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NOTICE OF MEETING

MOBILE WELLNESS VAN COMMITTEE

Monday, February 27, 2017

1380 Howard Street

MHB Office, Room 515

6:00 PM

AGENDA:

1.0 REVIEW APPROVED WELLNESS MOBILE VEHICLE RESOLUTION

For discussion

RESOLUTION (MHB 2016-06): Be It Resolved the Mental Health Board advocates funding for five Wellness Mobile vehicles with sufficient staffing for FY 2017-2018, to provide underserved neighborhoods with 24 hour, 7 days a week safe walk-in spaces for people in crisis or in need of walk-in behavioral health services.

Whereas, it is the vision of the Department of Public Health to promote and to protect the health and well-being of all San Franciscans, and;

Whereas, the Department has been striving for development of more comprehensive, innovative, culturally responsive services to individuals and families with behavioral health challenges, and;

Whereas, according to interviews with mental health professionals at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital (ZSFGH), Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES), a significant percentage of patients who self-admit are only seeking a temporary quiet and safe space to de-escalate and just talk to someone, and;

Whereas, the current demand for psychiatric crisis services at ZSFGH PES often results in the hospital reaching capacity and thus diverting patients to other hospitals, and;

Whereas, hospitalizing someone who really just needs a few hours away from the street to calm down is expensive and takes acute psychiatric beds from others in greater need, and;

Whereas, Wellness Mobile vehicles with appropriate and adequate staffing can deliver crisis de-escalation, mental health services and substance abuse referrals to neighborhoods which would otherwise be unable to access such services, and;

Whereas, many youth are impacted by neighborhood boundaries due to threats, and cannot access services, and:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mental Health Board of San Francisco urges the Department of Public Health to allocate funds for five 24 hour, 7 days a week Wellness Mobile vehicles with appropriate and adequate staffing in FY 2017 -2018.

1.1 Public comment

2.0 COMMITTEE GOALS

The resolution was approved by the Mental Health Board in September 2016. It was emailed to Barbara Garcia, the Director of Public Health , the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Health Commission. The response was positive and requests were made for the board to provide more specific suggestions as to how this might work.

2.1 Discuss committee goals and timeline.

2.2 Public comment

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