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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 LEAVE

BOARD 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 mariuana interact with pyschiatric 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 Sunnydale 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 Govenor. 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.