



## SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

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### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 9, 2019  
1380 Howard Street  
MHB Office, Room 226  
4:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marylyn Tesconi, MFT Co-Chair; Njon Sanders, Co-Chair; Judy Drummond, Secretary; Marcus Dancer

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**MEMBERS ON LEAVE:** Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM

#### **1.0 BUSINESS**

For discussion and possible action.

##### 1.1 Chair's report

- Discussion regarding upcoming Board of Supervisors scheduling of the name change to Behavioral Health Commission.
- Ms. Tesconi reviewed Broderick House, a RAM's program. Staff hold clients in high esteem and treat them really well. She also reviewed the Hummingbird program and was concerned that clients can't sleep on lounge chairs.
- Data Notebook: follow up at the board meeting for interest areas.

##### 1.2 Committee Reports

- Information Committee: It was suggested that the committee should develop questions for the supervisors, and others the committee members might speak with. The committee needs to set goals.
- Implementation Committee: Mr. Dancer suggested the committee could follow up to talk with supervisors, present to the Health Commission, strategize for other places that resolutions could be presented to; and draft supplemental resolutions.
- Will bring up committees at the board meeting in case anyone wants to change committees.

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

- 1.3. a) New business for future Executive Committee meetings

At next Executive Committee meeting a discussion about having board meetings in other areas of the city.

1.3. b) Discussion of developing issues for the MHB

None discussed

1.3. c) Other MHB business

None discussed

1.4 Public Comment

Mr. Hillier shared his resolution regarding involuntary treatment and detention. He believes this is part of the board's responsibility to recommend to the Health Commission.

Ms. Tesconi was concerned about explaining it to the Board in a clear way.

Mr. Sanders suggested repeating the proposed resolution in the resolved part. He also suggested documentation of the statistics for each phrase. He offered to work with Mr. Hillier to review the data.

## **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 July 8, 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

Discussion regarding the Adult Residential Facility (ARF) beds. Beds from ARF are being moved to Hummingbird, where they will be temporary rather than permanent. There have also been unfilled beds for a couple of years. DPH is saying that the beds are unfilled due to staffing issues. The people in the beds are being moved to other facilities. Supervisors Haney, Ronen and Mandelman are working on this issue.

Mr. Sanders felt a hearing by the board would be redundant since the Supervisors are working on this issue, but that we should reach out to the three supervisors to see how the board could help. Housing for people with mental illness is a problem citywide. How could the board help with citywide issue regarding empty beds.

Ms. Tesconi mentioned the need for housing for low paid behavioral health employees. Three options for the board meeting are: someone from the Supervisor's office to talk about ARF; Mental Health SF; or the board reviewing progress on priorities.

Suggested request to the Supervisors

In light of the recent events concerning the ARF at SF General, the Hummingbird NC, and information the board has collected through actual program site visits, we are asking if one of you or a staff member could address the board in our next meeting to see if we can offer any

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support in initiating a city-wide survey of underutilized resources and an analysis of the resulting data to help drive future activity in meeting the needs of our residents. This is strictly a collaborative forum whereby we can better understand and generate some ideas and not an attempt to hold any party responsible or to undermine efforts currently underway.

If no supervisors or staff are available, an alternative agenda would be:

Review of board activity year-to-date regarding our intended goals and to revisit initiatives we were unable to address in the first round of resolutions. This review will afford an opportunity to switch or recommit to existing committees, to discuss the efficacy of the committee structure and to begin planning the annual retreat.

3.2 Board Planning for future MHB meetings

Mental Health SF

3.3 Public comment

Mr. Hillier shared that it could be difficult to determine which employees might get city housing and to track it. He suggested that empty beds in programs should be put into their contracts, indicating how many beds. He shared that his case has moved to the Chief Justice of California who has assigned a Court of Appeals justice from the 4<sup>th</sup> district to hear the case requesting judicial administrative records and budget management and adjudication records. Dr. Hammer put him in touch with Jail Health Services and he was told that only 15 people were determined incompetent to stand trial.

3.4 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: That the Executive Committee adopt the agenda for the Mental Health Board meeting on September 18, 2019, as discussed.

Approved unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM