

# SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



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## MINUTES

Mental Health Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October 16, 2019  
1380 Howard Street  
5th Floor, Room 515  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Marylyn Tesconi, MA, Co-Chair; Marcus Dancer; Toni Parks; Richelle Slota, MA; Idell Wilson; Harriette Stevens, EdD; Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, MFT; : Njon Sanders, Co-Chair; Terry Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLNC; MFT; Judy Drummond, MA, Secretary; Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Vice-Chair; Benny Wong, LCSW and Andrew Mullen (on behalf of Supervisor Catherine Stefani).

**BOARD MEMBERS ON LEAVEBOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Gregory Ledbetter.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Helynna Brooke (Executive Director); Loy M. Proffitt (Chief Financial Officer); Hali Hammer, MD, Department of Public Health (DPH), Director of Ambulatory Carefor the DPH and SFHN; Jessica Brown, Director Mental Health Services Act; Liza Murawski; Winship Hillier

**Ms. Tesconi** called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

### Roll Call

**Ms. Brooke** called the roll.

**Agenda Changes:** *Item 4.0 was presented first, followed by Item 5.0 following, Item 3.0 and Item 2.0, finishing with Item 1.0.*

**Item 1.0 PROPOSED RESOLUTION (BHC – 07) Be it resolved that the San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission urges the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Department of Public Health to re-open the Adult Residential Facility (ARF) at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center to its capacity of 55 beds to maximize its use for our most vulnerable residents.**

For discussion and action

Ms. Klain shared that even with the temporary compromise between the Department of Public Health and the Board of Supervisors regarding the ARF, the issues are still pertinent.

Due to the lateness of the hour board members tabled the resolution until the next meeting.

1.1 Public Comment

## **ITEM 2.0 REPORT FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR**

*The full director's report can be viewed at the end of the minutes or on the internet.*

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

**Dr. Hammer** shared that BHS is developing equity champions to become more aware about institutional racism that impacts people of color. BHS has been in the news lately because of the Mayor's UrgentCare SF plan and the Board of Supervisors Mental Health SF plan. They are trying to collaborate and work out the differences. The Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Health are also working on a compromise regarding the 55 beds at the Adult Residential Facility (ARF). A working group has been established to discuss staff training and client issues.

### **2.2 Public Comment**

Mr. Hillier shared that another 625 San Franciscans have been ordered into involuntary care.

## **ITEM 3.0 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT UPDATES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

For discussion.

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.

### **3.1 Mental Health Services Act Updates**

Ms. Jessica Brown, MPH, Director, Mental Health Services Act took this leadership position six weeks ago. There was a community planning process on October 3rd and 4th. During one of the meetings, an SFPD officer attended to share needs they are seeing in the community. In the schools they are being called to handle 5 to 8 year olds and don't feel that is appropriate for such young children.

Three Innovation programs are in place: Transgender Pilot Program, Older Adult Services; and First Impressions which provides vocational training by redesigning clinics and client spaces. MHSA is looking for more innovative ideas. MHSA is actively seeking new innovative ideas.

### **3.2 Public Comment**

Member of the public from UCSF suggested that it would be a good idea to use some of these funds to deal with how nicotine and marijuana interact with psychiatric medications and educational services about vaping.

## **ITEM 4.0 ACTION ITEMS**

For discussion and action.

### **4.1 Public comment**

No comments

**4.2 RESOLUTION:** Be it resolved that the minutes for the Mental Health Board meeting of July 17, 2019 be approved as submitted.

## **Item 5.0 Reports**

For discussion

### **5.1 Report from Executive Director of the Mental Health Board**

**Ms. Brooke** reported that the Mental Health Board is now officially the Behavioral Health Commission. Ms. Bohrer volunteered to draft the necessary changes in the Bylaws. Ms. Brooke reminded board members about the upcoming retreat on December 7th. Ms. Jackson-Lane has volunteered the use of her venue, 1099 Sunnysdale Ave.

### **5.2 Report from Co-Chairs of the Board and the Executive Committee**

**Ms. Tesconi** discussed the need to complete the Data Notebook. She shared about her meeting with Dr. Hammer a month ago to talk about the needs and issues regarding BHS. She encouraged the board to use her as a resource. Ms. Tesconi also met with Supervisor Mar. He is very concerned about people who are homeless and substance use.

**Dr. Stevens**, President of the California Association of Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CALMHB/C, said that she has visited many other boards and commissions in California. She shared that the Peer Certification Law was not signed by the Governor. She said the CALMHB/C board members meet with legislators to suggest new laws.

### **5.3 Reports from Committees**

**Mr. Dancer** reported on the Information Committee. He said that the committee needs to seek more information to provide to the Implementation Committee to develop resolutions.

**Ms. Jackson-Lane** would like more information from the other committee and board members to develop resolutions.

**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.**

No suggestions

**5.5 Report by members of the Board on their activities on behalf of the Board.**

None

**5.6 New business - Suggestions for future agenda items to be referred to the Executive Committee.**

**Ms. Klain** suggested the board might want to learn about an excellent program she visited in Spain.

**Mr. Ledbetter** would like to learn about in house treatment programs and mental health services for seniors.

**5.7 Public comment.**

**Mr. Hiller** was disappointed that his proposed resolution was not suggested by a board member.

**5.0 Public Comment**

None

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.