

**CONTRA COSTA MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2006**

<p>1. Call to Order/ Introductions</p> <p>Attendees:</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bobbie J. Arnold at 4:54 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. Cynthia Miller, District II 6. Teresa Pasquini, District I 7. Bettye J. Randle, District I 8. Scott Singley, District III 9. Karen Sloma, District IV <p><u>Staff, Members of the Public and Guests:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mariana Moore, Contractors' Alliance 2. Dorothy Sansoe, CAO 3. Karen Shuler, MHC Staff 4. Donna Wigand, Mental Health Director 5. Janet Marshall Wilson, JD, MHCC 	<p><u>Commissioners Absent:</u> Supv. DeSaulnier, Abs. Supv. Glover, Abs. Lisa Honegger, Exc. Kathi McLaughlin, Exc. Lisa Ronan, Exc. Daniel Ruxin, Exc. Diane Soto, Exc. Bob Torres, Exc.</p>
<p>2. Public Comment</p>	<p>Janet Wilson mentioned that the County is lucky to have Suzanne Tavano who is writing a corrected plan of action for DMH.</p>	
<p>3. Announcements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Mental Health Consumer Concerns Picnic will be held June 16 from 11-3. 	
<p>4. Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>The Minutes of April 27, 2006 were approved as presented.</p>	<p>M-McCahon; S-Sloma. Carried.</p>
<p>5. Chairperson's Report – Bobbie J. Arnold</p>	<p>Recap Mental Health Commission's Annual Awards. Bobbie reviewed the list of the Award recipients.</p> <p>Ideas for future presentations of the awards, ie. luncheons, dinners, etc. Donna suggested having an extended Mental Health Commission meeting as an Awards Reception. She said Mental Health Administration would pay for the snacks.</p> <p>Resignation of Commissioner Bob Torres. It was suggested that the Commission honor Bob at the next meeting. He has served on the Commission since 1997.</p>	
<p>6. Mental Health Director's Report— Donna Wigand, LCSW</p>	<p>Donna mentioned that the Mental Health Administration had sent a sympathy card to Bob Torres and get well wishes to Daniel Ruxin.</p> <p>Update on the Implementation of the Mental</p>	

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	<p>Health Services Act</p> <p>Donna said Contra Costa County has been given an “unofficial verbal okay” – except for \$1-1/2 Million. We have asked for the money for housing and vehicles, but this was carved out of the Plan. A letter regarding justification for needing the money was sent out today. Donna said we cannot implement the Play without this money. If it isn’t approved, she fees the CAO, BOS and legislators will need to get involved. She mentioned that other counties are having the same problem.</p> <p>Impact of the Budget Cuts on Mental Health Services</p> <p>Donna has had some meet and confers with local 1. She stated we have been able to find vacant positions for all but 2 staff. Regarding the proposed cuts to the arts program, Donna said she has been requested to put together a package for the art program to send to the East Bay Community Development Association. Supv. DeSaulnier will follow up. As second request would go out to Dean Leshner and a third to the Zellerbach Corporation. There is still a net sum loss to Children’s Mental Health. Some clinic positions are gone. We are trying to work on what to do with kids who are on the caseloads of cancelled positions. Next Tuesday, Supv. Gioia’s ad hoc violence prevention committee will discuss EPSDT funding, making sure it’s being fully utilized. We are #6 in utilization of EPSDT money. Summit Center is closing tomorrow. The kids have been placed. We are moving forward with EHSD to get a Level 13-14 Group Home status. Donna said she will be going to the clinics prior to July 1 to speak with staff before their movement to other locations. The Family and Human Service Committee will be discussing productivity on June 19. Donna explained that a program was implemented with a 55% standard. Disciplinary action was started against people at less than 55%. Then the Union got involved and meetings occurred with line staff over this issue. Donna said she is not seeing as much movement as there should be.</p>	
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	<p>She feels patients are being seen, but paperwork is not being followed up on which affects the ability to bill for the services.</p> <p>Impact of the investigation at Regional Medical Center’s Psychiatric Unit.</p> <p>Donna said she believes this is fixable. She said that Vic Montoya and Suzanne Tavano are working with Miles Kramer to develop a plan of correction. Donna said that Miles inherited this problem. In terms of infrastructure, he needs more positions. The investigation highlighted issues that are now being taken care of. One aspect of the plan of correction is training. It was suggested that a copy of the plan of correction be submitted to the Commission.</p>	
<p>7. Committee Reports</p>	<p>Organizational Development Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is one vacancy as of June 30: District II Family Member (seat being vacated by Bob Torres) • Judy McCahon is being reappointed by Supv. Piepho • Requests for reappointment have also been made on behalf of Dave Kahler, Cynthia Miller, and Bettye Randle. <p>Adult & Transitional Age Youth Committee.</p> <p>There was no meeting in May.</p> <p>Children’s Committee.</p> <p>There were no action items to forward to the Commission.</p> <p>Justice System Committee</p> <p>Karen and Judy reported on Marti Wilson’s visit to the Committee.</p> <p>A Sign-Up sheet was distributed for site visits to the Richmond Detention Facility and to Calli House, scheduled for May 26.</p> <p>Older Adults Committee</p> <p>Jeff Smith, MD, Executive Director, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Health Centers was a guest speaker at the May meeting. The Committee will draft a letter of recommendations based on his report, which will be presented at the June Commission meeting. The main concerns are the use of Vale beds, safety/training issues, and there being an oversight committee that includes a Patients</p>	

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	Rights representative.	
8. Ancillary Committees/Boards/ Commissions Reports	<p>Contractors' Alliance. Mariana Moore stated they are continuing to look at the fallout from the budget cuts. The Alliance is working with Supv. DeSaulnier to follow-up on saving some of the contracts. They are also working on the RFP (Request for Proposals) process with Family and Human Services. We are all waiting the rollout of the MHSA funds.</p> <p>CMHACY Bobbie reported that there seemed to be a greater emphasis on the mental health issues kids have today. The need for the educational of caretakers was discussed. They had a youth panel participate.</p> <p>CALMHB/C Their next meeting is June 14. Bettye Randle will be attending.</p> <p>California Mental Health Planning Council. Their next meeting is June 14. Bettye Randle will be attending.</p> <p>CIMH No report.</p> <p>Mental Health Coalition No report.</p>	
9. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:25.	

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Shuler, Executive Assistant
Mental Health Commission