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## AGENDA

**Behavioral Health Commission Meeting  
Wednesday November 18, 2020  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  
REMOTE BHC MEETING ZOOM**

**CALL-IN #: 1-669-900-6833 & MEETING ID #: 939 8475 9984**

### ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS

For discussion

#### **1.1 Report from Chair of the Commission and the Executive Committee**

Discussion regarding Chair's meetings with Behavioral Health Services staff, meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors and community meetings about mental health or substance use.

**1.1 a) Update on vacancies and reappointments on the BHC. Bylaws Article III concerning membership and unexcused absences to Commission meetings.**

**1.1 b) Supervisor Stefani's legislation regarding the BHC staffing requirement that DPH staff the Commission, was passed by the full Board of Supervisors on November 3, 2020.**

[Administrative Code - Department of Public Health - Providing Staff for the Behavioral Health Commission]200951 Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to require the Department of Public Health to provide administrative staff to support the Behavioral Health Commission; to expand the membership criteria to conform to state law; and to reset all Commission member terms as of January 1, 2021, to be staggered so that no more than one-third of the members' terms expire at one time.

**1.1 c) Best Practices Training completed by Theresa Comstock on Sept. 2, 2020. Site visit training will be rescheduled from Sept. 11 to Sept. 26**

## **1.2 Reports from Committees**

Discussion regarding committee meetings, goals and accomplishments

**1.2 a) Information Committee**

**1.2 b) Implementation Committee**

**1.2 c) Nominating Committee**

**1.2 d) Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee**

**1.2 e) Strategic Plan Committee**

**1.3 People or Issues Highlighted by BHC: Suggestions of people, programs, or both, that Commissioners believe should be acknowledged or highlighted by the Behavioral Health Commission**

**1.3 a) Presentation of Commendation for Marlo Simmons, MPH, Acting Director of San Francisco Behavioral Health Services**

**1.4 Report by members of the Commission on their activities on behalf of the Commission**

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

**1.6 Public comment**

## **ITEM 2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

For discussion and action

**2.1 Public comment**

**2.2 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission commends Marlo Simmons, MPH, Acting Director of Behavioral Health Services.**

**2.3 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the Standing Committee known as the Information Committee will be discontinued.**

**2.4 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the Behavioral Health Commission Retreat will be postponed to January 2021.**

**2.5 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the minutes for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of July 15, 2020 be approved as resubmitted**

**2.6 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the minutes for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of August 19, 2020 be approved as resubmitted**

**2.7 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the minutes for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of September 16, 2020 be approved as resubmitted**

**2.8 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the corrected minutes for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of October 21, 2020 be approved as submitted.**

## **ITEM 3.0 REPORT FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**3.1 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.**

**3.2 Public Comment**

**4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

**4.1 Public Comment**

**Adjournment**

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**2.2 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved The San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission commends Marlo Simmons, MPH, Acting Director of Behavioral Health Services.**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Simmons brought her exceptional leadership style to this position, managing with clear expectations for her staff, and the department, and;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Simmons, prior to this accepting this position, was Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Services, and;

**WHEREAS**, prior to the position of Deputy Director, Ms. Simmons was the Director of Mental Health Services Act Programs, and;

**WHEREAS**, in the role of Director of Mental Health Service Act programs, Ms. Simmons led a team that developed numerous innovative programs and responded to community needs, and;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Simmons has an open-door policy and is available to all Behavioral Health Services employees, and;

**WHEREAS**, Behavioral Health Service employees at every position level feel respected and valued for the work they do, and;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Simmons mentors and trains staff so they can develop stronger leadership skills and departmental knowledge, which increases staff retention and consistent knowledge about San Francisco Behavioral Health Services, and;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Francisco Behavioral Health Commission commends Marlo Simmons, MPH, Acting Director of Behavioral Health Services.

**DRAFT**

**REVISED MINUTES**

Behavioral Health Commission Meeting

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**REMOTE BHC MEETING ZOOM**

**CALL-IN #: 1-669-900-6833 & MEETING ID #: 939 8475 9984**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Marylyn Tesconi, MA, Chair, Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Vice Chair, Judy Z. Drummond, MA, Secretary, , Judith Klain, MPH, Richelle Slota, MA, Harriette Stevens, EdD, Toni Parks, Gregory Ledbetter, Dawson Emmett Cooper and Terry Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLNC

**COMMISSIONERS ON LEAVE:** Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, MFT

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Arthur Curry, Idell Wilson.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Loy Proffitt (Administrator), Marlo Simmons, MFT, Acting Director of Behavioral Health Services, Wynship Hillier, David Elliott Lewis, PhD, Steven Banuelos, and two additional members of the public.

**Commissioner Tesconi** called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

**ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS.**

**1.1 Certificates of Commendation for Felton Institute for their work on Suicide Prevention, and Mother Brown’s Kitchen for their wonderful work in setting up and doing COVID19 tests in Hunters Point/Bayview.**

**1.2 Report from Chair of the Commission and the Executive Committee**

Discussion regarding Chair’s meetings with Behavioral Health Service and staff, meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors and community meetings about mental health or substance use.

Commissioner Tesconi announced that Supervisor Peskin appointed Dawson Emmett Cooper to Seat #4, a Public Interest seat. Commissioner Cooper replaces Commissioner Bohrer who served two terms on the Commission. . Commissioner Cooper introduced himself and shared the mental health issues he is concerned about.

**1.3 Reports from Committees**

- a) Information Committee has not met and needs a new chair.
- b) Implementation Committee: will meet Monday August 3, 2020.
- c). Strategic Plan Committee, By-Laws Committee, Nominating Committee:

**Commissioner Tesconi** announced that there are seven vacant seats on the BHC: six Commissioners are waiting reappointment, and four Commissioners are

currently serving active terms. . Commissioner Marcus Dancer in Seat #14 and Supervisor Catherine Stefani in Seat #17 have resigned.

Motion by Judy Drummond, seconded by Richelle Slota to have a meeting on August 19, 2020.

Unanimously approved

d). Strategic Plan Committee:

1). Commissioner Bohrer said the Strategic Plan is a roadmap for each and every committee, with outcomes. She added that it is time to update the BHC ByLaws, she encouraged the BHC to schedule the Annual Retreat in September to establish new committees and set priorities for next year. These might include Tele-health needs, a Commission orientation committee, and site visits to BHC programs. She encouraged everyone to read and understand Mental Health San Francisco (MHSF) so the BHC can help with the future of San Francisco

The Committee will include Commissioners Tesconi, Stevens, Cooper and Drummond.

e). By-laws Revision Committee

The by-laws say that all Commissioners must serve on one committee.

f). Hiring Committee: Geoffrey Grier will begin August 1, 2020. Ms. Brooke left a training manual to help him get started.

**1.4 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**

The Commission is grateful to Terry Bohrer, Marylyn Tesconi, Richelle Slota, and all who worked on the Annual Report. Terry Bohrer said we did not meet our goals for last year.. She encouraged the BHC to complete more program reviews.

**1.5 Report by members of the Commission on their activities on behalf of the Commission**

Commissioner Bohrer talked about her proposal to DPH suggesting that BHC be staffed by DPH staff rather than through a contract with San Francisco Mental Health Education Funds. Dr. Colfax, Director of the Department of Public Health asked Dr. Halli Hammer, Director of Ambulatory Care, to work with the BHC.. Dr. Hammer will make a recommendation to the City Attorney.

Commissioner Klain suggested that the BHC have the retreat earlier this year to discuss this issue.

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

Commissioner Klain suggested the BHC have an update on Mental Health San Francisco (MHSF), discuss the Retreat, and have a discussion about site visits.

**1.7 Public Comment**

David Elliott Lewis, PhD, thanked Ms. Simmons for her assistance with BHC issues over the past year.

## **2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **2.1 Public comment**

**Mr.Hillier** said this meeting was being held in violation of the Brown Act. Meeting must be posted 72 hours on DPH website. You may not take action at this meeting.

### **2.2 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the minutes for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of June 17, 2020 be approved as submitted**

Unanimously approved

### **2.3 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the Annual Report for FY 19/20 be approved as submitted**

Unanimously approved

### **2.4 Public Comment**

No public comments

## **3.0: REPORT FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**3.1** Ms. Simmons said that the budget has no service or staff reductions. They are looking for new funding to implement Mental Health San Francisco (MHSF). The budget is not final. Ms. Simmons said that the contract between San Francisco Mental Health Education Funds (SFMHEF) will continue to support the staff.

Ms. Simmons highlighted items in the Behavioral Health Services Communication Report for June 2020,

- BHS is focusing on Health Equity for all who are served by BHS. There are over 2,000 people who are housed in Shelter In Place (SIP) hotels to protect them from catching COVID19.
- She discussed community wellness activities.

### BHS Program Highlights

- 1).3<sup>rd</sup> Street Substance Use Team
- 2).Frontline Workers Counseling Project at Chinatown North Beach Mental Health
- 3) Forensic and Justice Involved Behavioral Health Services
- 4) COVID19 Trans Community Resource Fair

- There have been staff cuts and there is no new hiring to replace people who have left positions in all divisions. Budgets are moving forward with changes in services
- 100+ staff are working on COVID19 issues.
- Ms. Simmons praised BHSstaff, saying there is 80% contact with enrolled clients.
- There is on-going posting for the Director of Health Services of MHSF.

- There is work being done with school-age children, using tele-care, in-home teaching
- Seneca Mobile Response is now available for anyone under age 18, even without medical insurance.

The entire Communications Report can be found at:

[https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/CBHSdocs/CBHSDirMonRpts/2020/July\\_2020%20BHS\\_Monthly\\_Communications\\_Report.pdf](https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/CBHSdocs/CBHSDirMonRpts/2020/July_2020%20BHS_Monthly_Communications_Report.pdf)

### **3.2 Public Comment**

Mr. Hillier said he has been trying to get information about the 1200+ involuntarily committed mental health patients over one year.

## **4.0 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT UPDATES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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.

Commissioner Bohrer suggested that the BHC request a ten minute presentation by programs that are funded by MHSA so the BHC can know more about them.

### **5.1 Public Comment**

**Dr. Lewis** made the point that we need to keep contact with the Board of Supervisors and to please use the voice of this Commission to be an advocate.

**Mr. Hillier** reiterated that we must have a 72 hour notice of meetings. It can be a criminal action under section 53959. Commission Tesconi said that Loy Proffitt will check on why this was not posted.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 P.M.

**DRAFT**  
**REVISED MINUTES**  
**Behavioral Health Commission Meeting**  
Wednesday, August 19, 2020  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Marylyn Tesconi, MA, Chair, Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Vice-Chair, Judy Drummond, MA, Secretary, Richelle Slota, MA, Toni Parks, Dawson Emmett Cooper, Judith Klain,, Ulash Thakore Dunlop, Arthur Curry, Harriette Stevens, EdD, Idell Wilson,

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Gregory Ledbetter

**COMMISSIONERS ON LEAVE:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT::** Acting BHS Director Marlo Simmons, MPH, Loy Proffitt, Administrator BHC, Geoffrey Grier, Dr. David Elliott Lewis, Terry Bohrer, Stephen Banuelos, Wynship Hillier

**Commissioner Tesconi** called the meeting to order at 6:03.

## **ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS**

### **1.1 Report from Chair of the Commission and the Executive Committee**

Commissioner Tesconi, Chair, met with BHS Acting Director Marlo Simmons, Dr. Hali Hammer and Terry Bohrer regarding her proposal to separate the BHC and the San Francisco Mental Health Education Funds. Supervisor Stefani has also proposed legislation recommending the Executive Director become a civil service position.

She shared that there are no updates yet on the hiring of the Director of BHS. Ms. Simmons said staff support for the BHC will continue until a contract has been signed.

The BHC website needs to be renamed and the information updated.

### **1.2 Reports from Committees**

#### **1.2a Executive Committee:**

Terry Bohrer will do Site Visit Training on 9/11/20: Commissioners Toni Parks, Carletta Jackson-Lane, Richelle Slota, Dawson Cooper, Gregory Ledbetter, Judy Drummond, and Marylyn Tesconi will attend.

Teresa Comstock, Executive Director of the California Association of Local Mental Health Boards/Commissions, will train Commission members on the roles and responsibilities of Commissioners and about the Brown Act on Wednesday, 9/2/20. Commissioners Judy Drummond, Richelle Slota, Toni Parks, Judith Klain, Gregory

Ledbetter, Dawson Emmett Cooper, Marylyn Tesconi, and Carletta Jackson-Lane will attend.

#### **1.2b Information Committee**

The Information Committee has no chair. This matter is referred to the Executive Committee.

#### **1.2 c Implementation Committee**

Implementation Committee was rescheduled

#### **1.2 d Nominating Committee**

No report

#### **1.2e Bylaws Revision Committee**

There may be changes that will impact our ability to change certain sections. Tabled for more research. Commissioner Slota will join the Bylaws Committee.

#### **1.2 f Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Committee**

Commissioners Judy Drummond, Judith Klain, Gregory Ledbetter, Marylyn Tesconi, Dawson Cooper, and Carletta Jackson-Lane will be on the committee.

### **1.3 People or Issues Highlighted by BHC: Suggestions of people, programs, or both, that Commissioners believe should be acknowledged or highlighted by the Behavioral Health Commission**

**Commissioner Klain** nominated BHS Director Marlo Simmons for her perseverance and advocacy on behalf of those with mental health needs.

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** nominated Dr. Mary Ann Jones, CEO of Westside MHS.

### **1.4 Report by members of the Commission on their activities on behalf of the Commission**

**Commissioner Tesconi** was on a Zoom call with Police Chief Scott and University of San Francisco. \$120 million has been cut from budget to be reallocated to mental health services.

**Commissioner Stevens**, President of the CA Association of Local Mental Health Boards and Commissions, gave Board Conduct Guidelines to Loy Proffitt to disseminate to all Commissioners.

**Commissioner Ledbetter** nominated the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, (NAMI) Peer-to-Peer Training Program.

### **1.5 New business - Suggestions for future agenda items to be referred to the Executive Committee**

It was recommended that the Retreat becomes our venue to do trainings and meetings in two-hour blocks on Zoom, recorded so that anyone who is unavailable can watch them at later date. BHC suggested areas included Site Visit Training materials, Commissioner Roles of Conduct and Robert's Rules, Brown Act, Strategic Plan Committee, goals and priorities for the coming year.

## **1.6 Public comment**

**Mr. Grier** mentioned that this is a once in a lifetime opportunity. There is a meeting on 9/25-9/26/20 to figure where the \$120 million needs to go. It is a perfect fit for the BHC.

**Mr. Hillier** stated that the BHC cannot vote on a Motion that is not previously listed as an action item in the Agenda. Mr. Hillier stated BHC can't bypass elections and Motion should be rescinded from the minutes.

**Mr. Banuelos** said Ms. Simmons can address some of the increases for mental health services.

**Dr. Lewis** suggested that Commissioners to get involved in the many mental health initiatives.

## **ITEM 2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

For discussion and action: None.

### **2.1 Public comment**

**Mr. Hillier** requested agenda packets to be sent and was not received. Mr. Hillier went on to say that if more than a majority of the commission is not present, then it is a violation of the Brown Act.

**2.2 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the minutes for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of July 15, 2020 be approved as submitted.**

No Action taken

## **ITEM 3.0 REPORT FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR**

### **3.1 Report from Behavioral Health Services Director**

**Ms. Simmons** stated that the budget conversations are going well. No cuts to staff. If voted in, the unlocked Prop C funding will provide \$30 million for beds across the continuum of care. This will work to improve access to 24/7 care. The number of homeless tents on the street has expanded from 400 to 1200 tents in the last four months. The focus is on treatment beds, board and care, skilled nursing, and Hummingbird beds. No funding for permanent supportive housing is on the list now.

BHS is increasing training for staff due to COVID-19; employee assistance programs, and health support are available. All employees have health insurance and access to employee assistance programs. There is emergency access to hotel rooms for front line DPH employees.

The Communications Report can be found at the following address:

[https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/CBHSdocs/CBHSDirMonRpts/2020/August\\_2020\\_BHS\\_Monthly\\_Communications\\_Report.pdf](https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/CBHSdocs/CBHSDirMonRpts/2020/August_2020_BHS_Monthly_Communications_Report.pdf)

### **3.2 Public Comment**

**Mr. Hillier** stated that 2500 people are on involuntary treatment. It is appalling that this Commission is not looking into this. It is 3% of the City and County's population. How many patients are under Section 5300?

**Ms Simmons** responded that she has requested that information and will follow-up on the request.

**Dr. Lewis** said he believed that it is more like 500 in involuntary treatment.

**Mr. Banuelos** thanked Ms. Simmons for her support. He dealt with budgets for residential beds. Because of the nature of San Francisco, this supportive housing becomes permanent and then there is nowhere to go.

#### **4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **4.1 Public Comment**

**Mr. Grier** said he applaud everyone. We have a magnanimous job to do and have to step up. There is an initiative to ownership for those underserved.

**Mr. Hillier** stated in response to Dr. Lewis comment, that Conservatorship accounts for only 60 patients; 2500 petitions are filed per year. There are only 600 in the system. You're saying only 1 in 3 of those petitions fail or are not honored? The Superior Court is concealing information.

**Adjournment 8:02**

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**MINUTES**

**Behavioral Health Commission Meeting**

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Meeting called to order at 6:15 by Chair Marylyn Tesconi

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Marylyn Tesconi, MA, Chair; Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Vice-Chair; Judy Z. Drummond, MA, Secretary; Dawson Emmett. Cooper II; Arthur Curry; Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, MFT; Gregory Ledbetter; Toni Parks; Richelle Slota, MA; Harriette Stevens, EdD; and Idell Wilson

**COMMISSIONERS ON LEAVE:** Judith Klain, MPH

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** none

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Loy M. Proffitt, MBA, Administrator BHC, Marlo Simmons, MPH, Acting Director, Behavioral Health Services (BHS); Dr. Mary Ann Jones, Ph.D., CEO, Westside Community Services; David Elliott Lewis, Ph.D.; MHA-SF; Wynship Hillier; Steven Banuelos.

**ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS**

**1.2 Report from Chair of the Commission and the Executive Committee**

Commissioner Tesconi said that according to the City Attorney, we must have quorum to have this meeting. She asked that the person using the name “International Terrorist” please change name to “unknown?” There was no response so Loy Proffitt changed name to “unknown.”

Site visit training is changed to September 26, 10 am-12 pm.

Commissioner Slota was reappointed by Sandra Fewer through 2023. Commissioners Drummond, Thakore Dunlop, Ledbetter, and Tesconi are waiting reappointment. There are 7 vacancies.

Teresa Yu will send a representative to give the BHC a short report about the start of Mental Health San Francisco (MHSF) and talk about housing.

Legislation posed by Supervisor Stefani was posted on August 31st and will be heard by the Rules Committee after 30-day rule by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

She spoke with City Attorney regarding zoom identification (international terrorist), she recommended we rename that person or disable the chat.

Theresa Comstock’s training was very helpful

**1.2 Reports from Committees: all Commission members are required to be on one committee.**

**1.2a Executive Committee:**

Strategic Planning Committee should be a standing committee.

**1.2b Information Committee**

Does not need to exist anymore.

**1.2 c Implementation Committee**

Commissioner Jackson-Lane, Chair said the committee met on September 13, 2020. Ida McCray will come to the next meeting to talk about women in the jails. Commissioner Idell Wilson wanted to discuss the impact of Prop 63 dollars on programs that are being pushed forward, especially in Hunters Point/Bayview. Commissioner Jackson-Lane is looking for someone to present.

**1.2 d Nominating Committee**

This committee needs to reconvene because we need new officers and we need to elect new people to Commission positions. Commissioners Klain, Chair, Ledbetter, and Wilson volunteered. The committee will present a proposed slate in January 2021.

**1.2e Bylaws Revision Committee**

The committee met on 9/10/20. The City Attorney's office is willing to give us a law student to review our bylaws. They will meet in next few weeks to continue this project.

**1.2 f Strategic Plan Committee**

Commissioner Drummond, Chair, and Commissioners Tesconi, Klain, Cooper, Ledbetter, and Jackson-Lane are on the Committee. Commissioner Drummond did not get the agenda posted within the 72-hour window. She will set up a new meeting through Loy Proffitt.

**1.3 People or Issues Highlighted by BHC: Suggestions of people, programs, or both, that Commissioners believe should be acknowledged or highlighted by the Behavioral Health Commission**

**Commissioner Wilson** wants to thank Helynna Brooke for the work she did for 21 years.

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** presented an award to Dr. Mary Ann Jones, CEO of Westside Mental Health Services for her lifelong work as a brave, revolutionary leader for mental health services to underserved communities.

**Commissioner Slota** recommended a resolution commending health care workers who are working above and beyond the call of duty.

**Commissioner Ledbetter** nominated NAMI Peer-to-Peer Training Program.

**1.4 Report by members of the Commission on their activities on behalf of the Commission**

**Commissioner Ledbetter** is attending NAMI Peer-to-Peer Training Program. It is excellent.

**Commissioner Tesconi** will participate on 9/22/20 in a discussion of human rights funds in the African American community. Money is being reallocated from the Police Department. Loy Proffitt will send a link to participants if they want to attend.

**Commissioner Stevens** is attending meetings on the Data Notebook which will be due in January. It contains information on what should include on telehealth and issues related to COVID19. We have been restricted in our activities, so we need to write about our responses. What will our plan be in the future?

**Commissioner Wilson** went to the Implementation Committee meeting and it was very informal and very interesting

**Commissioner Cooper** will participate in CORO of Northern CA, resilient SF infrastructure Leadership every Wednesday through the end of November.

Commissioner Ledbetter attended a meeting with Mega Black SF, a group Mayor Breed put together looking for reparations with money taken away from police.

### **1.5 New business - Suggestions for future agenda items to be referred to the Executive Committee**

**Commissioner Ledbetter:** The BHC should look at Kindred Nursing Home on Bush Street, a senior care home operating under COVID. Conditions are horrendous. There is undertrained staff. Only two telephones for patients to use, with one designated to quarantine unit. Only one cell phone for 100 patients. This is only one of many complaints.

In October the Strategic Planning Committee will lay out things we to do in the New year and incorporate this into our work. We can move forward in a united front.

**Commissioner Thakore Dunlap** said she liked the idea of strategically training BHC members and scaffolding. We need to support and prepare ourselves to support our communities.

### **1.6 Public comment**

**Mr. Hillier** said he was well within his constitutional rights to have the name “international terrorist.” He was trying to respond when he was put on mute.

**Dr. Lewis:** “International terrorist” is a threat and is entirely unprofessional. Free speech is not unlimited speech.

## **ITEM 2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

For discussion and action: No discussion

### **2.1 Public comment**

Mr.Hillier requested that his name be correctly spelled. In July their wasn't a motion to accept Dawson Cooper did not happen. The resignation of Marcus Dancer was not there. There were many errors in the July minutes. At the August meeting, Arthur Curry was present. (Gregory Ledbetter says he was not present.) My comments are completely misrepresented. After motion I said you should rescind and expunged from the minutes because no notice was given from that. “I'm wondering if there was a breach of the rules,” there was no disability notice on the agenda.

**Mr. Banuelos:** The August minutes were not posted with agenda.

**Commissioner Tesconi** suggested he email his objections to Loy Proffitt.

### **2.2 Proposed Resolution: Be it resolved that the minutes for the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of August 19, 2020 be approved as corrected.**

10 Aye, Commissioner Arthur Curry voted Nay, Adopted.

### **ITEM 3.0 REPORT FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR**

The Director's Report was based on information that went out with the agenda. The greatest impact is on our staffing. We are working hard to hire new people to take the weight off. We are getting people vaccinated for flu season. We are working to hire an Executive Director. BHS is moving up the ladder. There will be 2 new divisions for health services. One for rules of all health plan systems. There will be an office of coordinated care. Over the next couple of years, we will restructure all adult systems of care. We have opportunities for better care over the next three years. We highlighted Helynna Brooke in our newsletter for her years of service to Behavioral Health. MHSF is getting ready to be implemented. Prop C will give hundreds of millions for housing and mental health. The Supreme Court of CA said they are not going to hear the complaints. The City is redirecting police funding to the African American community. We need to be better partners with the community, so if you have any ideas, let us know.

**Commissioner Jackson Lane** asked how to get involved with and participate in the hiring process of the Director, It is one of the Commissions mandates from the State.

**Ms. Simmons** said she would email the Chair of the Hiring Committee.

**Commissioner Jackson Lane** asked that as part of Prop C: are there specific sections for behavioral health money?

**Ms. Simmons** said at least 25% of the funding needs to be spent on mental health, specifically for preventing homelessness. It can't be used to replace things. It has to be for new services.

**Commissioner Jackson Lane** asked if it is true that there is a 30% loss of staff?

**Ms. Simmons:** Staff is down, clinicians by 20%, psychiatrists by 30%, leadership by 40%. Email me if you want exact numbers. 24% are managing COVID deployments – trying to manage staff to part time. There is a peak in overdoses in hotel rooms and we need staff to go there. Lots of people are working to help with COVID but it is impacting our services.

**Commissioner Slota** asked how DPH staff are doing in staying free of COVID?

**Ms. Simmons** said there are not many cases; a handful of concerns that turned out to be nothing. 2 programs had a staff person get COVID. Cases were traced to the community. COVID is wreaking havoc across the board.

**Commissioners Slota and Ledbetter** offered support for the outstanding work of DPH and their employees. Commendations across the board from all Commissioners. We respect and appreciate what you have done in the hardest of times.

**Commissioner Stevens:** When we have events in the community, we should include under represented consumers and viable stakeholders. We need to hear from the community about their experiences with all mental health & behavioral health programs. We need the big picture, then stakeholders can fit into that.

**Commissioner Drummond** suggested an umbrella group around mental health like there was under the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) umbrella. That was incredible.

**Commissioner Thakore Dunlop** thanked Ms. Simmons for her leadership, saying she appreciated her collaborative efforts. She asked how the BHC can advocate on red tape bureaucracy?

**Ms. Simmons** said that one of the challenges are the Civil Service Rules and how they operate in the hiring process. BHS is committed to hiring from the community. It may take 18 months to hire someone. This creates the most barriers.

**Commissioner Parks** said it is difficult for the consumer to access DPF & BHS. Her experience with websites and forms has shown her that government forms are not user unfriendly and poorly designed.

### **3.2 Public Comment**

**Mr. Hillier** said 2500 new people are ordered into involuntary treatment. It is appalling that this Commission is not looking into this. It is 3% of the City and County's population. How many patients are under Section 5300?

**Ms. Simmons** responded that she followed-up on the request.

**Dr. Lewis** said it's more like 500 who are in involuntary treatment.

**Mr. Banuelos** thanked Ms. Simmons and shared that he dealt with budgets for residential beds. Because of the nature of San Francisco, this supportive housing becomes permanent and then there is nowhere to go.

### **4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Banuelos** asked if they had a sense about the per cent of client contacts pre COVID?

**Ms. Simmons** said that in a two- week period, 67-80% are in contact by phone. We're evaluating if there is enough frequency. COVID is traumatizing everyone. A lot more is needed.

**Dr. Lewis** said that we are in a time of great change. We should try to get seats on these advisory boards so there are mental health people on board. BHC should have a seat at the table.

Commissioner Parks shared that she tried to apply for the committee They want long essays. It seems like you have to know someone.

**Mr. Hillier:** I remind you that there are 2500 petitions filed for long term treatment. I made a reference to staff to ask for more information to Marlo Simmons to report back to October meeting. How many new outpatients come in from June to July?

**Ms. Simmons:** I sent you an email, I think I found out what you are referencing. I want to talk to you offline.

**Mr. Hillier** said that the new legislation by Supervisor Stefani to reform staff relationship was introduced on 8/18/20. The 30<sup>th</sup> day is tomorrow. It could come up in the Rules Committee next Monday. It is your choice if you wish to continue to hold a meeting in violation in the Brown Act. The August meeting was not posted. Section 9A of the Sunshine Act says any document used in a meeting must be distributed beforehand.

### **Adjournment 8:13 PM**

## **DRAFT**

### **MINUTES**

**Behavioral Health Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, October 21, 2020  
Remote Zoom Meeting  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Marylyn Tesconi, MA, Chair, Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Vice-Chair, Judy Drummond, MA, Secretary Judith Klain, Richelle Slota, Gregory Ledbetter, Ulash Thakore-Dunlop, MA, Dr. Harriette Stevens, PhD, Toni Parks, Idell Wilson, Dawson Emmett Cooper

**COMMISSIONERS ON LEAVE:** None

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Arthur Curry

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Loy Proffitt (Administrator), Marlo Simmons, MFT, Acting Director of BHS, Teresa Yu, LMFT, MHSA Program Coordinator

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** Terry Bohrer, Wynship Hillier, Dr. David Elliott-Lewis, Stephen Banuelos

#### **ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS**

##### **1.1 Report from Chair of the Commission and the Executive Committee**

Discussion regarding Chair's meetings with Behavioral Health Services staff, meetings with members of the Board of Supervisors, and community meetings about mental health or substance use.

1.1 a) Update on vacancies and reappointments to the BHC

**Commissioner Tesconi** said there have been no changes in the status of reappointment or appointments of new commissioners.

1.1 b) Update on Sunshine Ordinance Complaint: There was no update.

1.1 c) Suggestions for more BHC engagement: No suggestions were made.

1.1 d) Restructuring of the BHC

**Commissioner Tesconi** said that the Supervisor Stefani's proposed legislation to require that DPH staff support the BHC and restructuring of appointments and terms was approved by the Rules Committee on 10/19/20. It will go to the full board for final approval.

**Commissioners Ledbetter and Wilson** said they received no notification of the hearing.

##### **1.2 Reports, Updates and Changes on Committee**

Discussion regarding committee meetings, goals and accomplishments and proposed new committees

1.2a) Implementation Committee: Commissioner Jackson-Lane, Chair, reported that the committee met on October 13, 2020 and had a presentation from Ms. Ida McCray, retired Executive Director of San Francisco Sheriffs Department (SFSD) Women's Resource Center.

1.2b) Bylaws Revision Committee has not met.

1.3c) Strategic Plan Committee met and went over Section 1 of the plan. They will meet again to finalize edits, changes, and ideas about the plan.

1.3 d) Nominating Committee: Commissioner Klain reported that we will keep the current roster until January 2021. Commissioners Richelle Slota and Carletta Jackson-Lane nominated themselves for the position of Chair of the BHC.

1.3 e) Site Visit Committee is now a standing committee with Commissioners Richelle Slota, Chair, Gregory Ledbetter, Judith Klain, Marylyn Tesconi.

1.3 f) Legislative Committee will stay abreast of current legislation and play an advocacy role. Commissioner Judith Klain wants to be included in this group.

### **1.3 Report by members of the Commission on their activities on behalf of the Commission**

**Commissioner Ledbetter** attended a NAMI conference.

#### **1.4 Public Comment**

**Mr. Banuelos** asked to be sent paperwork on the Strategic Plan and minutes of meetings. He asked to be on the Legislative Committee.

**Dr. Lewis** stated that in the past Committees had public members. He asked to be on the Legislative Committee.

**Mr. Hillier** said that there are only nine members of the Commission, and only four are serving current terms. Public must be able to speak on all agenda items.

### **ITEM 2.0 NEW BUSINESS – SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **2.1a Discussion of ideas for Retreat content and scheduling**

**Commissioner Klain** suggested the Retreat consist of a half day working on the Strategic Plan for next two years, and how to structure committees.

**Commissioner Drummond** suggested we lay out specific instructions related to Brown and Sunshine Acts, and Robert's Rules of Order and how to set up committee meetings.

**Commissioner Klain** suggested we make possible clarity of work we need to do and implement priorities.

**Commissioner Ledbetter** said we should streamline and eliminate obstacles.

MHSF should be on the agenda as a way to get us to participate in this important piece of work.

Ad Hoc Retreat Planning committee will be Commissioner Klain, Chair, Commissioner Slota, Commissioner Ledbetter, and Terry Bohrer, member of the public.

Terry Bohrer, member of the public, will facilitate the Strategic Plan Session.

David Elliott-Lewis, member of the public, will facilitate the MHSF session.

## **2.1b Suggestions of people or programs Commissioners would like to acknowledge or commend**

No suggestions were made.

## **2.1 c) Suggestions for future agenda items**

**Commissioner Tesconi** would like to contact young women from the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) program.

## **2.2 Public comment**

**Mr. Hillier** discussed the time limits before the Retreat according to Robert's Rules of Order.

## **ITEM 3.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **3.1 Public Comment**

Mr. Hillier made comments about changes to last month's minutes. He said the minutes were approved without corrections and a motion was incorrectly made.

**Commissioner Tesconi** said she would forward the changes to Loy Proffitt.

## **ITEM 4.0 REPORT FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES DIRECTOR**

**4.1** Marlo Simmons, MPH, Acting Director of Behavioral Health Services Department reviewed the BHS Director's Report about COVID19 practices, language access, and suicide prevention.

For MHSF: 12 of 13 implementation groups have been appointed. MHSF will convene in December and will host community forums with BHC.

Ms. Simmons is happy to talk to use about programs so we can become more visible and impactful. We can co-host events.

### **4.2 Public Comment**

**Mr. Banuelos** asked if MHSF is an increase in resources or have things not really changed?

**Ms. Simmons** said that MHSF may be the catalyst we need to get things done.

**Mr. Hillier** said we need to assess the needs and problems of those 2500 people involuntary committed each year.

## **ITEM 5.0 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT UPDATES AND PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **5.1 Mental Health Service Act Updates and Public Hearings**

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.

**Ms. Yu** gave an update on SB803. There will be a webinar the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November.

### **5.2 Public Comment**

**Mr. Hillier** said he is not excited about SB803. He thinks it is more social control.

**ITEM 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Hillier** suggested that all Commissioners should get a copy of Robert's Rules of Order #12,

**Dr. Lewis:** talked about alternatives to police response, the Human Rights Commission, City and SF Crisis Support teams, and the Coalition on Homelessness. He said Commissioners should be aware of all these meetings and participate.

**Adjournment 8:05 PM**