

# SAN FRANCISCO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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## IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

**May 4, 2020**

### CONFERENCE CALL

**Dial in #: 605-475-4000      Access Code #: 369313#**

**3:00 PM**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Chair; Judy Drummond, MA, Secretary; Marilyn Tesconi, MA; and Toni Parks

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** none

**STAFF PRESENT:** Helynna Brooke (Executive Director); and Loy Proffitt (Assistant Director)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Winship Hillier; and Liza Murawski

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

#### 1.0 CHAIR REPORT

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** stated, "We haven't done anything."

**Ms. Brooke** shared, "I was at the Lake House and then here helping my roommate move."

**Commissioner Drummond** asked, "Why are we having this meeting if we are totally unprepared?"

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** said, "We're moving forward. What is each person doing?"

No one had done anything.

**Ms. Brooke** explained, "We are required to have five resolutions per fiscal year, but the City has said it is OK that I draft one resolution then send it for approval to the Commission, then to the City. We have to get approval from Rebecca L. I've talked with her. We'll lose money if our contract is not approved."

Loy and I are working with the City to get conference calls that use DPH email address from each commissioner. I can test it: Idell can use it. The Commission can do meetings, then the public can comment."

**Commissioner Drummond** inquired, "What is the resolution we can send in?"

**Ms. Brooke** responded, "We have to decide that now."

**Commissioner Tesconi** stated, "We have to think about site visits. We need to make the visits."

**Ms. Brooke** stated, "You're correct."

**Commissioner Drummond** stated, "I took notes on how to set them up. We need to get started."

**Ms. Brooke** shared, "I was almost 5150d. I'll be gone June 1. I was unable to do anything."

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** mentioned, "We were supposed to do tasks, but they were not done because of the COVID-19 pandemic. We did engage with Supervisor Stefani's aide, Andy, and we can talk to Supervisor Haney."

Can Toni and Marilyn talk to their supervisors regarding the new restrictions? The five (5) resolutions we did before are in the previous contract. The Annual Report will include the five resolutions."

**Ms. Brooke** said, "The Annual Report can include a new resolution. We can do one at the next meeting. We can say we are continually keeping up with the issues. I can write one."

**Commissioner Tesconi** stated, "Judith Klain and I went on a site visit to Conard House and brought an issue back to the Commission."

**Ms. Murawski** suggested, "Can we let everyone know about the issues?"

**Commissioner Tesconi** said, "At a subsequent meeting, Helynna, Judith, and I set up a meeting to look at the Cooperative Director. They had replaced John Stewart and are no longer responsible for that site. It didn't get done. Richard Heasley retired in January."

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** said, "Stewart leaving has a major impact."

**Commissioner Tesconi** clarified, "It's important to have a distinction whether Stewart was responsible for all sites."

**Ms. Brooke** said, "Glide fired John Stewart. COVID-19 is making it difficult; there are no tourists or conventions. All departments are being asked to make cuts to keep DPH alive. We can bill \$15,000 for the remaining contract."

I haven't told you Carletta, but we got the \$28,000 PPP loan. It can be forgiven if you don't fire or lay off your staff."

**Commissioner Tesconi** asked, "How did you get the money?"

**Ms. Brooke** responded, "We had enough money in the bank to pay: \$5,000 in payroll and \$12,000 in the account. I was able to do payroll with \$5,000 left."

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** shared, "Michelle Long is entertaining the 2021 budget, and we have a gentleman's agreement that the money will come to the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC)."

**Commissioner Tesconi** asked, "Have you sent in your resignation letter?"

**Ms. Brooke** replied, "It will be done tomorrow."

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** asked, "Are there any other issues?"

**Commissioner Parks** mentioned, "Supportive housing: folks with behavioral/mental health issues need to get services now because they are not getting any. This needs to be a full Board agenda item."

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Mr. Hillier** wondered, "Why were you ashamed: I proposed a resolution not to cancel meetings."

**Ms. Brooke** stated, "I needed help. I've been here for more than 20 years. I was so ashamed to ask for help. You would all see me differently. I couldn't help with the Data Notebook; they had to do it themselves.

I'm sorry, but I can't help and go back in time and be more supportive of Marylyn."

**Commissioner Jackson-Lane** said, "Your depression is not the sum total of what you are."

**Mr. Hillier** inquired, "Is Rebecca in charge of whether we can have a meeting?"

**Ms. Brooke** explained, "Because we're a Commission, there are different rules: we don't have to audiotape meetings; we can meet online because we are in a critical situation. I'm pretty sure it will be approved."

**Mr. Hillier** suggested, "You need MHSA approval. Toni Parks, Marcus Dancer, Richelle Slota, Marilyn Tesconi, and Judy Drummond's terms all expired January 19, 2020?"

**Ms. Brook** replied, "We have approval from the City Attorney to extend their terms. The Rules Committee has to decide what goes on the agenda. I will work aggressively to get these approved."

**MOTION: To make a resolution about supportive housing to send to the Executive Committee, seconded by Toni Parks.**

**Unanimous.**

Adjournment 4:00 PM.