

**Contra Costa County Mental Health Commission**  
**Thursday ♦ October 23, 2008 ♦ 4:30-6:30 p.m.**  
**Concord Police Dept. Community Room ♦ 1350 Galindo Street, Concord**

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**AGENDA**

*All times are approximate. Items may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Commission.*

1. 4:30 **CALL TO ORDER / INTRODUCTIONS**  
Public Comment on items listed on this agenda will be taken when the item is discussed. Public Comment on items NOT on this agenda will be taken as scheduled below.
2. 4:35 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
3. ACTION 4:40 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 25, 2008**
4. 4:45 **CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS – Jacque McLaughlin**
  - a. Recap of Commission Retreat
    1. Focus Items
    2. Organizational/Policy Items
    3. Disclaimer/Mission Statement
  - b. Preparation for Annual Report
  - c. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair
  - d. Nominations for Executive Committee (Consumer Representative, Family Member, Member-at-Large)
  - e. Appointment of Commissioners to meet with Donna regarding the proposed free standing Psychiatric Healthcare Facility (PHF)
  - f. Abbreviated November meeting, followed by Mental Health Services Act Prevention & Early Intervention Public Hearing
5. 5:15 **REPORT FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR – Donna Wigand, LCSW**
  - a. Update on Performance Improvement Projects
  - b. Update on August budget cuts and their impact
  - c. Update on Mental Health Services Act

8. 5:30 **PRESENTATION FROM MENTAL HEALTH CONSUMER CONCERNS – Brenda Crawford, Interim Executive Director**
9. 5:50 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**  
Interview Ad Hoc Committee – David Evans
  - Report on new application process and discussion with applicant.
10. 6:05 **REPORTS: ANCILLARY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS**
  - Mental Health Coalition – Teresa Pasquini
  - Mental Health Services Act Steering Committee – Connie Tolleson
  - Contractor’s Alliance – Marianna Moore
  - Local 1 – John Gragnani
11. 6:20 **PUBLIC COMMENT.** The public may comment on any item of public interest within the jurisdiction of the Mental Health Commission. In the interest of time and equal opportunity, speakers are requested to observe a 3-minute maximum time limit (subject to change at the discretion of the Chair). In accordance with the Brown Act, if a member of the public addresses an item not on the posted agenda, no response, discussion, or action on the item may occur. Time will be provided for Public Comment on items on the posted Agenda as they occur during the meeting. Public Comment Cards are available on the table at the back of the room. Please turn them in to the Executive Assistant.
12. 6:25 Future Agenda Items  
*Any Commissioner or member of the public may suggest items to be placed on future agendas.*
  - Election of Commission Officers and Executive Committee (November)
  - Finalize 2009 Mental Health Commission Platform (November)
  - Finalize Annual Report to the Board of Supervisors (November)
  - Topics of Interest
    - Conservatorship (January)
    - 5150 Process (February)
    - CIT Training (February)
    - AB1421 (March)
13. 6:30 Adjourn meeting.  
The next meeting of the Mental Health Commission will take place November 20, 2008 (date changed due to Thanksgiving Day Holiday).

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