



**MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES**

**February 14, 2012**

**ATTENDANCE**

- Present:** Paul Capraro, Chair  
Arny Bloom, Vice-Chair  
Cheryl Berezny  
Betsy MacLaren  
Donald R. Perez  
Davetta Williams
- Absent:** Maria Elena Garcia  
Sylvia Whitlock, Ph.D.
- Guests:** Betsey Coffman, League of Women Voters  
Community Resident
- Staff:** Jesse H. Duff, Executive Director  
Toni Navarro, LMFT, Director of Clinical Program Services  
Debbie Johnson, LMFT, Program Manager, Child and Family Services  
Gilbert Saldate, Public Outreach Coordinator  
Nancy Day, Executive Assistant

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Paul Capraro called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

A visual roll call was taken.

The Mental Health Commission Chairperson delivered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Mental Health Commission members, Cheryl Berezny and Donald R. Perez.

**III. MINUTES**

- A. Approval of Minutes from the Mental Health Commission Meeting held January 10, 2012
- B. Approval of Minutes from the Public Hearing held January 18, 2012

Action: Army Bloom motioned that the Mental Health Commission approves the Minutes from the Commission meeting held January 10, 2012 and Minutes from the Public Hearing held January 18, 2012, as herein provided; Betsy MacLaren seconded. Without objection, motion was unanimously approved. (6-0-2-0) (Garcia, Whitlock)

#### IV. PRESENTATION

Public Outreach Coordinator Gilbert Saldate presented information on a new project under the Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan entitled “Building Bridges Between Landlords, Mental Health Providers and Clients.”

#### V. PRESENTATION

Program Manager Debbie Johnson, LMFT, presented information on services being provided by the Child and Family Services Department, which included the first-hand account of a community resident receiving services by this Department.

#### VI. REPORTS

##### A. Executive Director

Jesse Duff provided a brief report to the Commission on topics that included:

- Release of Preliminary State Budget by Governing Brown
- Tri-City Comprehensive Supportive Housing Master Plan
- Closure of Tri-City’s Bankruptcy Case

#### VII. COMMISSION ITEMS AND REPORTS

Betsy MacLaren – *Inquired on the status of the Executive Director’s position as related to AB 1028. Jesse Duff related that the Governing Board has been reviewing this position and related legislation, adding that further discussion (and possible action) is anticipated at the next Governing Board meeting scheduled to occur on February 15, 2012.*

Davetta Williams – *Offered her appreciation to Tri-City for establishing the Mental Health First Aid Trainings, one of which she attended in late January 2012. Ms. Williams related she found it to be a positive educational experience with excellent staffing, and knows this training will help people be more tolerant of persons with mental illness.*

#### VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Action: Arny Bloom motioned that the Commission meeting be adjourned; Betsy MacLaren seconded. Following no objections from the floor, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.