

# SAN FRANCISCO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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**AGENDA  
Behavioral Health Commission  
Executive Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

**COMMISSIONER'S:** Carletta Jackson-Lane (she/her/hers), Richelle Lee Slota (she/her), Bahlam Javier Vigil (they/them/theirs), Stephen Banuelos, Secretary

## **Roll Call**

## **Agenda Changes:**

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

Discuss the inclusion of BHC in the decision making process around the distribution of the new budget initiative by Mayor Breed to add \$1 Billion to housing and another \$300 Million to mental health services via MHSF (Mental Health SF) all with an overarching theme of racial equity as it relates to the Data Notebook priorities for 2021

**1 a.)** Presentation by Judith Martin, MD (she/her) Deputy Medical Director, Behavioral Health Services, Medical Director, Substance Use Services County Alcohol and Drug Administrator San Francisco Department of Public Health on overdose prevention, fentanyl, safe injection sites, racial inequity, etc

## **Reports from the Co-Chairs**

**1.1 a)** Update on vacancies and reappointments on the BHC

**1.2 Review of Bylaws** – review edits, amendments and changes from the most recent bylaw committee meeting Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Bahlam Javier Vigil

## **1.3 Public Comment**

### **ITEM 2.0 ACTION ITEMS**

#### **2.1 Public Comment**

Discussion on Action Items

#### **2.2 Vote to approve unadopted minutes from September 15, 2021 Executive Committee meeting**

**2.3 Vote on resolution proposed by Commissioner Vigil Urging the San Francisco City and County, Mayor, Board of Supervisors, The Departments of Public Health, and Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Invest Funds To Improve The Standard and Quality of Behavioral Health Services Provided by The City and County of San Francisco to Improve Equitable Access, Services Quality, and Facility and Staff Standard and Improve Departments Oversight and Quality Control Infrastructure – see pasted below**

### **ITEM 3.0**

#### **3.1 Public Comment**

#### **4.0 Final Public Comment**

## **Adjournment**

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## **WELFARE & INSTITUTIONS CODE**

### **ARTICLE II - Powers and Duties**

The MHB shall:

1. Operate in accordance with state and local legislation pertaining to the MHB set forth in Welfare & Institutions Code Section 5604.2 and in S.F. Administrative Code, Section 15.4-1.
  - a) Review and evaluate the mental health needs, services, priorities, facilities, and special problems of the City and County of San Francisco.
  - b) Review any City and County agreements entered into pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5650.
  - c) Advise the Governing bodies, the Director of Public Health, the Director of Community Behavioral Health Services, and the Mayor, as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
  - d) Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen, consumer, family member, and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
  - e) Review the procedures used to ensure the involvement of interested members of the mental health community and the public in the development of the budget for Community Behavioral Health Services and report on its findings to the Board of Supervisors.
  - f) Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the City and County's mental health system.
  - g) Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of Director of Mental Health. The MHB shall be included in the selection process prior to the selection of a person to fill this position.
  - h) Review and comment on the City and County's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the State Mental Health Commission. All such communications shall be reported to the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the Health Commission, the Director of Public Health, and the Director of Community Behavioral Health Services.

**[Resolution Urging the San Francisco City and County, Mayor, Board of Supervisors, The Departments of Public Health, and Homelessness and Supportive Housing to Invest Funds To Improve The Standard and Quality of Behavioral Health Services Provided by The City and County of San Francisco to Improve Equitable Access, Services Quality, and Facility and Staff Standard and Improve Departments Oversight and Quality Control Infrastructure.]**

Whereas; Facilities in San Francisco that provide behavioral health services are in much need of repairs such as for constant building flooding, proper facility size, and the equitable distribution of facility resources per district, showing a need for better oversight on the physical infrastructure where services are provided to ensure proper maintenance and health regulation, and

Whereas; Community members such as in September 22nd, 2021 Meeting, complained about the quality of services in housing buildings by the staff and managing nonprofit which is operating under the Department of Public Health, that stems about ten years, which flew under the Department of Public Health's radar which demonstrates a need for accountability,

Whereas; on September 17th, 2021 Jordan Davis, a community leader who led the fight for capping SRO's rent to 30% of the person's income, brought it to our attention that the Department of Public Health, has failed to implement the rent cap and has negatively impacted and put at risk of homelessness hundreds of tenants who are part of single residency occupancy units managed by the Department of Public Health, which is looking into the issue but highlights a need for better oversight and accountability, and

Whereas; According Marlo Simmons, data pulled from 11/12/20: total current vacancies for behavioral health services, there are a total of 113 Vacancies (90 prioritized and moving through the hiring process, 23 vacant and not yet prioritized), 17.38% of BHS Positions Vacant (of the 650 who report to BHS) Of the vacant positions, 9 - Senior Psychiatric Physician (2242 / 2243 job class), 37 - Behavioral Health Clinician (2930 job class), and 6 - Senior Behavioral Health Clinician (2932 job class), therefore,

Be it resolved that; The Behavioral Health Commission of San Francisco thanks to the city and county of San Francisco Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Departments of Public Health, and Department of homelessness and supportive housing, for their consistent commitment to bringing funds into the fold in our struggle for behavioral health services that tackle the problems and issues everyday San Franciscans face in terms of their behavioral health and tackling key

environmental factors impacting their behavioral health such as homelessness and access to housing, and

Be it further resolved that; The Behavioral Health Commission of San Francisco urges the City and County of San Francisco Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Departments of Public Health, and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to find ways to improve their oversight and accountability infrastructure to better oversee and monitor all behavioral health programs offered by the City and County of San Francisco,

Be it further resolved that; The Behavioral Health Commission of San Francisco urges the city and county of San Francisco Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Departments of Public Health, and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to allocate funds to improve staff standards and quality, hire more behavioral health staff to meet the increasing demand for services and ensure that those programs are being offered and operated with high-quality standards and quality of life.