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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

1380 Howard Street

Room 226

10:00 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marylyn Tesconi, Njon Weinroth, and Marcus Dancer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Judy Drummond

OTHERS PRESENT: Helynna Brooke, Executive Director; Wynship Hillier, member of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 10:20.

1.0 REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

For discussion and action

1.1 Public comment

No comments

1.2 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of January 14, 2019 be approved as submitted.

Approved unanimously.

1.3 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of January 22, 2019 be approved as submitted.

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

Discussion about SB 1045 regarding changes in conservatorship laws, learning about the planned uses for Proposition C funds and the current surplus in San Francisco were mentioned as possible board presentations. Mr. Weinroth felt that we should focus on the board priority of housing for people with behavioral health issues. The question was raised about whether MHSA funded housing. Ms. Tesconi mentioned the article in the New York Times, entitled, *Free to Fail*, describing an abhorrent situation regarding a man who was placed in independent housing without supportive services.

The first choice for a presentation was to have a presenter from the Office of Homelessness and Housing. What programs have they found that are working well in other places? How and where do they plan to house people?

The second choice would be a presentation about Hummingbird.

2.2 Board Planning for future MHB meetings

A focus group of people currently in supportive housing might be considered for the future.

2.3 Public comment

Mr. Hillier shared that he believes that SB1045 is unconstitutional and will be struck down. He feels it is a big loss of liberty, and that mental health diagnoses are not reliable, nor is there agreement among practitioners.

2.4 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: That the Executive Committee adopt the agenda for the Mental Health Board meeting on March 20, 2019 as discussed.

Approved unanimously.

3.0 BUSINESS

For discussion and possible action.

3.1 Chair's report

It was suggested that the Executive Committee agenda list New Business first before voting on the board meeting agenda.

3.2 Committee Reports

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

3.3. a) New business for future Executive Committee meetings

3.3. b) Discussion of developing issues for the MHB

- Update on progress of the Executive Director hiring process

Ms. Tesconi provided an update on the hiring process. Five people were interviewed on Monday, March 4th.

3.3. c) Other MHB business

3.4 Public Comment

Mr. Hillier stated that one of the MHB mandates is to review the city's mental health needs. He believes we are not taking seriously the number of people who are involuntarily detained in San Francisco.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM