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IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, April 23, 2019
1380 Howard Street
MHB Office, Room 226
10:30 AM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Chair; Richelle Slota; Njon Weinroth, Toni Parks

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

BOARD MEMBERS ON LEAVE: Judy Drummond, MA

OTHERS: Loy Proffitt, CFO, MHB; Wynship Hillier, and Liza Murawski

1.0 REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

For discussion and action

1.1 Public comment

Mr. Hillier requested a spelling correction of his first name.

1.2 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the Implementation Committee meeting of March 26, 2019 be approved as submitted.
The minutes were approved unanimously.

2.0 FINALIZE RESOLUTION

For discussion

2.1 Finalize Resolution

The committee proposed the following resolution.

1. **PROPOSED RESOLUTION:** The Mental Health Board urges the City of San Francisco to significantly increase permanent housing with supportive services for people with mental illness and substance use disorders.
2. *WHEREAS, there are approximately 7,500 people, in San Francisco, who are homeless, and;*

3. ***WHEREAS**, this number 7,500, does not include people who are currently incarcerated who may not have housing available when they are released from jail, and;*
4. ***WHEREAS**, approximately 40% of people with mental illness in jail are homeless or marginally housed, of which 38% are African American, and;*
5. ***WHEREAS**, there are currently 7,770 units of permanent housing for people with mental illness and substance use disorders, only some of which have supportive services available, and;*
6. ***WHEREAS**, of these 7,770 units there is very little turnover so that very few of the units are available for the estimate of 7,500 people who are homeless, and in need of supportive housing, and;*
7. ***WHEREAS**, there has been a commendable increase in San Francisco in programs providing temporary housing and intermediary services, such as the Navigation Centers, Hummingbird Place, and the Women’s Resource Center, and;*
8. ***WHEREAS**, the temporary housing is a necessity, but only a temporary solution to the housing and supportive services needs of people with mental illness and substance use disorders.*
9. ***THEREFORE**, the Mental Health Board urges the City of San Francisco to significantly increase permanent housing with supportive services for people with mental illness and substance use disorders.*

Ms. Parks was concerned about the statistics in the proposed resolution and suggested updating the resolution with the latest data, if possible. She, also, suggested putting citations in as footnotes.

Ms. Jackson-Lane reminded board and committee members to send questions to Supervisor Catherine Stefani, since the supervisor will hold a community meeting on April 30, 2019.

Ms. Slota suggested deleting the adverb “very” in paragraph 6.

2.2 Public comment

Ms. Murawski requested committee members to consider the following concepts for supportive housing from the foundation, client-centered care, community engagement, to empowering client in self-worth and personal growth.

Mr. Hillier suggested that committee members clarify the number of 7,500 people in paragraphs 2 and 3. He would like to see the citation for the reported amount.

Ms. Jackson-Lane mentioned that there are federal guidelines that address personal safety. She said the purpose of the resolution is to increase supportive housing for the homeless with mental illness, substance use disorder, or both.

She offered to work on a separate resolution about incarcerated people with mental illness.

Ms. Parks said, “Incarceration or homelessness is a mental illness itself.”

Mr. Proffitt shared that often public discussions are more focus on symptomology rather than address root causes of health disparities and social justice.

Mr. Weinroth believed the “*38% are African American*” in paragraph 4 needs contextualization or be removed.

Ms. Murawski has been visiting homeless shelters. She noted that more women are experiencing at least four years for housing. She suggested more peers be involved in supportive housing, because they are more likely to know what essential needs are.

For example, when a homeless woman is placed in a co-ed housing dominated by men who are in the early stages of their recovery. Her sense of personal safety is essential to her recovery and wellbeing.

3.0 ANNUAL REPORT

3.1 Annual Report

Committee members would like to refer the item to the Executive Committee meeting on 5/6/2019.

3.2 Public Comment

Mr. Hillier shared that he attended the April 17, 2019, MHB meeting. The presentation by Mr. Steven Fields, Executive Director of Progress Foundation, may not capture the latest data, especially on the involuntary treatment.

Ms. Jackson-Lane acknowledged that conservatorship is a big issue for the State of California. Sometimes, civil rights could be violated in involuntary treatment.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at noon.