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NOTICE OF MEETING

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 6, 2020
1380 Howard Street
Behavioral Health Commission Office, Room 226
4:00 PM

AGENDA:

1.0 BUSINESS

For discussion and possible action.

- 1.1 Chair's report
 - 1.1 a) Discussion regarding 12/7/19 retreat
- 1.2 Committee Reports
- 1.3 Additional business regarding the duties, mandates, and operations of the Commission.
 - 1.3. a) New business for future Executive Committee meetings
 - 1.3. b) Discussion of developing issues for the Commission
 - 1.3. c) Other Commission business
- 1.4 Public Comment

2.0 REVIEW OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES AND PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

For discussion and action

- 2.1 Public comment
- 2.2 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 4, 2019 be approved as submitted.

3.0 NEXT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION MEETING AND ACTION ITEMS

For discussion and action

- 3.1 Issues regarding the content of the agenda
 - Discussion regarding proposed resolution regarding share of rent for supportive housing be no more than 30% of income. (Attachment A)
- 3.2 Planning for future Commission meetings
- 3.3 Public comment
- 3.4 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: That the Executive Committee adopt the agenda for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting on January 15, 2020 as discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Attachment A: Proposed Resolution

WHEREAS, a 2019 study by the University of Northern Colorado demonstrates the intersectionality of rent burden and behavioral health concerns in stating, “results indicate that neighborhoods with rental burden, more than 30% of a household’s annual income, also show high rates of mental and physical health issues.”

WHEREAS, while many supportive housing sites facilities in the City and County of San Francisco have rents adjusted to 30% of income, over 3,000 supportive housing tenants in the City and County of San Francisco pay between 50% and 90% of their income towards rent.

WHEREAS, most of these units are located in single-room occupancy hotels master-leased by the city, in which substandard conditions lead to mental health issues, according to a health impact assessment commissioned by the San Francisco Department of Public Health in Spring 2016. (Source is attached)

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, on top of current spending, only \$8 million more annually in additional subsidies would be needed to get the rents of supportive housing tenants to 30% of income, which amounts to less than 1% of the city budget. (Source: <https://www.sfexaminer.com/the-city/homeless-director-says-thousands-pay-excessive-rents-in-supportive-housing/>)

WHEREAS, in the FY 2019-2020 budget for San Francisco, a line item for \$1 million was allocated for an “economic hardship fund for master-leased tenants”.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission supports any action to allocate funding, beginning with the FY 2020-2021 budget, to adjust the maximum rents for all supportive housing programs, including master leased hotels down to 30% of income.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a re-evaluation of the rents of other city funded housing programs should occur with the goal of getting all housing not on the private market to 30% of income

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, upon passage, this resolution shall be transmitted to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing within 24 hours

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