

**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MINUTES
1.23.2014 – FINAL**

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/ Follow-up
I. Call to Order/ Introductions	<p>Chairperson Sam Yoshioka called the meeting to order at 4:30.</p> <p><u>Commissioners Present:</u> Louis Buckingham,, District III Evelyn Centeno, District V Jerome Crichton, District III Jack Feldman, District V (arrived at 4:35) Dave Kahler, District IV Peggy Kennedy, District II Carole McKindley-Alvarez, District I Colette O’Keefe, District IV Teresa Pasquini, District I Lauren Rettagliata, District II Gina Swirsding, District I Sam Yoshioka, District IV</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Commissioners Absent: Supv. Karen Mitchoff</p> <p><u>Non-Commissioners Present:</u> Georgette Howington, Parent Vic Montoya, Adult MH Program Chief Karen Shuler, MHC Executive Assistant Connie Steers, Consumer Janet Wilson, Public</p>	
II. Public Comment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Connie: re Going back to legislative intent of MHS Act. Concerned about how money is spent. 2) Janet: Resigned as Patients Rights Director. CCC needs more PR Advocates – 1 in each center. 3) Chelsea: Concerned about MHCC transition: Recovery should be about recovery and not numbers. Concerned about lack of food. No advocates at wellness center sites. Lauren clarified there are 2 advocates at MHYCC we are no longer contracting with. Louis asked a clarifying question we housing: Is it through MHCC? 4) Julie re: ANKA housing, made allegations of embezzlement against ANKA; issues of case 	

	<p>management. Also, client at MHCC and needs more services with housing, etc. Apartment inhhabitable.</p>	
<p>III. Commissioner Comments</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Colette: Wellness Center is no longer a place they can go back to. 2) Teresa recognized consumers who spoke up. Also has concerns about PR. We as a Commission must oversee and track these concerns. Transition will be hard and she is concerned – we have to be mindful of it. Heard a rumor about only “high-functioning” consumers. 3) Evelyn: Thanked Connie and Chelsea for their comments about MHCC. Your issue is very important to the CJ Committee. Needs to be referrals to other services. 4) Sam wanted to recognize Martin Luther King. Spoke about his experiences. Considers treatment of consumer s civil rights issue. 	
<p>IV. Announcements</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) MHC Annual Planning Meeting set for February 27th. Weren’t ready for it. Will be working with Committees to incorporate W&I Mandates in the Annual Goals. 2) BHS Forum Planning Team Meeting – Tuesday, February 11th 11:30am – 1pm 3) BHS SPIID (Service Planning Integration & Implementation Plan Design) Team Meeting – Tuesday, February 11th 9:30 – 11:30am 4) Supervisor Karen Mitchoff has been re-appointed to the MHC. She is also Chair of the BOS and serves on BOS Standing Committees that conflict with the MHC monthly meeting date. She has requested that a new date be chosen for the monthly MHC meeting. Her availability is: First Choice: 1st Thursday @ 4:30 or 2nd Thursday @ 4:30 	<p>MHC meeting will now be on</p>

	<p>Second Choice: 2nd Wednesday @ 4:30</p> <p>Some of the Commissioners asked that this be decided today.</p> <p>Teresa—1st is the same time CPAW Jack made a motion to choose the 2nd Thursday at 4:30. Evelyn seconded it.</p> <p>Discussion: Carole is concerned that this was brought up before and we chose not to do it. Concerned that BOS chose a person as a liaison who cannot meet out schedule. Mitchoff is unable to attend. NBo other Supervisor stepped forward.</p> <p>CROLE: THIS WAS HIGHLY DISRESPECTFUL THAT IT WAS SAID THAT NO OTHER Supv. Would step forward. Does not feel Mitvchoff respects the MHC. The other Supv. Disrespect the Commission and with good reason and she champions the MHC.</p> <p>Colette: When we met w3ith Mitchoff she was extremely respectful of MHC but upset with thoswe supervisors who would not step forward.</p> <p>Teresa: Supports Carole’s comments and is deeply offended by the 3 appointees of Mitchoff saying that our qappointees don;t respect us. She will ersonbally hear from Gioia. Teresa rrequersted xlarification on process of bringing this back to MHC fdatr is has been voted on.</p> <p>Gina said Gioia has expressed support.</p> <p>Evelyn: we all serve at the pleasure of our supervisors. I think we should tell Mitvchoff we appreciate her, but if we vote against this, she will never be ablke to attend. What are we going to do?</p> <p>Jerome: In light of ther sentime3nts that have been shgared re: the BOS, it has created a situation where the members of the MHC HAVE TO THINK ABOIUT THE value to the work they are putting into the Commission. If we are without a certain level of value and we decide to go along, then we confirm we are unimportant and insignificant. On the other hand, if we</p>	<p>2nd Thursday at 4:30.</p>
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	<p>address the status or perception it may alter if the MHC can be taken seriously.</p> <p>Louis: Mitchoff is also the BOS Chair. Last year she wasn't the Chair AND STILL could not participate.</p> <p>Jack said when she had a conflict she always sent a staff member.</p> <p>Sam: we had this situation several years ago when Donna couldn't come on the 2nd Thursday. Why not accommodate a supervisor at a Commission meeting. There's something involved in this discussion that's not making it clear about a BOS member being on the BOS.</p> <p>Carole: supported Jerome. We are valuable – all supervisors need to respect the work we do. Colette's comment showed a lack of respect from the BOS. Lia is invaluable.</p> <p>Evelyn: We know the sentiments. You should call for the vote.</p> <p>Colette: she</p> <p>Change to 2nd Thursday at 4:30.</p> <p>Jack, Peggy, HGina. Dave Evelyn, Lauren, Colette Sam No: Treese, Louis, Carole, Jerom, Supv. Mitchoff absent.</p>	
<p>V. Approval of the Minutes</p>	<p>1) November 21 Teresa/Colette Check vote for Sam names P. 3 wording add: internal-only to Teresa's comment By a vote of 12-0-1, the Minutes were approved as corrected.</p> <p>2) December 19 Peggy/Colette Gina, Lauren abstained By a vote of 10-0-2, the Minutes were approved as presented.</p>	<p>➤ <u>November 21 Minutes:</u> Yeas: Nays None. Absent: Mitchoff Abstain: Evelyn</p> <p>➤ <u>December 19 Minutes:</u> Yeas: Nays None. Absent: Mitchoff Abstain: Rettagliata Swirsding</p>

<p>VI. Report from BH Services Director Cynthia Belon (or her representative)</p>	<p>Vic Montoya presented the report: TAPE</p> <p>1) Update on MHCC Recovery Innovations got before the BOS Jan. 14th for RFP. He will check into food issue. All will be welcome for services. Connie: we were delighted with out reception when we were at the clinic. It will be a while before we can have an accurate opinion of how RI does. The steering committee would like to work with RI. An issue is lack of phones – it’s hard to communicate. Lauren: what can be done to assure that their “professional” philosophy is changed? Vic: In my meetings with the steering committee I emphasize that threes centers are your wellness centers. If they won’t do the work to the satisfaction of the wellness centers, we will change it. If there are services that don’t feel good now, these are my sdtaff and not RI, so let me know so they can be fixed. Gina: speaking for WC, why can’t consumers be moved to same center for aqll their work. Stan Berrigan does not see MHC speaking for old MHCC. Let’s give RI time to see what they can do. Teresa extended herself to help in any way. Colette wants to be sure there won’t be a gulf between workers and consumers. Julie: Chelsea was right, when we were at 1420 WP Road recently, it was wonderful. Now the food is not good. Asked Hillary questions, but she was not forthcoming. Carole: should have someone from RI come. Put on EC Agenda. Bring things to me. I can’t work on things unless I know. PR goes to County Counsel, then to Contracts and Grants, then to BOS for approval.</p> <p>2) Update on Behavioral Health Services</p>	<p>come</p>
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	<p>Integration</p> <p>3) Update on Primary Health and Behavioral Health Services Integration Federally-funded healthcare facility.</p> <p>4) Review SB 82 Proposal 1st didn't get funded.</p> <p>5) Update on filling Family Advocate positions. Submitted requests August 27th. The Division has done their work.</p>	
<p>VII. Discussion of MHC position on Mental Health Director Appointment Process as Proposed by Health Services Director Dr. William Walker</p>	<p><i>Background: The Executive Committee met on January 14, 2014, and voted to request the Board of Supervisors postpone voting on Dr. William Walker's proposal to appoint Cynthia Belon to the vacant position of Director of Mental Health because the full Mental Health Commission has not weighed in on this matter, and should have an opportunity to discuss and deliberate on this important proposal prior to it going before the BOS.</i></p> <p>Dave, Charles Madison and Sam met with Dr. Walker, and he felt this was a good way to do it. Dave said this is demoralizing.</p> <p>Motion: Dave/Peggy Discussion:</p> <p>Jack: would include homeless if done the way walker wants to do it, but monies will be reduced.</p> <p>Gina: Agrees with Daver. like medicaine, you have to have a director of MH to bring on stability.</p> <p>Carole: Agreed with Dave but wants to add a piece. Challenge is she thinks we need to go into a BH Director mode, but Cynthia is not up to speegived. TAPE It creates a lot of problems.</p> <p>Colette: Agreed. It is a structural problem – BH looks at big pitctur, MHD looks at MH. Lauren wrote Walker and BOIS – one of our Mandated responsibilities is for the Commission to give input. We need to stand up and take this responsibility. She understands as it has happened in other counties, but the BH Director does not have</p>	

	<p>thre knowledge to be the MH Director. Responsibilities are not alphabetized – need to look at those qualkifications. Would like to have this discussion with Walker and supervisors.</p> <p>Louis; What’s needed is leadership from the outside to direct the trees so we can move forward.</p> <p>Evcelyn: Wants to make an amendment to inckudfe the Commission in the hiring process.</p> <p>Daver and Prggy asgred to the amendment. Tentativrely sdcvheduled for February 4th.</p> <p>Vic: The BH Director is a recent term in CA. We’re a \$140,000,000 operqtion.</p> <p>Need to look at what makes sense.</p> <p>We went through a recruitment procedure for a mh director and did not find a viable candidate.</p> <p>Sam: In the Bay Area, under abag there are 9 counties. Thgere is one dept. called bh. Only 4 in the bay area. Aam looked at counties with ½ million and above. Of the 16 couties, there are 5 with bh. It isn’t common in the state.</p> <p>Carole: The term BH Director is a common term and is a term used to embody the fact that MH is more than psychiatric. The challenge here is that outr BH director does not have the knowledge to do the desired skill set – systemic and legislative.</p> <p>Sam: what is the MH budget (140 million; AOD 15 million, homeless 4 million.). Why would someone be put ½ time to run MH?! In 2010-2011, was the last time the county reported full time workers.</p> <p>Jerome:: add W&I Code. Don’t diminish the value of our work.</p> <p>Teresa wants the vote vcalled. Asking for input after the decisions has been made is not the same as a thoughtful, collaborative process.</p> <p>Gina: reflection of HS Director about mh.</p> <p>Evelyn: In</p>	
<p>VIII. Elect Representative to replace Teresa on</p>	<p>Lauren volunteered Unanimous.</p>	

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IX. Committee Reports	<p><i>Each Committee is requested to develop their 2014 Goals by incorporating some of the Mandated Responsibilities at their next Committee meetings and share with the Commission at the MHC Annual Planning Meeting.</i></p> <p>Criminal Justice Committee – Evelyn 2013 Committee Accomplishments Said that Marti Wilson’s e-mail showed a lack of services and follow-up after incarceration.</p> <p>Quality of Care Committee – Peggy 2013 Committee Accomplishments Did not meet.</p> <p>MHSA/Finance Committee – Teresa 2013 Committee Accomplishments</p>	
X. Commissioner Representative Reports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Behavior Health Integration Steering Committee Report – Sam 2) Social Inclusion Committee – Carole 3) AOD Board – Sam 4) Homeless Board Meeting – Carole 5) Community Corrections Partnership (AB109) – Evelyn 6) Assisted Outpatient Treatment Workgroup (Laura’s Law) – Carole 7) Primary Care Integration Committee – Colette 	
XI. EC Announcement	Identify and list MHC vacancies by District and by Category on all MHC Agendas	
XII. Adjourn Meeting	6:30	

Respectfully submitted,
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Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission