MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES January 9th, 2019 – FINAL

	Agenda Item / Discussion	Action /Follow-Up
l.	Call to Order / Introductions	Complete Audio Recording available from
"	Cmsr. B. Serwin, MHC Chair, called the meeting to order @ 4:38pm	Executive Assistant
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	Members Present:	
	Chair- Cmsr. Barbara Serwin, District II	
	Cmsr. Leslie May, Vice-Chair, District V	
	Cmsr. Diane Burgis, Supervisor, District III	
	Cmsr. Geri Stern, District I	
	Cmsr. Gina Swirsding, District I	
	Cmsr, John Kincaid, District II	
	Cmsr. Diana MaKieve, District II	
	Cmsr, Douglas Dunn, District III	
	Cmsr. Sam Yoshioka, District IV	
	Cmsr. Joe Metro, District V	
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	Other Attendees:	
	Mark Goodwin, Chief of Staff for Supervisor D. Burgis, District III	
	Jennifer Quallick, Field Representative for Supervisor C. Andersen, District II	
	Y'Anad Burrell, Public Participant	
	Dr. Matthew White, Acting Behavioral Health Director and Medical Director,	
	Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services (CCBHS)	
	Gerold Loenicker, CCBHS Child and Adolescent Program Chief	
	Robert Thigpen, CCBHS	
	Warren Hayes, Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Program Manager	
	Sarah Kennard, Executive Assistant to the Mental Health Commission	
II.	RECEIVE Behavioral Health Services Report- Dr. Matthew White, Acting	
···	Behavioral Health Director and Medical Director, CCHBHS	
•	There are three new psychiatry staffing additions to children's clinics.	
•	Update on Rapid Improvement Events: East County Adult Clinic is now at	
	100% initial intake co-visits. Because of this implementation, demand for	
	psychiatry services has significantly increased. The second Rapid Improvement	
	Event focused on screening and scheduling with the intent of allowing open	
	scheduling visibility and access for clinicians and administrative staff. This also	
	looked at scheduling transparency and availability for persons leaving	
	detention mental health or Psychiatry Emergency Services (PES). The next	
	Rapid Improvement Event, which is scheduled to take place in April, is looking	
	to build on the relationships that CCBHS has with Community-based	
	Organizations (CBOs).	
•	AB1810, which addresses felony diversion for persons with severe, persistent	
	mental illness is being analyzed by CCBHS in coordination with the public	
	defender's office.	
•	Three million dollars will be moved to MHSA Capital Facilities for initial	
	construction efforts to bring both buildings within the Oak Grove Facility to	
	current building code. The intent is to utilize this facility for short-term	
	residential inpatient treatment for transition-age youth.	
III.	DISCUSS Current Status of No Place like Home Application Status- with	
	Warren Hayes, MHSA Program Manager	
•	There is a current open notice of funding availability application window with	
	a submission deadline of January 31, 2019. To qualify for this competitive	

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	funding, a project must have a development sponsor and meet all criteria	
	outlined by the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD). There	
	are currently three project applications being considered for submission. The	
	first, sponsored by Satellite Affordable Housing Associates (SAHA), is for units	
	in Pittsburgh in a project called Veterans' Square.	
•	In addition to any competitive funds awarded, Contra Costa County will	
	receive 2.1 million dollars in non-competitive funds for the first cycle. For	
	these applications to be forwarded for submission, a new strategic	
	homelessness plan will need to be developed and approved by the Board of	
	Supervisors.	
•	There is a goal to add 22-25 additional permanent supportive housing units	
•	during the first five years of this program.	
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•	In response to an inquiry, W. Hayes noted that this "No Place Like Home"	
	program is new to Calendar Year 2019 as a result of a passed ballot measure.	
	These are the first funding available periods, both competitive and non-	
	competitive.	
•	G. Swirsding stressed the importance of accurately obtaining a homeless	
	count for county and state reporting. She was of the opinion that Contra	
	Costa County historically has underreported and has missed funding	
	opportunities as a result.	
•	J. Kincaid inquired if there was an official way to count homelessness status	
	during intake at county clinic facilities. W. Hayes stated that the designated	
	annual Point in Time (PIT) Count is the official means of obtaining a number,	
	but that many case managers and clinicians are aware of patients who are	
	homeless or at risk of homelessness.	
	DISCUSS Children and Adolescent Program Updates-with Gerold Loenicker,	
	CCBHS Child and Adolescent Program Chief	
•	G. Loenicker provided a hand-out for all attendees of the presentation given.	
•	G. Loenicker introduced his presentation by providing an overview of the 2018	
	Children's Crisis Response Team Expansion in hours and staffing. This	
	program, which is contracted through the Seneca Family of Agencies,	
	responds to calls for youth who are experiencing crisis during episodes of	
	psychosis or distress.	
•	The next item addressed was the ongoing progress of the Continuum of Care	
	Reform (CCR), which intends to successfully transition group homes into	
	accredited Short-term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTPs). This effort	
	is a collaboration of CCBHS with Child Welfare and Probation. G. Loenicker	
	noted that in this process, some group homes will not effectively transition.	
•	Other areas highlighted during this presentation were the Child and	
	Adolescent Needs and Strengths Assessment (CANS) model and current youth	
	programs available within the three regions of the county.	
	RECEIVE Commission liaison reports and special meeting reports	
•	D. MaKieve, Justice Systems Committee Chair, discussed the December	
	Committee visit to Juvenile Hall. Members of the Committee were provided a	
	tour of the facility by Dr. Dan Batiuchok.	
•	L. May discussed the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Workgroup meeting that	
	she co-chaired in December.	
•	J. Metro, Data Committee Chair, updated the Commission on the current	
	areas of interest being analyzed for the Director's dashboard and noted that a	
	second version would be available for the next Data Committee meeting on	
	February 6th.	
	Approval of December 5th, 2018 minutes.	Agendas and minutes can be found at:
•	D. MaKieve moved to approve the minutes, seconded by L. May.	https://cchealth.org/mentalhealth/mhc/a
•	Vote: 10-0-0	gendas-minutes.php
-	Ayes: B. Serwin (Chair), L. May, D. Burgis, G. Stern, G. Swirsding, J. Kincaid,	<u></u>
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	D. MaKieve, D. Dunn, S. Yoshioka, J. Metro Abstain: none Absent: T. Kamegai-Karadi	
VII:	Adjourned Meeting at 6:29pm	

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