



SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 8, 2019
1380 Howard Street
MHB Office, Room 226
4:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marylyn Tesconi, MFT Co-Chair; Njon Sanders, Co-Chair; Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Vice Chair; Marcus Dancer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Judy Drummond, MA

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM

1.0 BUSINESS

For discussion and possible action.

1.1 Chair's report

- Review of June 25th Awards event: what was good, what could be improved:
It was a great event but it was too long because there were too many awardees. It did not work for the awardees to be on the side rather than sitting with their guests. It would be good to do it again next year. Other than these suggestions it was a great event.
- Report on the Co-Chairs meeting with Dr. Irene Sung, interim director of the BHS:
Ms. Tesconi and Mr. Sanders met with Dr. Irene Sung this afternoon. She spoke about the need to continue working on integrating primary care, substance use disorder and mental health care. There are many challenges in hiring new staff and in retention of staff. The department is currently down 20% in staffing due in part to the high cost of living in San Francisco, and the City's slow hiring process.

1.2 Committee Reports

Ms. Jackson-Lane said that we need to develop more resolutions.

Mr. Dancer suggested getting a list of the programs in housing services, including CHP and TNDC. He would like to know what people do when they are turned away at the Navigation Centers and Hummingbird. It is a particular challenge for disabled people to get housing.

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

1.3. a) New business for future Executive Committee meetings

1.3. b) Discussion of developing issues for the MHB

None discussed

1.3. c) Other MHB business

Ms. Jackson-Lane suggested having meetings in other parts of the City, and suggested 1099 Sunnydale as one option.

1.4 Public Comment

Mr. Hillier stated that he is not in favor of meetings in other neighborhoods unless we met everywhere. Some meetings may be difficult for some people to get to. He then talked about involuntary treatment and hospitalization for those who are ruled incompetent to stand trial. He said a judge could give a ruling that people with misdemeanors are told to go into treatment.

2.0 REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

For discussion and action

2.1 Public comment

No comments

2.2 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of June 3, 2019 be approved as submitted.

Mr. Dancer made a motion and Ms. Tesconi seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3.0 NEXT MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

For discussion and action

3.1 Issues regarding the content of the agenda

Pamela Grayson, Executive Director of Glide Housing will present the Glide model of supportive housing.

3.2 Board Planning for future MHB meetings

The board would like to know more about the Navigation Centers. They also had questions about the proposal by the Board of Supervisors, sponsored by Supervisors Ronen and Haney to create Mental Health San Francisco. The committee wondered if housing would be included. Ms. Tesconi mentioned that she heard on NPR that a Commission has been created to oversee Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

3.3 Public comment

Mr. Hillier asked if Mr. Sanders was referring to Mental Health San Francisco. He added that the Mayor opposed Proposition C because there was not enough oversight.

3.4 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: That the Executive Committee adopt the agenda for the Mental Health Board meeting on July 8, 2019 as discussed.

Mr. Dancer made a motion and Ms. Jackson-Lane seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM

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