

# SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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## ADOPTED MINUTES

### IDENTIFYING BARRIERS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday April 19, 2016

1380 Howard Street

Mental Health Board Office, Room 226

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harriette Stevens, Ed.D, co-chair; Njon Weinroth, co-chair; David Elliott Lewis, Ph.D.; Toni Parks; and Kara Chien.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Virginia S. Lewis, MA, LCSW; and Benny Wong.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Loy M. Proffitt (Administrative Manager); Helynna Brooke.

#### CALL TO ORDER

**Mr. Proffitt** called the meeting of the Mental Health Board to order at 1:06 PM.

#### ROLL CALL

**Mr. Proffitt** called the roll.

#### AGENDA CHANGES

No changes.

### 1.0 DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMITTEE TASKS

#### 1.1 Review objectives from retreat

**Dr. Stevens** shared with committee members about her research of three organizations. Senior Action Network (SAN), Senior and Disability Action, and Sam Dodge from the San Francisco Office of the Mayor. She hoped that Committee members could meet with representatives from these organizations and have them share the challenges and successes they faced in their programs.

**Mr. Weinroth** said he wanted to operationalize barriers to behavioral health service access. He has planned out meetings with aides of supervisors and Board of Supervisors to align behavioral health services with the supervisors' interests.

**Dr. David Elliott Lewis** mentioned that not all of the San Francisco supervisors' districts are impacted by behavioral health issues, and some supervisors have different priorities. He said there is only one Navigational Center with 75 beds. These beds are often prioritized for other programs to use.

**Ms. Parks** wanted to see seniors get into stable housing before requiring them to participate in programs and services. She wanted services and housing to be independent of each other rather than a conditional requirement for seniors to get services.

**Mr. Weinroth** added that seniors are most at risk.

**1.2 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the Identifying Barriers to Behavioral Health Services Committee meeting March 08, 2016 be approved as submitted.**

Unanimously approved.

### **1.3 Plan two committee presentations**

**Dr. David Elliott Lewis** suggested former executive directors of various health service organizations to do presentations since they may have valuable insight into the programs and services. And since they are no longer contractually obligated to the programs, they may speak more candidly. . He mentioned Bob Bennett, from Felton Institute, and Cecil O'Connor from DORE Urgent Care, as possible presenters.

**Dr. Harriette Stevens** hoped to invite a Senior Action Network representative to the May committee meeting. Committee members can also propose presentations to the Board from city agencies, such as the San Francisco Senior Action Network and from Sam Dodge in the San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Opportunity, Partnership and Engagement (SF-HOPE).

**Mr. Weinroth** planned to start contacting supervisory offices to find out various supervisors platforms

The committee planned to meet on Thursday [June 02, 2016](#) at 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM.

### **1.3 Public Comment**

No public comments.

## **2.1 DISCUSS POSSIBLE RELATED PROGRAM REVIEWS**

### 2.1 Review BHS program list to determine possible programs to review

The committee expects to inform and advise Mayor Lee, the Health Commission, the Board of Supervisors and other health and city officials of possible barriers to access behavioral health services in San Francisco.

Committee members expressed interests in reviewing Central City Older Adult outpatient clinic, South East Mission Geriatric Services, and Felton Institute programs.

The committee suggested Ms. Wendy James to serve as the lead reviewer of the Felton Institute site visit.

### **2.1 Public comment**

No public comments.

## **2.2 ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at: [2:27 PM](#)

April 19, 2016

Agenda Identifying Barriers to BHS Committee