

# SAN FRANCISCO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION



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## UNADOPTED MINUTES

From the

### Behavioral Health Commission Meeting

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

6:06 PM – 8:08 PM

#### CALL TO ORDER

**Geoffrey Grier called the Roll Call**

**COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT:** Carletta Jackson-Lane (she/her/hers), Harriette S. Stevens (she/her), Bahlam Javier Vigil (they/them/theirs), Stephen Banuelos, Terezie (Terry) Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLCN, Richelle Lee Slota (she/her), Toni Parks (she/her), Judith Klain (she/her)

**COMMISSIONER'S ABSENT:** Idell Wilson, ashel (Kathryn) fey (zee/fey), Judy Drummond (she/her), Ulash Thakore-Dunlap

**BHS STAFF PRESENT:** Hillary Kunins, Director, Behavioral Health Services

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE:** Ahsha Safai not present

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC:** Wynship Hillier, Liza Murawski (she/we), Joaquin P, Nurit

**BHC STAFF:** Geoffrey Grier

**QUORUM:** None

**CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** Item 2.0 ACTION ITEMS moved in front of Item 1.3 COMMITTEE REPORT in order to allow for report from Hillary Kunins, BHS Director.

- Commission voted on the Brown Act updated Telecommunication Resolution California Government Code Section 54953(e) empowers local policy bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Services Act. Motion passed unanimously

**ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:** Co-Chair Slota gave an impassioned exit speech accentuated by her early resignation from BHC as she would be termed out in January. She said in spite of the BHC being overlooked by the Board of Supervisors, exemplified by their lackadaisical appointments, she was looking forward to the December 4, 2021 BHC annual retreat and further expounded on the need for commissioner proactivity in order to fill the empty seats. Co-Chair Jackson-Lane also gave an exit speech requesting leadership from the new commissioners and highlighting the accomplishments of the BHC and her own, as she terms out in January as well.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**1.1** Approve the minutes of the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of October 20, 2021 as submitted. **[No Action Taken] – lack of quorum**

**1.1a)** Liza Murawski was to present on Resolution (MHB 02-2019) The Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) formerly known as The Mental Health Board (MHB) urges the City and County of San Francisco to develop a system of oversight and accountability for buildings providing permanent supportive housing to people with behavioral health challenges. **[No Action Taken] – lack of quorum**

**1.1b)** BHC to vote on Resolution (MHB 02-2019) The Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) formerly known as The Mental Health Board (MHB) urges the City and County of San Francisco to develop a system of oversight and accountability for buildings providing permanent supportive housing to people with behavioral health challenges - **see pasted below [No Action Taken] – lack of quorum**

**1.1c)** BHC to 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 [No Action Taken] – lack of quorum**

**1.1d) Adoption of Bylaws** – BHC to vote on edits, amendments and changes from the most recent version coming out of the executive committee meeting, to forward on to city attorney for review - Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Bahlam Javier Vigil - **see pasted below [No Action Taken] – lack of quorum**

**1.1 e)** The Co-Chairs re-announce the December 4, 2021 date for the annual BHC retreat

**1.1 f)** Co-Chairs formerly announce the resignation of Commissioner Drummond and ashel (Kathryn) fey with discussion around letters of resignation

**1.2** BHC commission to vote on the Brown Act updated Telecommunication Resolution California Government Code Section 54953(e) empowers local policy bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Services Act. **[No Action Taken] – lack of quorum**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - Liza Murawski requested that BHC pass this resolution ASAP

**ITEM 2.0 BHS Directors Report by Hillary Kunins Director, Behavioral Health Services:** Dr. Kunins thanked Co-Chairs Slota and Jackson-Lane for their service, then discussed the overdose epidemic, i.e. fentanyl that triggered the new DPH initiatives. Highlighting the new sobering center expansion that should open this winter while discussing some of the gaps in service. She discussed the crisis diversion programs which came out of the implementation work group; targeting people needing urgent care but not emergency care. She went on to discuss safer consumption spaces which are supervised drug use spaces instituted by the Mayor.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Jean-Jacques Zenger stated he lives in Conard House and is looking at being evicted due to clutter – he doesn't agree; they want him to move to the Midori a place he doesn't want to go

Rebecca Browning is in support of Liza Murawski's resolution

Carol Shanks is in support of Liza's resolution; tired of short term rentals

Liza Murawski complained about the condition of the Park Merced buildings

Wynship Hillier claims that the Director of Behavioral Health Services (Hillary Kunins) is engaged in acts against the constitution and an enemy of the people

**1.3 Reports from the Committees** - Discussion regarding committee meetings, goals and accomplishments:

**Implementation Committee, Chair Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD**

Develop strategy to gain more BHC commissioners

**Site Visit Committee, Chair Richelle Lee Slota -**

Update on Site Visit strategy

**Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Bahlam Javier Vigil –**

Report on the Bylaw progress

**Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Bohrer –**

Update on progress of the current draft of the Strategic Plan – see attached below

**Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Stephen Banuelos –** update on site visit plans

**Nomination Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Lane –**

Progress on selecting Chair and Co-Chairs 2022-2024

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship Hillier claims there are no hold over commissioners

**ITEM 3.0 ACTION ITEMS –** will roll over to January BHC meeting for vote as November meeting has no quorum

**3.1 Vice-Chair Vigil** let the commission know that he will run for Chair in 2022

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship Hillier claims ad hoc meetings are not legal due to process

**ITEM 4.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, PEOPLE OR ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED BY BHC –** Commissioner Vigil stated that many people are moving out of tent cities (safe sleeping sites) due closure. Many clients are afraid of being relocated to SIP hotels

**ITEM 5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT -** None

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT –** Wynship Hillier stated that meeting was not posted at public library in the correct section of the government documents desk; stated only 3 violations the primary being no location on meeting noted

**Adjournment –** meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm

Minutes prepared by Geoffrey Grier, Executive Director, BHC