

# SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



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## **ADOPTED NOTES**

Mental Health Board Meeting  
Saturday, **December 08, 2018**  
Hamilton Ballroom  
631 O'Farrell Street  
San Francisco, CA  
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Harriette Stevens, Ed.D.; Co-Chair; Idell Wilson, Vice Chair; Njon Weinroth, Secretary; Terry Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLNC; Marcus Dancer; Judy Zalazar Drummond, MA; Judith Klain, MPH; Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD; Gregory Ledbetter; Toni Parks; Richard Slota, MA; Marylyn Tesconi; and Benny Wong, LCSW.

**BOARD MEMBERS ON LEAVE:** Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, MFT, Co-Chair.

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Susan Page.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Helynna Brooke (Executive Director); Loy M. Proffitt (Chief Financial Officer); and David Elliott Lewis, Ph.D., MHA-SF, NAMI.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

**Dr. Stevens** called the meeting of the Mental Health Board to order at **9:39 PM**.

## **ROLL CALL**

**Ms. Brooke** called the roll.

## **AGENDA CHANGES**

No changes

## **HIGHLIGHTED TOPICS AND DISCUSSIONS**

Board members would like BHS Director Ghane Bassiri to focus on highlights, challenges, and questions at 2019 monthly board meetings.

They would like presenters to respond to the following questions:

- What are your challenges?
- What are your questions for the board?
- How can we support your program?

The board wants to reconnect with speakers and programs to follow up after presentations. Board members are interested in:

- More focus on program reviews. Focus on TAY, women and older adults
- Advisory Committee on how to spend Proposition C funds
- Review the Grievance process

## **COMMITTEE BREAKOUT GROUPS**

### **GROUP 1: Housing Options for People with Behavioral Health Disorders**

- Data Gathering
  - What exists
  - Conservatorship
- Other Models
- Prop C Recommendations
- Program Reviews

### **GROUP 2: Serving Mental Health Clients**

- Vision/Focus
- One primary issue such as housing and mental illness
- What works rather than just doesn't work
- Research new legislation
- Goals – new solutions
- Firewall between case management and property management (gaps in services)
- Site visit (requirement/board member)
- Resolution/demand for improvement
- Public hearing/Board of Supervisors
- Grievance process

- Accountability
- Independent advisory group of peers
- Blue code/reduce silence in DPH

**GROUP 3: Effective Models of Housing for People with Mental Illness**

- Information gathering
  - Root problem/cause: barriers, gaps
  - What's wrong?
  - What works?
  - Grievance, safety, cleanliness, advocates
  - Innovative models
  - Programs reviews
  - Who is left out?
- Implementation
  - Ordinance: Writing resolutions
  - Speakers
  - Meeting with members of the Board of Supervisors(BOS)/Hearing for BOS
  - Outreach, advocacy, champions, clients
- Six Months
  - Hearing
  - Planning implementing improvements
  - Accountability and follow up
  - Recommendations
  - Improved System of Care Process

**Public Comment**

**Dr. David Elliott Lewis** appreciated that board members decided to focus on housing for people with mental illness in 2019. He shared that housing insecurity disproportionately impacts many disenfranchised communities in San Francisco.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at: 3:58 PM