

MHSF IWG: Group Work on Developing Principles for Recommendations 2.23.2021

Original principles	IWG discussion/considerations	Final principle
<p>Reflect evidence based best practices, data, research, and a comprehensive needs assessment?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a recommendation principle for equitable behavioral health and in the areas of focus for MHSF? • define the issue which interconnect to mental health, homelessness, drug use, racial experiences, living in violent environments of drug dealing and crime, prison reform and re-entry into society. • Identify communities most in need and services in those communities • Community-based best practices that reflect that community of focus for MHSF • Inclusive 	<p>Reflect evidence based best practices, data, research, and a comprehensive needs assessment, as well as being inclusive of community-based best practices that reflect the community's expertise and lived-experience?</p>
<p>Prioritize mental health or substance use services for people in crisis or experiencing homelessness?</p> <p>Provide timely and easy access to mental health and substance abuse treatment (low barriers to services)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define mental health in relation to MHSF • or at-risk of • prevention and early intervention 	<p>Prioritize mental health and/or substance use services for people in or at-risk of crisis or experiencing homelessness?</p>
<p>Facilitate friendly, nonjudgmental services, and treat all patients with dignity and respect?</p> <p>Respect the rights of people who engage in illegal, self-harming, harmful or stigmatized behaviors, and work with patients to minimize the physical, social, emotional, and economic harms associated with these behaviors?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commit to harm reduction without putting public in harm's way (get more information from authors to better understand the intention of this principle) • Caveat: this does not stigmatize and exclude individuals with special needs- serves as a reminder to prevent denial of services and treatment for all individuals who need services and treatment in a dignified manner • Commit to using non-stigmatizing language 	
<p>Maintain an adequate level of free and low-cost medical substance use services and residential treatment slots, commensurate with the demand for such services?</p>		
<p>Facilitate the integration of mental health and substance use services to ensure that patients experience treatment as one seamless and</p>		

completely coordinated system of care, organized around their individual needs?

Facilitate communication between the network of programs offered by the City to ensure patient-centered coordination of care, maximum efficiency, and strong communication concerning an individual's care?

Provide culturally competent services that are tailored to populations that are disproportionately affected by homelessness and that experience health disparities in comparison to City residents as a whole?

- Cultural tips for healing from the diverse neighborhoods of San Francisco