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## UNADOPTED MINUTES

### **Behavioral Health Commission Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022 5:15 PM – 6:01 PM**

**CALLED TO ORDER: 5:15 pm**

**ROLL CALL:** Amber Gray

**COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT:** Commissioner Carletta Jackson –Lane –present; Co Chair Javier Vigil Bahlam- Present; Co Chair Stephen Banuelos-Present; Vice-Chair Genesis Vasconez-Present; Lisa Williams, Secretary; Toni Parks -Present; Kescha S. Mason-Present

**VISITING COMMISSIONER'S** – none

Motion approved for Ab361to allow remote access

**Item 1.0 Commissioners Reports:** Co Chair Stephen Banuelos Stated that we had a short discussion on the briefing on the Grievance process Commission Committee meeting. My opinion and I believe others agree is there is a big disparity between what Behavioral health services sees as their duties as they were presented in the meeting. Having worked in this department. This does not mean it is satisfactory to the needs of the citizens we serve. I agreed to keep it on the burner since it is too important and we will keep it in upcoming meetings for discussion. Commissioner Toni Parks stated, “ The report we saw was just a bureaucratic report. It had nothing to do with the clients process it was just statistics and has nothing to do with the clients reality. I would like to know what are the next steps towards that? Co Chair Stephen

Banuelos stated, "This will not be the last time it will be brought up. Because we need something like an ombudsmen but it's not like you can just achieve that in one week. Maybe we can put this on the agenda for the general next weeks meeting?"

Co Chair Javier Vigil Bahlam stated, " We should but I wonder if this something that site visits and implementations committee coordinate on. Site visits committee can decide if the implementation committee can address? Site visit reports to implementation could coordinate on and look into what the grievance process is. We did past a resolution & we have the presentation.

Co Chair Stephen Banuelos I think I would like to have it, even just for a few minutes, on the next weeks agenda just so that it gets heard at the BHS administration level and it doesn't get forgotten." It's not something that would be resolved in just one meeting.

Co Chair Javier Vigil Bahlam stated Unfortunately Commissioner Parks concerns are even personal this is something I would like to see addressed as soon as possible but we unfortunately we are baric rates in a bureaucratic body and there's a lot of red tape. We have to keep on pushing for what we want and continue to break barriers.

Are there any other items to report by the Commissioner reports? None for the sake of time we will move on to the next item

### **Item 1.1 Governor's Care Court Proposal Discussion and possible action**

Co Chair Javier Vigil Bahlam stated so for this item I personally like the idea we need to be more involved in, however there have been concerns from communities of color. I'm wondering if the staff could reach out to the Care Court Proposal to see if someone could do a presentation for us. I don't know if I were not sure what other commissioners would like to speak on this. I will open the floor now. I feel like we won't get someone by the next meeting. There were concerns of possible discrimination and criminalization around mental health. Co Chair Stephen Banuelos Maybe we can also put this on the 5/18 meeting and come up with a small an hock committee to come up with ideas about how we can vote on to get our opinions out there.

Co Chair Javier Vigil Bahlam stated, "I'm in favor of that, I think that would be a good idea.

Executive Director Grier stated Hopefully you guys can see the agenda now. I did have some interactions and exchange. There were several agencies within the city of San Francisco that apposed of this care court proposal and we don't know why. So the process would be for it to come through the implementation, move to executive meeting, and try to get it on the agenda. I don't think it will be on the 5/18 meeting. I would suggest it remain at committee level and have a short presentation at the executive level and determine if it could we want to take it to the full board. That would be my suggestion.

Co Chair Stephen Banuelos stated “I think I’d like to have it on the agenda weather we just look at it before it becomes I want to look and see before it becomes a non issue on the state level.” This will be going on the 5/18 agenda for exploration for the Care Court proposal.

Co Chair Javier Vigil Balham Is everyone comfortable with moving forward with that. Is there any further discussion? None

### **Item 1.2 BHS / BHC Websites Old & New: Discussion and possible action**

Executive Director Grier stated nothing that exceeds what was discussed in the implementation level. I’ve been working on the transition to the new site to post pictures videos of related things we agree to put on the site. I will schedule a presentation to allow you all to see under the hood. For example, this past Friday was someone created a villainous keystroke and someone could have been caught with the new site that has flexibility. As it is now it’s stuck until IT comes and fixes it.

Any further discussion by the commissioners: none

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship H. I’ve been thinking about that Grier ‘s been talking about the new website. It could cause problems because if someone does say there’s an error and you go in and change it. It won’t count in the 72 hours notice to the public. Back to you mixed chair.

### **2.0 Discussion on action items**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship H. stated that 2.1 this presentation was already given so we don’t need to discuss this item.

Executive Director Grier stated well regarding item 2.1 it should have said these guys want to come back and reintroduce and do a fuller presentation. That’s up to you guys.

Co Chair Stephen Banuelos stated I think we should vote if we want them to present at the next upcoming meeting but there’s no one here to talk to. I would prefer we have Mr. Grier to take this to Jessica Brown or Hillery Kunins.

Executive Director Grier stated I think I can follow up on this. There’s no motion to take action and we can’t move forward until we know where BHS stands with this matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship H. stated I would suggest we put this item on the agenda for June and this would give us time to get the feedback on.

### **2.2 vote to approve unadopted minutes from April 12, 2022**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**2.3** wanted to make sure that this item moved forward and did not get forgotten – resolution authored by Co-Chair Vigil and Commissioner Murawski - item already discussed

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship H. You don't need to vote on this to put this on the agenda

**2.4** Vote to move the newly revised bylaws to the full BHC meeting for review and potential adoption.

Executive Director Grier stated the changes to the bylaws were all accepted and the document we have now will be voted on in the next meeting. Once again I've eroded in the caution because there was a change by the city attorney. I just wanted to make sure all commissioners had an opportunity to voice, vote and make a final statement. Excuse me for the over kill.

Co Chair Stephen Banuelos: There was a question about how many members needed to votes to pass the bylaws?

Executive Director Grier stated yes, there was a 2/3 vote based on seats which means we need 12 commissioners to pass the bylaws. It breaks down to 11.1 or 11.2 it punts up and not down.

Co Chair Javier Vigil Bahlam stated I have to kind of speed through this a bit because I have to leave the building in a few minutes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship H. I didn't see the change that they look like the same document from the prior month. I didn't see the change I would suggest you make a motion to amend the original documents around the bylaws and discuss the changes made and you can put it on the agenda for the full BHC meeting. You need the votes to be yes to pass the bylaws.

Executive Director Grier stated would like to go on record that I agree with Wynship Hillier it takes 2/3 votes to pass the bylaws. There were some minor amendments to the document by if we used a simple cover all and we have the commissioners. This document has been back and fourth 20 times already, if we want to move the amended bylaws to the agenda to be voted on if we have 12 commissioners to pass the bylaws. If you want to cover your bass

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship Hillier stated he does not know what changes have been made. You improved the one for the last month to be on the agenda next month.

Executive Director Grier stated Commissioner Bohrer wanted to go through the entire document with the city attorney and once that happened we agreed and hit the button to accept the changes.

Co Chair Stephen Banuelos: motion to put the most recent bylaws on the 5/18/22 agenda to be voted on; Seconded by C. Toni Parks

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship Hillier stated this is like the 3<sup>rd</sup> chance I've gotten, I feel a little guilty. When you put it on the agenda you're not putting it on for the final vote. You can't control that. If it is on the agenda you have to call it. You once it goes to the Chair states it.

Roll call vote taken by Amber Gray

Carletta Jackson-Lane – I

Co Chair Vigil –I

Co Chair Stephen Banuelos-I

Commissioner Vasconez-absent

Lisa Williams –Absent

3out of 5 the motion passes

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**2.5 MHSA- overkill and more of an announcement**

### **Item 3.0 New Businesses**

**3.1 PUBLIC COMMENT:** Wynship H. Just wanted to say it is not necessary to come before the executive committee for advice on changing the personal on committees. When the implementation meeting was created there were 6 people in January 2019 now has 5 and is only one vacancy. The site visit committee has 4 people and was started in 2020. It's better to do something retro active than doing nothing at all. Sometimes the size is the changing the size of the committee.

Executive Director Grier stated Genesis Vasconez came to the meeting. Director Grier called role with her and she acknowledged being present.

I adjourn this meeting at 6:01pm by Co Chair Javier Vigil Bahlam.

**Adjournment: 6:01 pm** Minutes prepared by BHC Clerk Amber Gray