



SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR MEETING

MEETING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Wednesday, November 14, 2012

Department of Public Health

101 Grove Street

Room 300

6:30 – 8:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES

Item 1.0 DIRECTORS REPORT

For discussion.

1.1 Discussion regarding Community Behavioral Health Services Department Report, a report on the activities and operations of Community Behavioral Health Services, including budget, planning, policy, and programs and services.

1.2 Public Comment

Item 2.0 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT UPDATES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

For discussion.

The passage of Proposition 63 (now known as the [Mental Health Services Act](#) or MHSA) in November 2004, provides increased annual funding to support county mental health programs. The Act addresses a broad continuum of prevention, early intervention and service needs and the necessary infrastructure, technology and training elements that will effectively support this system. This Act imposes a 1% income tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million. One of the requirements of the Act is that the county must provide annual updates as well as hearings for changes in the way the county implements the funding.

2.1 Mental Health Services Act Updates

2.2 Public Comment

Item 3.0 PRESENTATIONS: ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT (AOT), AKA LAURA'S LAW, AND A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE LPS REFORM TASK

FORCE II REPORT, CARLA JACOBS, TREATMENT ADVOCACY CENTER AND SALLY ZINMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF MENTAL HEALTH PEER RUN ORGANIZATIONS

For discussion

3.1 Presentations: Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT), Aka Laura's Law, and a Brief Introduction to the LPS Reform Task Force II Report, Carla Jacobs, Treatment Advocacy Center and Sally Zinman, Executive Director, California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations

3.2 Public comment

Item 4.0 ACTION ITEMS

For discussion and action.

4.1 Public comment

4.2 . PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the minutes for the Mental Health Board meeting of October 10, 2012 be approved as submitted.

4.3 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the Mental Health Board urges the San Francisco Police Commission and San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to oppose the adoption of electroshock weapons (Tasers) for their SFPD C.I.T. (Crisis Intervention Team) Officers. (Attachment A)

Item 5.0 REPORTS

For discussion and possible action.

5.1 Report from the Executive Director of the Mental Health Board. Discussion regarding upcoming events, conferences, or activities that may be of interest to board members; Mental Health Board budget issues and update on staff work on board projects.

5.2 Report of the Chair of the Board and the Executive Committee. Discussion regarding Chair's meetings with Community Behavioral Health Services staff, meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors and community meetings about mental health or substance abuse.

5.3 Public comment.

Item 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

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MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
November 14, 2012
Attachment A

RESOLUTION (MHB – 2012-06): That the Mental Health Board urges the San Francisco Police Commission and San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) to oppose the adoption of electroshock weapons (Tasers) for their SFPD C.I.T. (Crisis Intervention Team) Officers.

WHEREAS, the proposed change in the SFPD's use of force governing policies to permit the issuance of Tasers to C.I.T. trained officers is contrary to the goals and directives governing C.I.T. in both form and substance; and,

WHEREAS, a California study showed the rate of sudden in-custody deaths increasing 6.4 times and the rate of firearm deaths increasing 2.3 times in the first full year of Taser deployment with no corresponding change in Officer injury or death. (Lee et al, 2009, American Journal of Cardiology); and,

WHEREAS, the risk of Taser injuries and/or death is heightened for the mentally and emotionally ill who, in a crisis may be potentially unable to connect actions to consequences and may resist police even in the face of stepped-up force; and,

WHEREAS, research has found patients taking prescribed antipsychotic medications are already at increased risk of sudden cardiac death if tasered (Straus et al, 2004); and,

WHEREAS, people in states of acute agitation resulting from mental illness have been associated with unexplained deaths in custody. (Robison & Hunt, 2005); and,

WHEREAS, the Memphis Tennessee Police Department C.I.T. curriculum has been used to inform and create the SFPD curriculum since May 2001, and in 2011, Memphis Tennessee PD consulted to SFPD and Memphis still refuses to use Tasers, as they have confidence in their C.I.T. Training for de-escalation without the use of Tasers; and,

WHEREAS, the American Civil Liberties Union has raised concerns about their use as has the British human rights organization Resist Cardiac Arrest; and,

WHEREAS, the disproportionate use of Tasers against minorities has been well documented by the ACLU and also in a performance audit of the city of Houston in 2008 resulting in a Department of Justice Civil Rights Division investigation which sustained the findings; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of Tasers is prohibitive – costing about \$1000 per unit including holster and cartridges plus the cost of equipping each squad car with the necessary defibrillators at triple the cost of a Taser, plus hospital visits for subsequent injuries, and

possible litigation costs which have already saddled California tax payers with over \$10 million since 2009; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mental Health Board of San Francisco urges the San Francisco Police Commission and the SFPD to oppose the adoption of Tasers to SFPD C.I.T trained officers.