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UNADOPTED MINUTES

From the

Behavioral Health Commission Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

6:09 PM – 8:53 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Geoffrey Grier called the Roll Call

COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT: Carletta Jackson-Lane (she/her/hers), Richelle Lee Slota (she/her), Harriette S. Stevens (she/her), Toni Parks (she/her), Ulash Thakore-Dunlap, Judy Drummond (she/her), Judith Klain (she), Gregory Ledbetter (he/him), Bahlam Javier Vigil (they/them/theirs),

COMMISSIONER'S ABSENT: Dawson Cooper, dc(they/them), Idell Wilson

BHS STAFF PRESENT: Jessica N. Brown, Director, MHSA and Equity Workforce Development; Marlo Simmons, Acting BHS Director; Tracey Helton, MHSA Program Manager/Acting Director MHSA; Hillary Kunins, incoming Director, Behavioral Health Services and Mental Health SF

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE: Ahsha Safai not present

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Steven Banuelos, David Elliott Lewis, Terry Bohrer, Wynship Hillier, Virginia Spiegel

STAFF: Geoffrey Grier

QUORUM: Established

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: None

ITEM 1.0 REPORT FROM BHS DIRECTOR

Welcome to Dr. Hillary Kunins, Dir BHS and Mental Health SF; a formal handoff by Marlo Simmons, previous acting BHS Dir now Deputy Dir of BHS

1.1 Marlo gave an overview of the annual report and updates on the Street Crisis Response Team, led by Angelica Almeda; they are willing to make a presentation if requested. Requests should be done through Mental Health SF. The Drug Sobering Center due to open soon along with increased DPH staffing. Commissioners raised concerns about the Street Crisis Response Team unable to service adults after dark and indoors, commissioners requested a full presentation. Marlo responded with requesting a formal request from Exec Dir Grier and Co-Chair Carletta Jackson-Lane

1.2 The MHSA Update Report – Public Hearing

Presented by Tracy Helton, MHSA Acting Dir – since the actual report is over 200 pages a link was provided to all commissioners and a video presentation prerecorded that summarized the contents. Followed by questions from the commissioners. Commissioner Judith Klain asked about the vocational training programs and formally requested presentation. Tracey referred her to Juan Iberra. Steve B asked about budget revenues of \$70mil with expenditures of \$30mil, answered by Jessica Brown, will return and give specific budget presentation. Judy Drummond asked about housing and beds, and Jessica responded with explanation of funding sources and requirements. She further explained that MHSA has limited bed capacity with HSH (Department of Homelessness & Supportive Housing). The Commission requested a full housing presentation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dale Fay was concerned about continuum of care and doesn't think MHSA programs handle SMI clients. Tracey Helton responded with a list of vocational programs available; Virginia Spiegel asked how funding decisions are made? Tracey Helton responded by explaining legislation and meetings that are county based along with community meetings. David Elliott Lewis asked about police CIT working with the Street Crisis Response Team. Liza Murkawski asked about outreach and intensive case SRO management not being reflected in budget, and the rapid turnover of managers. Jessica Brown restated that MHSA is a small component of the housing issue. Terry Borher suggested discussing the quality of care the number of people served would be better than just giving financials, and is MHSA keeping a waiting list?

2.0 Chair of the Commission and the Executive Committee

2.1 The commission welcomed Stephen Banuelos as a new member

2.2 Discussed dates and times of BHC annual retreat, which settled on 5/11/21

2.3 Reports from the Committees

2.3 a) Implementation Committee, Chair Carletta Jackson-Lane, requested that Stephen Banuelos work with her on the Implementation Committee

2.3 b) Site Visit Committee, Chair Richelle L. Slota, looking at site visits post covid

2.3 c) Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Bahlam Vigil – planning to review of new and old bylaws, side by side

PUBLIC COMMENT: David Elliott Lewis suggested not changing date of proposed retreat for one person

ITEM 3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1) Anti Asian API Motion for Proposed Resolution – authored by Commissioner Bahlam Vigil, withdrawn for edits to be provided by Judy Drummond – no action taken

3.2) Letter to Board Of Supervisors Motion for Proposed Resolution – authored by Commissioner Bahlam Vigil, letter withdrawn, to be rewritten with suggested edits – no action taken

ITEM 4.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, PEOPLE OR ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED BY BHC

ITEM 5.0 NEW BUSINESS

5.1) Announced Transgender Training 101 to be scheduled in May

ITEM 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

6.1 Motion to adjourn authored by Commissioner Bahlam J. Vigil with a 2nd from Commissioner Stephen Banuelos

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

Minutes prepared by Geoffrey Grier