MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

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Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
1380 Howard Street
5th Floor, Room 424
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

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

COMMISSIONERS ON LEAVE: None

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Gregory Ledbetter; Judith Klain; and Toni Parks

OTHERS PRESENT: Helynna Brooke (Executive Director); Loy M. Proffitt (Assistant Director); Hali Hammer, MD, Department of Public Health (DPH), Director of Ambulatory Care for the DPH and SFHN; Liza Murawski; Winship Hillier; Alan Waxman, Olmsted Health

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

Roll Call
Ms. Brooke called the roll.
ITEM 1.0 PRESENTATION: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE SAN FRANCISCO JAIL, ARTHUR CURRY, MEMBER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

For discussion

1.1 Presentation: Mental Health Services in the San Francisco Jail, Arthur Curry, Member Behavioral Health Commission

Commissioner Curry introduced himself by sharing that he spent 22 years in prison. Currently, he works with clients who are in jail and have mental health and substance use issues. The clients are pending discharge and probation assignment. There are over 100 probation officers. Working with Mr. Curry are two clinicians who are licensed clinical social workers (LCSW) and two case managers. He meets with the clients to assess their level of readiness, develop a discharge plan, and advise the case managers as to the appropriate placement after jail. Some clients will go to Harbor Lights Salvation Army residential program or if they are ready for placement with Healthrite 360, an outpatient program. Mr. Curry shared the extensive paperwork necessary for the process, describing the step by step process of assessment and intake that is required.

1.2 Public Comment

No comments

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 Mayor Breed and the Board of Supervisors are working together to develop a collaborative plan for Mental Health SF. One of the issues they need to explore is how to hire sufficient staff and the need to expand treatment beds.

Dr. Hammer thanked Commissioner Jackson-Lane for her role on the interview panel for hiring the new director of BHS. A new search has been launched due to a change in the job description.

2.2 Public Comment

Member of the Public raised questions about the availability of data regarding who needs beds, how many beds are needed. He shared that his daughter has psychosis and was seen by the Felton Institute Early Psychosis program. He asked if the program would be continued.

Dr. Hammer replied that it would continue under the auspices of the Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Program.

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
No updates

3.2 Public Comment

Mr. Hillier that he continues to have difficulty getting information about people who are involuntarily committed.

Ms. Murawski shared concerns about incarcerated women with mental illnesses.

ITEM 4.0 ACTION ITEMS
For discussion and action.

4.1 Public comment

4.2 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the minutes for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of October 16, 2019 be approved as submitted. Approved unanimously

4.3 Proposed Resolution (BHC – 07-2019) (Attachment A) 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 secure more long-term care beds for our most vulnerable residents. Approved unanimously following minor word changes.

4.4 Proposed Resolution (BHC - 08-2019) (Attachment B) The San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission urges the Health Commission to submit a proposed ordinance to the Board of Supervisors, adding Section 4131 to the San Francisco Health Code Approved unanimously following minor word changes.

4.5 Proposed Ordinance (Attachment C) Draft Language of Proposed Ordinance Approved unanimously.

Item 5.0 Reports
For discussion

5.1 Report from Executive Director of the Behavioral Health Commission
Ms. Brooke reported that the deadline for submitting the Data Notebook had been extended. She reviewed details about the upcoming retreat.

5.2 Report from Co-Chairs of the Commission and the Executive Committee
Commissioner Tesconi said there would be no executive committee meeting in December. She is looking forward to working with the Commission at the retreat to develop new priorities.
5.3 Reports from Committees
No reports

5.4 People or Issues Highlighted by BHC: Suggestions of people and/or programs that the board believes should be acknowledged or highlighted by the Behavioral Health Commission.
No suggestions

5.5 Report by members of the Commission on their activities on behalf of the Commission.
Commissioners shared about events they attended.

5.6 New business - Suggestions for future agenda items to be referred to the Executive Committee.
Item 5.6 to 6.0 tabled.

5.7 Public comment.

6.0 Public Comment

Adjournment
The meeting was adjourned 8:42 PM.