger, Kahler, Nelson, O'Keeffe, Overby, Pasquini, Pereyra, Reed, Yoshioka

Write-In: None

Abstain: McKindley-Alvarez

2010 Results: Chair: Peter Mantas and Vice-Chair is Teresa Pasquini

Note: Commissioner Mantas and Supv. Piepho were absent, Commissioner Moore was not present at the time of the election.

## **7. REPORTS: ANCILLARY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**

A. Mental Health Coalition – John Gragnani discussed having meetings with supervisors on the

Coalition Talking Points. It was confirmed the MHC voted to endorse them.

B. Healthcare Partnership – Dave Kahler said they are still re-organizing; probably 1 or 2 months.

C. Human Services Alliance – Mariana Moore said she is involved with the task force to hire a professional facilitator for MHSA CPAW; very exciting and professional applications.

D. Local 1 – John Gragnani previously announced the Mental Health Unit had decided to undertake an evaluation of layers of management within the Mental Health Division. The draft is in its final review with join labor reps and business agents; the results will be provided to the MHC probably early next year.

E. Mental Health Consumer Concerns (MHCC) - Brenda J. Crawford –MHCC continues to undergo transformation from a drop in center to fully engaged recovery center. The entire staff will be trained to increase skills in the wellness and recovery model. Christmas open house on Dec. 11 at the Pleasant Hill community center 11 – 2:30 pm. New outreach to hospitals such as Kaiser to see if services can be provided to Kaiser clients. Meeting with doctors at the clinics to reach out to the meds only clients and see if services can be provided. Services include self-help groups that enable consumers to stay in recovery, relaxation techniques, stress/anger management, basic physical fitness and arts/crafts. Suncatchers are available for \$5.00 at the holiday party; price to be confirmed.

F. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – Al Farmer said he is very impressed with the new openness at CCRMC with Anna Roth. As NAMI continues to work with MHA, he hopes a similar relationship can be established.

G. MHSA CPAW – Annis Pereyra said IT was discussed at the last meeting. Suzanne Tavano spoke of a new IT proposal. Commissioner Pereyra is waiting for specific information. Other departments within Health Services have had their computer systems upgraded due to federal mandate, but not Mental Health. She doesn't think it's right to have to use MHSA funds when other departments get to use general county funds. Regarding housing she was supposed to ask Supv. Piepho about fast tracking the Housing Coordinator position since the Memo of Concerns was issued in February ; she not here today to request she go back to the BOS and request them to take action. There is also money available from federal stimulus money and we don't want to miss out. A woman from California Supported Housing suggested forming a community strategy to combat NIMBYism. Possibly should come out of this commission. There are two housing issues in Contra Costa County currently: A doctor from Kaiser is receiving backlash from putting in a women's facility in Pleasant Hill. Also Bonita House would like to open a dual diagnosis residential facility in East County and the community reaction was very negative (including a "we'll shoot them on site" remark). She would like the MHC to create a strategy to assist with educating the community. Commissioner Honegger asked if we could reach out to other counties for ideas. Commissioner Pereyra said Bonita House in Berekely continues to battle NIMBYism regarding their current facility. Vice Chair Pasquini said the director of Bonita House had offered to take members of the Knightson community to the Berkeley facility and there were no takers.



Karyn Cornell from Supv. Piepho's office said there is a County Planning Commission public hearing on the Bonita House application Mon. 11/16 7:00 pm at Knightston Elementary School. Vice Chair Pasquini suggested the MHC-CPAW Cap Fac Workgroup meeting be rescheduled in order to allow people to attend the public hearing. An MHC agenda could be posted noting the MHC is meeting at the Public Hearing to allow for as many commissioners to attend as wish without any quorum issues.

*It was suggested the next day that advocating at the BOS meeting when Bonita House presents its application would be a more effective use of people's time. The MHC-CPAW Cap Fac Workgroup meeting will take place as scheduled on 11/16/09.*

## 8. MHC COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP REPORTS

A. Diversity and Recruitment Workgroup-Anne Reed said the Workgroup met to discuss the general parameters of the workgroup and brainstorm general issues, concerns and directions. The Workgroup includes Commissioners Reed and Moore, Brenda Crawford and Marianna Moore.

- **ACTION: Motion made to approve the draft mission statement for the Diversity and Recruitment Workgroup in concept: "the mission of the Diversity and Recruitment Workgroup is to advise, guide and support the Mental Health Commission and members of the Board of Supervisors in order to recruit, select, orient, educate and retain Commissioners who collectively reflect, represent, respect and embrace the cultural and Socio-economic diversity of Contra Costa County and contribute an array of expertise, perspectives and experience with the local mental health system." (M-Reed/S-Pereyra,/ P-unanimously 11-0)**

Commissioner Reed said they are a workgroup and will not post agendas; please let her know if you would like to join. Commissioner Yoshioka requested the Workgroup to report on the cultural diversity of our county so we know where we are starting from. Commissioner Reed said they will as they move forward. Teresa has a MHSA document on diversity she will get to Commissioner Reed.

Lori Teller asked if all the commission positions have been filled; there are 3 vacancies: (District I has a Consumer vacancy and District V has Consumer and Member at Large vacancies.)

B. Letter received from the Department of Mental Health regarding the MHC's concern, to Mental Health Oversight and Accountability Commission, about flawed community planning process around the capital facilities component. The response letter is included in the packet. They were pleased a new committee was formed: the MHC-CPAW Cap Fac Workgroup to work as a collaborative effort.

C. MHC/CPAW Capital Facilities and Projects Workgroup –Annis Pereyra.

1. Statement from Teresa Pasquini: She has resigned from the Chair position of the MHC-CPAW Cap Fac Workgroup, effective 11/2/09. She read her statement that was included in the packet on pg. 25. She rejects all charges made in various emails and the method of their communication. To avoid any perception of bias toward the Workgroup's work she asks everyone give their support to Commissioner Pereyra who Chair Mantas requested take over the Chair position.

2. Reconsider workgroup's charge, focus and collaborative relationship with CPAW including discussion on information technology as part of the workgroup charge: Commissioner Pereyra feels the Capital Facilities Workgroup is at a stalemate, partly because things keep changing. There is some new idea in IT, but MHA couldn't provide details. Not sure if county is augmenting the amount of MHSA funds toward a new IT system. Initially they thought we were purchasing a system that cost approx. \$2 million, but will actually cost \$5-6 million so they pulled back. They are waiting to hear back. A counter bid was put forth by the County on the 20 Allen property because of the drop in property value; if the price wasn't dropped, the county would pull back. A response was expected Fri. 11/6, but none came. The answer may be coming tomorrow.

There may be 2 rather than 4 types of services at the proposed psychiatric facility, but they couldn't find out what the 2 were. The initial proposal was for 3 services and she is not sure what the 4<sup>th</sup> service is. The Children's proposal is not a significant change from what it was before to make it an additional component because children were always going to come through the assessment part of it. 2 significant comments came from the 11/5/09 CPAW meeting: 1) Kathy McLaughlin said part of the reasons there is significant conflict is because the charges of the MHC (very broad on all matters of mental health in Contra Costa County) and the CPAW (only focused on MHSA) are very different and 2) Veronica Vale asked why we keep talking about money. The reason is the MHSA funds include funds covering 2 different components: capital facilities and information technology. Each county must decide how to divide up those funds for each component. The line between the two funds keeps changing.

Commissioner Reed asked what the mission of the CPAW was. CPAW advises the Mental Health Director on matters concerning the MHSA only. Vice Chair Pasquini said at the 11/2/09 CPAW meeting, some members were willing to attend 1 more meeting to reach consensus whether to move forward with survey. We don't really know how many proposals are on the table: 2, 3 or 4. Dr. Walker does want the MHC's and the public's assistance. She still feels the needs analysis take place.

Brenda Crawford said this might be an opportunity to look at models that have worked in other places. Combining clinical and peer driven services. Reducing involuntary hospitalizations.

Commissioner Yoshioka asked should Dr. Walker to return to the next meeting so we have access to the most current information. Why can't the capital facilities and IT funds be separated? Can the Workgroup really contribute to the IT portion because it's so specialized? Commissioner Pereyra said there is a separate IT Workgroup that has met. Tony Sanders isn't here, but he has been part of it. The challenge is the MHSA funds are one lump sum from the state. The county has been working on the IT portion but there isn't a commissioner who sat on that committee to provide feedback to the MHC. Vice Chair Pasquini said that's why she invited Steve Hahn Smith to the last MHC-CPAW Cap Fac Workgroup.

Vic Montoya said there are 2 minimal requirements for an IT system in CA: 1) electronic medical records that will be driven on a national level and 2) the ability to bill Medical and reporting to the state. The numbers of providers in CA who have the ability to do 1 much less both of these requirements are very few. He feels in the end there will be 2 or 3 providers and the 57 counties will select from them, licensing and fees set after that. All the counties are going through this at the same time. Even if a system can provide the electronic medical record portion of the system, if a system can't bill Medical, a county in CA won't use that provider.

Commissioner Pereyra said when choosing a system, the accounting people vs. the patient services people, the accounting side will win because of the ability to bill and generate revenue.

Vice Chair Pasquini said when the MHC-CPAW Capital Facility Workgroup was formed at the 9/3/09 meeting, we were told the proposed \$2 million in MHSA funds to seed an IT system was tabled. The Workgroup's charge didn't include IT at that time. It became apparent that IT was back on the table as part of the single pot of funds available and the Workgroup needed to participate in how it would be split up.

Some counties are spending most of their MHSA money on IT. Commissioner Pereyra said that Steve from Rubicon stated how difficult it is to access a client's records without many phone calls to coordinate care and arrange for medications. Having a complete IT system would make the system work much better in terms of accessing client information.

John Gragnani: Donna Wigand reported IT is just a part of how a system operates; technology has to be updated periodically. Other departments have regular updates; are there guidelines for health services for regularly updating technologies and applications? How does that affect Mental Health and how does Mental Health compare with other departments with other Health Services.

Brenda Crawford said IT is very important, but she doesn't want to loose focus on what type of services are being offered that will transform lives. Discussions should include various service.

Commissioner Pereyra: If other departments within the County structure are having their IT systems upgraded to accommodate electronic health records, why isn't Mental Health receiving the same option? For \$2 million, a crisis residential facility could be purchased in East County and West County.

- **ACTION: Motion made to increase the scope of the MHC-CPAW Capital Facilities Workgroup to include not only Capital Facilities but Information Technology programs and services.(M-Reed/S-O'Keeffe/P-10-0 with Yoshioka abstaining)**

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3. Hear Commissioner's Concerns: There were 2 requests from Commissioners Yoshioka and Kahler (Kahler's requested motions are included in the packet on pg. 27. Vice Chair Pasquini confirmed Commissioner Kahler would like all 4 of his motions on the 12/10/09 MHC meeting agenda. Dorothy Sansoe stated in her email item #4 of may be in conflict with the charge of the MHC-CPAW Capital Facilities Workgroup. Commissioner Kahler said Chair Mantas said in an email he was the only one who voted against sending the issue to the Workgroup because he didn't want to relinquish the control of the majority of the commissioners. Commissioner Kahler seconded the motion, but didn't understand what he was seconding at the time. He understands the MHC would solicit information from all types of sources, but not relinquish control over an issue to a Workgroup.

Vice Chair Pasquini said there is no control being relinquished, as we are both advising and gathering. Commissioner Kahler said when the Workgroup was set up, 20 Allen St. was live project. As it works out, it may not be, but the Commissioners should have a chance to express their feelings on the project if it goes forward without waiting for it to come back from the Workgroup.

Vice Chair Pasquini said the Workgroup is similar to when the MHC had standing committees: the work gets done in the standing committee and information is brought back to the MHC for action.

Commissioner McKindley-Alvarez: wanted clarification on the question on the floor. Is it that the MHC is unable to vote on a issue being worked on in a Workgroup? Vice Chair Pasquini explained that Commissioner Kahler wanted the motions on pg. 27 of the packet put to a vote at today's meeting. It was advised that since the motions had been referred to the Workgroup and they did not want to take a vote yet until the analysis was completed. It would not be placed on today's agenda for a vote.

Vice Chair Pasquini said if the MHC would like to consider a vote on 20 Allen, it can be put on the 12/10/09 agenda. Dave Kahler will let Vice Chair Pasquini know what items he wants on the next month's agenda. Dorothy Sansoe offered to revise the wording of his motions for placement on the agenda.

## 11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### a. Suggestions for December Agenda *[CONSENT]*

1. Dr. Karen Bert will make a presentation on Integrative Health Center Proposal

### b. List of Future Agenda Items:

1. Case Study
2. Discussion of County Mental Health Performance Contract & Service Provider Contract Review.
3. Presentation from The Clubhouse
4. Presentation from the Behavioral Health Court.
5. Discuss MHC Fact Book
6. Review Meetings with Appointing Supervisor
7. Creative ways of utilizing MHSA funds
8. TAY and Adult's Workgroup
9. Conservatorship Issue
10. Presentation from Victor Montoya, Adult/Older Adult Program Chief
11. Presentation from Crestwood Pleasant Hill
12. Proposed MHC 2010 Legislative Platform, presentation by Dorothy Sansoe
13. Report on Behavioral Health Unit – Dr. Johanna Ferman
14. Presentation from Health Services Department on the policies and procedures surrounding sentinel events using Vic Montoya's suggestions on the different reporting structures.
15. Presentation from Health Services to provide an update on the 20 Allen St. proposal.
16. A planning retreat should be held to determine 2010 goals; date TBD.

Commissioner McKindley-Alvarez requested we address the 14 Future Agenda items on the list plus the ones added today and determine which ones should stay on the list.

## 12. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

## 13. ADJOURN MEETING

- **ACTION: Motion to adjourn (M-Reed/ S-McKindley-Alvarez/P-unanimously)**

The next scheduled meeting of the Mental Health Commission will take Thursday, December 10 from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.