## PATIENTS' RIGHTS

## Mental Health Patients' Have the Right:

- o To dignity, privacy and humane care.
- To be free from harm, including unnecessary or excessive physical restraint, isolation, medication, abuse or neglect.
- o To receive prompt medical care and treatment.
- To receive information about their treatment and participate in planning their treatment.
- To give or withhold informed consent to medical and psychiatric treatment, including the right to refuse antipsychotic medication, unless there is a legally defined emergency or a legal determination of incapacity
- To receive services and information provided in a language that they can understand and are sensitive to their culture and special needs.
- o To practice religious freedom.
- To have equal access to educational and career programs.

If you want more information about your rights please call:

San Francisco Mental Health Client's Rights 1663 Mission St. Ste 310 San Francisco, CA. 94103

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PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS HAVE THE SAME LEGAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILIT IES THAT ARE

GUARANTEED
TO ALL OTHER
PERSONS BY
THE UNITED
STATES
CONSTITUTION
AND LAWS OF
THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA.