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AGENDA
IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE MEETING
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2021
3:00PM TO 4:00PM
[REMOTE BHC MEETING ZOOM](#)

CALL-IN #: 1-669-900-6833 & MEETING ID #: 843 1421 7654
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**Chair: Carletta Jackson-Lane, members Toni Parks, Rochelle Slota,
Judith Klain, Idell Wilson**

1.0 BUSINESS

For discussion and possible action.

- 1.1 Chair's report
- 1.2 Discussion
- 1.3 Public Comment

2.0 REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

For discussion and action

- 2.1 Public comment
- 2.2 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that the City & County of San Francisco provide additional Police Training & appropriate first responder services to people experiencing mental health crisis.
- 2.3 PROPOSED RESOLUTION: Be it resolved that Bart Officer Eric Hofstein, shall be commended for exceptional service, aiding and supporting people experiencing mental health crisis at the San Francisco BART.

3.0 COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORTS

For discussion and action

- 3.1 Members report on their research and actions
- 3.2 Public comment

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4.0 NEXT ACTION ITEMS FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS

For discussion and action

4.1 Discussion developing follow up research, presenters to the committee and action item

4.3 Public Comment

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TAGALOG: Adyenda ng Komisyon ng Pagpapalano. Para sa tulong sa lengguwahe o para humiling ng Pantulong na Kagamitan para sa Pagdinig (headset), mangyari lamang na tumawag

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Resolution urging the City of San Francisco to provide police training and alternative and more appropriate first responder services to people experiencing mental health crises and urging the Governor of the State of California to mandate sensitivity training to police on responding to individuals experiencing mental health concerns.

WHEREAS, police officers are usually the first responders when dealing with a mental health crisis, and

WHEREAS, police officers report they are responding to more 5150 calls every year, and

WHEREAS, police officers are not adequately trained or experienced to handle mental health crisis', and

WHEREAS, 58% of San Francisco fatal police shootings between 2005-2013 were people killed where mental illness was the major contributing factor, and

WHEREAS, those experiencing mental health crises are beaten, harassed and inappropriately jailed by police rather than receiving appropriate health services and treatment, and

WHEREAS, a report by the Treatment Advocacy Center found that individuals with mental illness were 16 times more likely to be killed by police, and,

WHEREAS, 10% of all 911 calls involve mental health situations where police are often not equipped to deal with, and,

WHEREAS, the State of California does not require police to have special training in responding to psychiatric situations, and

WHEREAS, the nation's largest mental health facilities are now correctional facilities and police are often left with no other alternatives than to take someone to jail,

WHEREAS, the San Francisco Department of Public Health does not provide first responder, 24/7 crisis response for adults experiencing mental health crisis, who do not require 5150 holds and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City of San Francisco is suffering from a public health crisis where those experiencing mental health issues are being inappropriately jailed, harassed, injured and sometimes killed instead of receiving appropriate treatment and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Behavioral Health Commission requests that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors fully fund the Department of Public Health to provide first responder, 24/7 crisis intervention support to people experiencing a mental health crises who don't necessarily require 5150 and can be de-escalated at home and as an alternative to police being called in as the first responders, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Board of Supervisors continue to mandate trainings for police officer on how to sensitively recognize and respond to people experiencing mental health crises, and be it

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Resolution commending BART Officer Eric Hofstein, for his exceptional work supporting and aiding people experiencing mental health crisis at San Francisco BART.

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WHEREAS, the State of California does not require police to have special training in responding to psychiatric situations, and

WHEREAS, there is a new push at BART to tackle social problems, and

WHEREAS, Officer Eric Hofstein, BART senior police officer stands apart in his approach to assisting people experiencing mental health crises at BART, and

WHEREAS, Officer Eric Hofstein has a personal understanding of mental illness as he has a child he has lost touch with who is bi-polar, and,

WHEREAS, Officer Eric Hofstein has responded with exceptional empathy and sensitivity to those experiencing mental health issues at BART including a young woman highlighted in a SF Chronicle article on

WHEREAS, Officer Eric Hofstein went above and beyond in helping to connect this young woman with her family, and

WHEREAS, Officer Eric Hofstein when on vacation out of the State responded to a call in the middle of the night to assist this young women connect to psychiatric services rather than be jailed, and

WHEREAS, Officer Eric Hofstein serves as a model of excellence and mentorship to others in the way he responds to those experiencing mental distress, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Behavioral Health Commission recognizes and commends BART Officer Eric Hofstein for his sensitive and exceptional years of service assisting people experiencing mental health crises in San Francisco, and be it

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Behavioral Health Commission requests that the Board of Supervisors and Mayor officially commend the outstanding work of Officer Eric Hofstein.

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