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UNADOPTED MINUTES
From the
Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
(Zoom Remote Meeting)
6:04 PM – 8:13 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 (he/him), Terezie (Terry) Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLCN, Toni Parks (she/her), Judith Klain (she/her), Genesis Vasconez (she/her), Lisa Williams (she/her/hers)

COMMISSIONER'S ABSENT: Kescha S. Mason (she/her) - excused

BHS STAFF PRESENT: Hillary Kunins, Director, Behavioral Health Services, Jessica Brown, Dir MHSA Office of Workforce and Equity Development

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE: None

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Wynship Hillier, Liza Murawski (she/we), Arturo Salazar-Visión y Compromiso, Lisa Wynn-United in Love, Peter Murphy-MHASF, Kim Lamountry-CALBHC, Andrea Wagner-Visión y Compromiso

BHC STAFF: Geoffrey Grier (himnthem), Amber Gray (She/her/hers)

QUORUM: Established

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: The date on the agenda shows February 16, 2022 and should be March 16, 2022; in light of the posting error the commission elected make this meeting discussion only

ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

1.1 Welcoming words from the new Co-Chairs, Vice-Chair, Secretary

1.1 a) The Executive Director called attention to the updated remote meeting resolution California Government Code Section 54953(e) also known as AB361; a roll vote was taken and adopted unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ITEM 2.0 The BHS report was given by Hillary Kunins, Director of BHS, covered Board of Supervisors meeting on the Tenderloin response team and the linkage. She acknowledged a focus on the grievance process is needed and committed to providing a specialist for a presentation to the BHC; Commissioner Parks asked What organizations are connected to the grievance process and how do the consumers appeal the process and is William Remley (sp?) still the Grievance contact?

PUBLIC COMMENT: Liza Murawski asked if there was an active grievance process? Will it be updated to cover the 30K clients under BHS? We need more than 2 officers in the grievance Department; Wynship Hillier stated his concern about the civility of public comment, does not believe commenters should be muted; then proceeded to accuse Hillary and BHS of an involuntary treatment process

ITEM 3.0 ACTION ITEMS: these items will be extended to the April 20, 2022 BHC meeting

3.1 Public Comment: Wynship Hillier asked why is this a discussion meeting when the public library had the minutes posted in time and feels the meeting is legal, however is still claiming no time or place is indicated

3.2 Discussion of the February 16, 2022 minutes that will be placed on the April 20, 2022 agenda for adoption

3.3 Discussion on the motion offered by Co-Chair Vigil to have commitment of the BHC to reach out to other behavioral health organizations; Commissioner Jackson-Lane stated that protocol dictates that commissioners have more direction.

3.4 Discussion regarding the proposed committee meeting time/date change from 2nd Wednesday to the 2nd Tuesday

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wynship Hillier stated there was no need to have 2 readings of the resolution, time of meeting change needs to be handled by the full commission and the BHC is making things more difficult than necessary according to section 54.59; Lisa Wynn stated that she would like to be a resource for the support of the resolution as she represents District 10

ITEM 4.0 Report from the Committees – Committee Chairs Discussed committee meetings, goals and accomplishments:

Implementation Committee, Chair Stephen Banuelos - Brought up the lacking BHC internet presence and suggested improving the website and feels BHC should be involved in the DPH transition from SFDPH.org to a SF.gov

Site Visit Committee, Chair Vigil - Stated that the intention of this committee to move aggressively in setting up and completing site visits; Commissioner Jackson-Lane reminded the commissioners that site visits should be in person but we have not been able to have person to person site visits during shelter in place. Commissioner Bohrer offered to do a Site Visit training for the commissioners

Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Vigil – In review and discussion of the revised Bylaws recently received back from the city attorney with notes, the following questions were brought up: under #3, per the relationship of the BHC to the Health Commission, does the BHC advise them as well? (check with city attorney whether BHC should advise the Health Commission under code 15-14); #11 code 15-14 should add the Health Commission in accordance with the draft of the 3 year program related to the MHSA plan, citation 15.14.3 advise Board of Supervisors, Behavioral Health Services, Dept of Public Health and any aspect of the behavioral health program; VI #3 – Should Secretary review the minutes?

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Bohrer – stated this is a standing item on the BHC agenda and nothing new to report

Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Stephen Banuelos – is going to ask the BHS Director, Hillary Kunins to assist in procuring new commissioners

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wynship Hillier disagrees with the current process of quorum, he believes it takes 12 commissioners to make quorum instead of 9, based on seats instead present commissioners. Liza Murawski stated that the transparency is not there and the BHC should have some say in Health Commission decisions. Lisa Wynn believes the bylaws should be revised as they have been in existence since 1958, this statement was corrected to the governing law

ITEM 5.0 PEOPLE OR ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED BY BHC

5.1 None

5.2 Co-Chair Vigil attended people’s congress on an invitation by Liza Murawski and acknowledged the peoples congress of the resolution presented in collaboration with Liza Murawski (a member of the public) are appreciative

ITEM 6.0 New Business - Commissioner Bohrer suggested there be a discussion on the Governor Newsome’s Care report

ITEM 7.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: Peter Murphy announced the Mental Health Summit being held April 21-April 22, with Andrea Wagner as members of the Mental Health Association of San Francisco would like to invite the commissioners to attend the Mental Health Summit. It will be gathering information from consumers on what they want to see as it relates to changes in services

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Wynship Hillier accused the Director of BHS, Hillary Kunins of running programs against the constitution and a war on terror participating in singling him out as an international terrorist

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Minutes prepared by Geoffrey Grier / Amber Gray, Health Program Coordinator 1, BHC