



## SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

1380 Howard Street

Room 226

10:00 AM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kara Chien, JD, Chair; Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, Vice Chair, David Elliott Lewis, PhD, Secretary, Idell Wilson, Eugene Porfido, Committee Chair, Wendy James, Committee Co-Chair

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**MEMBERS ON LEAVE** Ulash Thakore-Dunlap

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Helynna Brooke, Executive Director, Wendy Daniels, Cal State East Bay

The meeting was called to order at 10:15.

#### 1.0 REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

For discussion and action

1.1 Public comment

No public comment

1.2 **PROPOSED RESOLUTION:** Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 24, 2015 be approved with change of Dr. Lewis was present, not on leave.

Approved unanimously

#### 2.0 NEXT MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

For discussion and action

2.1 Issues regarding the content of the agenda

Presentation options: Jennifer Friedenbach, Coalition on Homelessness to talk about the challenges people who are homeless face in accessing behavioral health services or if she is unavailable, Jason Blantz, Nurse Practitioner from the Homeless Outreach Team. Title: Barriers and Challenges to Accessing Behavioral Health Services for People who are Homeless.

Idell Wilson will give a presentation about the celebration of Black History Month.

The board will present Jo Robinson with a commendation. A resolution was added to commend the Client Council too.

Ulash Thakore-Dunlap will chair the next meeting.

## 2.2 Board Planning for future MHB meetings

None discussed

## 2.3 Public comment

No public comment

2.4 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: That the Executive Committee adopt the agenda for the Mental Health Board meeting on February 17, 2016, as discussed.  
Unanimously approved.

## 3.0 BUSINESS

For discussion and possible action.

### 3.1 Chair's report.

Ms. Chien requested a leave from the February meeting. She has already confirmed that Ms. Thakore-Dunlap will chair the meeting. Her leave was approved. Ms. Chien shared that she spoke with Supervisor Farrell's aide, Jeff and their office is working on increased funding for crisis intervention training. In addition the Mayor's office forwarded a request to the budget committee to seek funding.

### 3.2 Additional business regarding the duties, mandates, and operations of the Board.

#### 3.2. a New business for future Executive Committee meetings

Dr. Lewis mentioned that the suicide barrier on the Golden Gate Bridge seems to be moving very slowly. The committee will draft a letter to the Golden Gate Bridge Committee to ask what the issue is, reminding them of the resolution passed by the board and request a progress report. Ms. Wilson would like to seek response regarding other prevention efforts for jumpers that are in place now. What services are available to fill the void?

#### 3.2. b Discussion of developing issues for the MHB

Ms. Wilson mentioned that the way the names are listed on the MHB Agenda letterhead, with some people having lots of titles, it makes it seem as though people with just their names are insignificant. She also felt that the seat type should follow people's names so readers would know what seats people hold. Four possible ways were suggested: Just names with no titles; as it is now; names

with titles and seat name; grouping names by seat type. Ms. Brooke will follow up to seek board member preferences.

The committee devised the following policy for board members to be approved to attend a conference at board expense. A person must have been on the board for one year and have no more than two absences in the previous twelve months. Board members would be encouraged to seek scholarships or volunteer first. If there are multiple people wishing to go to a conference the request must go to the Executive Committee.

### 3.3. c Other MHB business

The committee requested that staff find out the process for changing to being a Behavioral Health Board. Find out how many of the California boards are BH boards; how many call themselves commissioners instead of board members.

They would also like staff to look into having a regular swearing in for new board members.

### 3.4. Public comment

Ms. Daniels thanked the committee for being able to attend the meeting and learn about community mental health.

**ADJOURNMENT: 12:05 PM**