MEETING OF THE MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 18, 2019
1380 Howard Street
4th Floor, Room 424
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Call to Order
Roll Call
Agenda Changes

Item 1.0 Presentation: Adult Residential Bed Closures and Future Mental Health Initiatives; Carolyn Goossen, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Ronan.

1.1 Presentation: Presentation: Adult Residential Bed Closures and Future Mental Health Initiatives; Carolyn Goossen, Chief of Staff for Supervisor Ronan.

1.2 Public Comment

Item 2.0 Report from Behavioral Health Services

2.1 Discussion regarding Behavioral Health Services Department Report, a report on the activities and operations of Behavioral Health Services (BHS), including budget, planning, policy, and programs and services.

2.2 Public Comment
**Item 3.0 Mental Health Service Act Updates and Public Hearings**
For discussion.

3.1 Mental Health Service Act Updates and Public Hearings
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.

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 July 17, 2019 be approved as submitted.
4.3 Proposed Resolution: (MHB 07) Be it resolved that the Mental Health Board proposes changing its name to Behavioral Health Commission.
4.4 Proposed Resolution: (MHB 08) Be it resolved that the San Francisco Mental Health Board urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Department of Public Health to re-open the ARF to its capacity of 55 beds to maximize its use for our most vulnerable residents.

**Item 5.0 Reports**
For discussion

5.1 Report from 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 from Co-Chairs of the Board and the Executive Committee.
Discussion regarding Chair’s meetings with Behavioral Health Services staff, meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors and community meetings about mental health or substance use.
5.3 Reports from Committees
Discussion regarding committee meetings, goals and accomplishments.
      5.3 a) Information Committee
      5.3 b) Implementation Committee
5.4 People or Issues Highlighted by MHB: Suggestions of people and/or programs that the board believes should be acknowledged or highlighted by the Mental Health Board.
5.5 Report by members of the Board on their activities on behalf of the Board.
5.6 New business - Suggestions for future agenda items to be referred to the Executive Committee.
5.7 Public comment.

6.0 Public Comment

Adjournment

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION (MHB – 07) Be it resolved that the San Francisco Mental Health Board urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Department of Public Health to re-open the ARF to its capacity of 55 beds to maximize its use for our most vulnerable residents.

Whereas, the Adult Residential Facility at San Francisco General Hospital (ARF) is a licensed board and care that provides long term care for mentally ill people in San Francisco; and

Whereas, the ARF is the only city-owned facility that provides 24/7 residential care consistently providing a safe place for people experiencing mental illness to sleep and provide meals, laundry and help with medication management and basic activities of daily living; and

Whereas, these kinds of facilities are a crucial resource for the health and well-being of people experiencing serious mental health challenges; and

Whereas, many people would be homeless without these kinds of facilities, and that currently there are many people living on the streets that would be helped by being placed at the ARF;

Whereas, people who are eligible to be placed at the ARF are languishing in locked care settings or other units longer than necessary or living unsupervised in the community and;

Whereas, 19 long-term residents, of this facility some whom have called the ARF home for decades, are being relocated, disrupting and destabilizing their care; and

Whereas, these kind of facilities are closing all over the State at an alarming rate: with estimates that board and care beds decreased from 999 in 2013 to 601 beds in 2019, with more than a third of licensed residential facilities that serve people in San Francisco under 60 have been closed;

Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the San Francisco Mental Health Board urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Department of Public Health to rescind its order to transfer 19 patients from the Adult Residential Facility Board and Care;

Be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Mental Health Board urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Department of Public Health to take all steps necessary, including the hiring and training of appropriate staff, to operate the facility; and
Be it Further Resolved that the San Francisco Mental Health Board urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Department of Public Health to expand services at the ARF that support residents rehabilitation and skills to move towards independence; and

Be it Further Resolved, that the San Francisco Mental Health Board urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Department of Public Health to re-open the ARF to its capacity of 55 beds to maximize its use for our most vulnerable residents.