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Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
Via Teleconference
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Marylyn Tesconi, MA, Co-Chair; Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD, Vice-Chair; Judy Drummond, MA, Secretary; Marcus Dancer; Richelle Slota, MA; Terry Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLNC; Harriette Stevens, EdD; Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, MFT; and Judith Klain, MPH.

COMMISSIONERS ON LEAVE: Idell Wilson, Gregory Ledbetter, Toni Parks and Arthur Curry

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Helynna Brooke (Executive Director); Loy M. Proffitt (Administrator); Marlo Simmons, ;Teresa Yu, LMFT, MHSA Program Manager, Interim Director MHSA Programs; Tracy Helton, ; Liza Murawski; Winship Hillier; Joe Sciarrillo, African Advocacy Network; Geoffrey Grier; and David Eliot Lewes, PhD

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

ROLL CALL

Ms. Brooke called the roll.

Item 1.0 Commissioner's Reports

For discussion

Commissioner Jackson-Lane mentioned that she participated in a webinar with Supervisor Walton about abuse and suicide with 150 participants on Zoom. There were also 1,500 people watching the webinar streamed live on Facebook. She also participated in a community forum regarding COVID19 testing in the African America communities in the Bayview and Potrero Hill, with 70 participants. The focus was about trust issues for Hispanic, Asian American, Samoan and African America communities. There is an upcoming opportunity for people in these communities to get testing from May 30th through June 2nd.

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

Commissioner Klain would like a presentation about the 120 people who are homeless with mental health challenges who are being housed in one of the San Francisco Piers along the Embarcadero.

Commissioner Bohrer suggested that the Acting Director, Marlo Simmons, be invited to present at the next meeting about the proposed Mayor's budget.

1.7 Public comment.

Dr. Lewis suggested the following presentations be considered: Urban Academy, Safe Sleeping Village, primary care health and mental health services for people who are homeless; Mother Brown's RV plans.

Mr. Grier said that he has attended meetings from time to time and he is impressed with the Commission.

Mr. Hillier is bothered by the Mayor's statement earlier during the start of the pandemic that boards could not have meetings via teleconference. He also stated that in the Bylaws for the Mental Health Board, Article 5, paragraph II, the election of the co-chairs should have been on the agenda, his letter to the Commission should have been read at the meeting and said that the new business suggestions at the February meeting were not on the Executive Committee agenda for this meeting.

Ms. Murawsky said that people shouldn't have to pay to participate in a teleconference meeting. There are limited opportunities for the public to address accountability for Single Room Occupancy (SRO's) units.

**ITEM 2.0 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT (MHSA) PUBLIC HEARING
PRESENTING THE THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-2023, TERESA YU,
LMFT, ACTING MHSA DIRECTOR; KIM GANADE AND TRACY HELTON**

For discussion.

2.1 Mental Health Service Act Public Hearing presenting the three-year plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2023, Teresa Yu, LMFT, Acting MHSA Director; Kim Ganade and Tracy Helton

Ms. Yu is the interim MHSA Director while Jessica Brown, M.P.H., is on leave. The Public Meeting will cover the three-year plan for Fiscal Years 2020-2023. It is required by State law that the Behavioral Health Commission hold a public meeting to hear the MHSA plans and make comments about the contents.

District 10. The purpose of the taskforce was to be able to participate in the Mega Request for Proposals (RFP), either by securing funding for programs that were not funded by the Department of Public Health (DPH), or at least success in securing subcontracting opportunities with larger, well funded programs. At the time there was very little success. A few programs received a small amount of funding as subcontractors to larger programs, but no programs in District 10 got their own programmatic funding.

Ms. Yu said that service in these areas of the City are still being designed, but when finished it will go out as an RFP.

Ms. Helton shared that, so far, they have had only one community meeting about the project. The early stages of the programs will be South of Market, the Mission and OMI in the Excelsior area. The project still needs approval by the State and there are narrow criteria to comply with.

Commissioner Jackson-Lane said that people need to feel safe in going to programs and have programs nearby.

Commissioner Stevens asked about how the 84 projects break down demographically.

Ms. Yu replied that the Innovation Funding has a strict process. For the demographics, MHSA tracks them. They are broken down by type of service. In the report there is a three year comparison of demographics served.

Commissioner Tesconi asked if any additional information such as Carletta requested could be shared with the whole Commission.

Commissioner Drummond did not realize there were so many programs that were part of the MHSA.

Commissioner Tesconi asked if substance use programs that are recovery oriented fell under these programs.

Ms. Yu said that MHSA programs that could be funded were for people with severe mental health challenges. They don't serve people whose primary diagnosis is substance use.

Ms. Helton added that there are no programs focusing on substance use but harm reduction is a part of many programs.

Commissioner Bohrer asked in Ms. Yu sees a reduction in MHSA funding due to the deficit in the State budget.

Ms. Yu said that the MHSA programs might get a funding reduction of 25% in a couple of years, based on tax revenue.

Commissioner Dancer suggests that in discussion and in the report, either Black or African American be used, not both.

2.2 Public Comment

Mr. Grier said the MHSA report is extensive, but it could be complicated if a target is the African American population in San Francisco, because they are an endangered people. He added that the African American population has been surveyed to death. He was surprised that the Fillmore area, Doublerock in the Bayview and George Davis are not part of the

behavioral health support. BHS is providing community wellness and first responder support.

May is Mental Health Awareness month. COVID activities are intense. BHS has maintained contact with 85% of clients. There is more information about this in the Communications Report. They are working with clients in Single Room Occupancy Hotels (SROs), and there is a team of staff responding to staff needs and support.

4.2 Public Comment

Mr. Hillier said that he had asked Dr. Hammer at the February 19, 2020 meeting to give a report about the 25,000 San Francisco residents who were being treated involuntarily. He was also told by Dr. Almeida that BHS would schedule a presentation about this issue.

Ms. Simmons said that she would have to refer that question back to Dr. Almeida.

Dr. Lewis said that Governor Newsom temporarily relaxed some of the Brown Act requirements for public meetings to allow for teleconference meetings due to COVID19.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Hillier said he has been researching appointments to the Commission and that only Commissioners Parks, Dancer and Klain have approved membership.

Ms. Murawski said that she would like to urge that at the BHC meeting in June, a resolution regarding oversight and accountability of supportive housing buildings be included.

Dr. Lewis said that a future topic for the BHC might be the impact of COVID19 on mental health.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned 8:14 PM.



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Director's Report for Health Commission Meeting of May 19, 2020

A current overview of issues affecting the state of public health in San Francisco

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/aboutdph/insideDept/dirRpts/default.asp>

San Francisco's path to recovery

It has been two weeks since the new stay home Health Order took effect across San Francisco and the Bay Area region. Today, there are over 2,100 San Francisco residents with confirmed cases of COVID-19. And, sadly, a total of 36 San Franciscans have died. The San Francisco Department of Public Health (DPH) sends our condolences to their loved ones. While San Francisco and the Bay Area keep up the good work that has gotten us this far, the Health Department and in City government will be preparing for the future by continuing to follow the science, data and facts and build out the public health infrastructure to support a gradual reopening and eventual recovery. We will be watching five key indicators, in the Bay Area and at the state level, to track our progress. These 5 indicators include

1. Hospital capacity – watching our hospitalizations to ensure that our health system is prepared to serve patients with COVID-19 and other conditions
2. Personal protective equipment – sufficient supplies for health care workers for 30 days
3. Testing – we are continuing to expand testing
4. Contact tracing – and supporting people to isolate and quarantine, and
5. Surveillance for outbreak detection and response

Our recovery as a community will depend on our ability to protect the most vulnerable, and to maintain a health system that can respond to continued outbreaks. DPH will keep a close eye on the data, so that we can move forward, or pause, or increase restrictions, depending on the spread of the virus in the community.

Curbside pickup

We must also support businesses with clear guidelines so that they can operate as safely as possible, for their staff and customers, and our community as a whole. In that effort, the Health Department has issued new directives to businesses that are allowed to operate now, such as restaurants, delivery services and grocery stores. These directives also apply to the expanding group of businesses that are beginning to reopen May 18. In collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Economic and Workforce Development and the Economic Recovery Task Force, we highlight five important criteria that businesses need to follow to be safe in the current coronavirus environment:



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Tenderloin will help create a familiar and welcoming presence at the testing site.

Verily's Baseline COVID-19 Program provides a connected solution to support individuals from screening through testing and receipt of their test results. For each deployment of the mobile testing site, the City and Verily will collaborate with trusted community organizations, to help raise awareness about the site and connect people to other services. While the mobile site is located in the Tenderloin, the City will be working with GLIDE and Code Tenderloin to conduct community outreach about the site and ensure the site remains safe and accessible for everyone in the neighborhood.

Testing Site at City College – A second COVID-19 testing site will open today at the City College Student Health Center. This site is open to any California resident and is part of the State's efforts to increase testing access in areas with the highest need. The State identified zip codes throughout California that have a lack of COVID-19 testing access, including the 94112 zip code in San Francisco, which encompasses the Excelsior and OMI neighborhoods. The City's Emergency Operations Center has worked with the State to operationalize this additional testing resource in the city.

The site offers COVID-19 testing by appointment and is operated by OptumServe, which is funded through a contract with the State of California. It has the capacity to conduct around 130 tests per day.

Testing in Bayview-Hunters Point – the City continues to focus on areas that have been disproportionately impacted, which includes the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood. In addition to having one of the highest rates of cases in the City, there are unique risk factors inherent to many families in this community, including higher rates of multigenerational households, chronic diseases like hypertension and diabetes, transient housing, and essential workers. In order to support vulnerable communities served by the Bayview Child Health Center, the City and partner organizations will be bringing testing directly to families in their neighborhood from Wednesday, May 20, through Friday, May 22, and continuing every Friday thereafter for the foreseeable future.

Testing will occur in conjunction with preexisting social services programming in the Hunters View community. Residents will have the option of pre-registering for testing and receiving a telehealth visit or signing up same day and having a live visit with a clinician prior testing. Anyone testing positive will have access to a hotel room to quarantine in order to prevent the spread of the virus within their household. Additionally, mask and hand sanitizer will be distributed as part of hygiene kits provided along with food distribution and



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regular testing cycle about every two weeks, based on what is currently known about the virus's incubation period. Testing science and technology is rapidly evolving and will continue to inform our response and testing strategy. As more information becomes available about the virus, the testing schedule may adjust.

The Tenderloin Plan

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tenderloin has seen a significant increase in unsheltered homelessness and a reduction in quality of life and safety for housed and unhoused residents alike. The Tenderloin Plan is a block-by-block plan to address the issues in the Tenderloin that are impacting quality of life for the residents of that neighborhood and is led by the Healthy Streets Operations Center (HSOC).

The Health Department fully supports this critical work as the health of the Tenderloin community has been and continues to be a priority for us. As a part of the ongoing partnership between HSOC and DPH, the health department provides outreach, street medicine, overdose prevention and opioid treatment, harm reduction and environmental health services to help protect the health and safety of people in the Tenderloin who are experiencing homelessness, and those who are housed. The Health Response Team and Street Medicine teams are expanding their outreach efforts and helping people to protect themselves from the spread of coronavirus. In addition, the Environmental Health inspectors conducted an initial assessment of areas identified in the plan, which helped to form the basis of the report. They will continue to provide input and guidance on interventions that might be necessary in the neighborhood to protect against the spread of coronavirus.

San Francisco's road ahead

We all have an important role to play as we work towards a gradual reopening and eventual recovery, which can be categorized in groups of three. The three things community members can do are (1) physical distance, (2) wear a face covering, and (3) get tested if you meet the testing criteria. Meanwhile, the city and public health leaders pledge to (1) continue to expand testing toward our goal of universal access, (2) build up our contact tracing system so it is among the best in the Country, and (3) improve our surveillance systems to detect outbreaks and respond quickly to support individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and their families. Together, with those actions we will accomplish three important things: (1) we will see a reduction in infections and deaths (2) we will experience and feel more safety and confidence, as we continue to reopen. And, (3) we ultimately will recover and enjoy more activities, even in a world where the virus remains a fact of life.

Health Department welcomes Dr. Claire Horton as San Francisco Health Network Chief Medical Officer



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The Mayor's Office has delayed the City's budget process given the public health emergency and will issue revised budget instructions to departments this week. In the meantime, the Mayor will introduce a balanced interim budget at the Board of Supervisors on June 1st to provide City Departments appropriation authority to continue their work at the beginning of the fiscal year. The Mayor's proposed budget will be presented to the Board of Supervisors by August 1st. The Board will review, amend and approve the proposed budget in August and September so the City adopt a final budget by September 30th.

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Health Commission - Director of Health Report

(April 2, 2020 Medical Exec Committee)

	April	(FY 2019-2020) Year-to-Date
New Appointments	2	12
Reinstatements	0	0
Reappointments	1	38
Delinquencies:	0	0
Reappointment Denials:	0	0
Resigned/Retired/Separated	1	11
Disciplinary Actions	0	0
Restriction/Limitation-Privileges	0	0
Deceased	0	0
Changes in Privileges		
Additions	0	1
Voluntary Relinquishments	0	0
Proctorship Completed	3	7
Proctorship Extension	0	1

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Current Statistics – as of 3/31/2020	
Active Medical Staff	34
As-Needed Medical Staff	15
External Consultant Medical Staff	48
Courtesy Medical Staff	3
Affiliated Health Practitioners	13
TOTAL MEMBERS	113

Applications in Process	1
Applications Withdrawn this month	0