

<p>1. Call to Order/ Introductions.</p> <p>Attendance:</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 4:37 p.m. by Co-Chairperson Karen Sloma .</p> <p><u>Commissioners:</u> Bobbie Arnold; Dave Kahler; Judy McCahon; Kathi McLaughlin; Cynthia Miller; Teresa Pasquini; Bettye Randle; Scott Singley; Karen Sloma.</p> <p><u>Other Attendees:</u> Jennifer Deadman; John Gragnani; Fran Kelly; Sara Kimball; Peter Mantas; Jacque McLaughlin; Marianna Moore; Karen Shuler; Eric Svenonius; Donna Wigand; Janet Wilson.</p>	<p><u>Commissioners Absent:</u> Federal Glover; Geet Gobind.</p>
<p>2. Public Comment</p>	<p>Janet Wilson expressed concern that the Conservator of Public Guardian's Office is vacant, and the current temporary replacement will be leaving in January. Donna Wigand said there are actually three vacant positions and that they are currently looking to fill two of them. Teresa Pasquini asked that this be a future agenda item.</p>	
<p>3. Announcements</p>	<p>None.</p>	
<p>4. Approval of the Minutes</p>	<p>The minutes from September 27 were approved by all with one abstention.</p>	<p><b>M</b>-Kathi McLaughlin; <b>S</b>-Cynthia Miller. Carried. All yea except Teresa Pasquini abstained.</p>
<p>5. Co-Chairs' Report – Karen Sloma and Kathi McLaughlin</p>	<p>A card from Federal Glover to the boardmembers and staff of the Mental Health Commission was passed around thanking them for their recent support during his illness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1 Kathi McLaughlin reported on the Mental Illness Awareness Week and Commission Awards Presentation, stating five members attended. The awards are normally presented earlier in the year, but the delay actually allowed more people to be recognized.</li> <li>•2 Report from Board of Supervisors Meeting of October 16, 2007 (Kathi McLaughlin) Nov. 5 is the date established for a two-hour meeting to discuss staffing and how it will affect the quality of care.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•3 Kathi began the discussion regarding Commission meeting length and format by saying they "don't want to short-change anyone in the committee meetings." Bettye Randle suggested the agenda should be shorter. Kathi ended the discussion by stating that everyone needs to be more conscientious of the time they utilize during committee reports and that special presentations are going to require more time.</li> <li>•4 Teresa Pasquini reported on the Fred Finch Open House saying, "It was very uplifting and encouraging to see Proposition Sixty-three in action."</li> <li>•5 Donna Wigand said the Families First Open House was very well attended.</li> <li>•6 Karen Shuler requested the nominations for chair or vice-chair by November 7.</li> </ul>	
<p>6. Committee Reports</p>	<p><b>Executive Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1 Entertain a motion to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to fill the District IV Consumer Representative Seat.</li> </ul> <p><b>Older Adult Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1 Entertain a motion to approve the Older Adult Committee's 2008 Focus Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) In collaboration with the Alcohol &amp; Other Drugs Advisory Board, Aging &amp; Adult Services, Senior Peer Counseling and other programs for seniors, develop a plan recommending funding alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and treatment programs for seniors to forward to the Prevention and Early Intervention MHSA Stakeholders.</li> <li>2) Propose federal legislation to have Alzheimer's and dementia recognized as a mental illness.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Bettye Randle added that the committee will be</p>	<p><b>M</b>-Kathi McLaughlin; <b>S</b>-Bettye Arnold. Carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>M</b>-Karen Sloma; <b>S</b>- Judy McCahon. Carried unanimously.</p>

	<p>contacting Congressman Miller to draft and sponsor the bill.</p> <p><b>Adult &amp; Transitional Age Youth Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1 Entertain a motion to distribute a general questionnaire to County line staff. Teresa Pasquini clarified county line staff to mean all clinics, the Conservators Office, CSUs, the inpatient units, the Behavioural Health Court staff, the Mental Health Administration, district attorneys, county council, public defenders and provider networks.</li> <li>•2 Entertain a motion to approve the Adult &amp; Transitional Age Youth Committee’s 2008 Focus Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The implementation of AB1421 in Contra Costa County (Laura's Law).</li> <li>2) Develop a plan for obtaining the use of a mobile health van for mobile mental health use to forward to the Systems Development MHSA Stakeholders.</li> <li>3) Develop a brochure for county-wide distribution directing consumers to support groups.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Children’s Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1 Entertain a motion to approve the Children’s Committee 2008 Focus Goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Obtain a waiver to allow Medi-Cal reimbursement for incarcerated youth in county juvenile justice facilities.</li> <li>2) Re-establish a small, free-standing children’s shelter.</li> <li>3) Replacement or reinstatement of the Summit Center for Boys.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Justice System Committee</b></p>	<p><b>M-</b> Kathi McLaughlin; <b>S-</b> Bobbie Arnold. Carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>M-</b> Teresa Pasquini; <b>S-</b> Dave Kahler. Carried. Yeas: (6) Dave Kahler; Judy McCahon; Cynthia Miller; Teresa Pasquini; Bettye Randle; Scott Singley. Nay*: (1) Kathi McLaughlin Abstain*: (2) Bobbie Arnold; Karen Sloma</p> <p>* The abstentions and nay were due to disagreements on Goal One.</p> <p><b>M -</b> Kathi McLaughlin; <b>S -</b> Cynthia Miller. Carried unanimously.</p> <p><b>M -</b> Judy McCahon;</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•1 Entertain a motion to approve the Justice System Committee’s 2008 Focus Goals: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Encourage and provide opportunities for open discussion surrounding the issues of patients’ rights, public safety and other components of the justice system by means including roundtable discussions.</li> <li>2) Advocate for the thoughtful, considered and collaborative treatment of individuals with mental health issues in the justice system.</li> <li>3) Track operation and effect of the Behavioral Health Court.</li> <li>4) Continue implementation of Law Enforcement Referral Card partnership program with county law enforcement agencies with quarterly program introductions and quarterly follow-up meetings, as appropriate.</li> <li>5) Conduct quarterly visits to county detention facilities and treatment centers as appropriate to the Committee’s mission.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>S - Scott Singley; Carried unanimously.</p>
<p>7. Report: Mental Health Director Donna Wigand, LCSW</p>	<p>Updates on the Mental Health Services Act and on Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) were given by Donna Wigand. She said there are a lot of problems with the state, although it does seem to be getting better. There is a bill allowing for involuntary medication of adults in jails.</p>	
<p>8. Reports: Ancillary Boards/ Commissions</p>	<p><b>Contractor’s Alliance</b> – Mariana Moore said the Alliance is focusing on open discussion and transparency regarding the funding for Other Post Employment Benefits.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Coalition</b> – John Gragnani said they are looking at what is going on at CSU and setting up discussion regarding the budget cuts.</p>	
<p>9. Future Agenda</p>	<p>It was agreed to discuss the recent action of the</p>	

Items	Board of Supervisors canceling eight Mental Health Clinical Specialist positions and replacing them with 5.25 FTE Medical Social Worker II positions on Nov. 5.	
10. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.	

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

Eric Svenonius, Recording Secretary