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UNADOPTED MINUTES
From the
Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
(Zoom Remote Meeting)
6:06 PM – 7:52 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Geoffrey Grier called the Roll Call

COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT: 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), Kescha S. Mason (she/her)

COMMISSIONER'S ABSENT: Carletta Jackson-Lane (she/her/hers) - excused

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

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE: None

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Wynship Hillier, Liza Murawski (she/we), Lisa Wynn-United in Love, Peter Murphy-MHASF, Cornita Reyes-CAMPHRA, Zoe Taylor-Ploog-CALBHC, MariAnn Benford – United Counsel, Hiallary Brown, Jamie Wright, Nick Arevalo-Tipping Point

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

QUORUM: Established

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Due to lack of quorum to vote bylaws in, the commission elected make this meeting discussion only; introduced Nick Arevalo (Tipping Point) under 2.3

ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

1.1 Co-Chairs went over the structure of BHC meetings

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

2.1 Presentation by Dr Melissa Bloom on the grievance process, procedure, legal mandates. Noted that grievance and appeal is only open to BHS clients and there is a grievance appeal officer that responds to the posted telephone number

PUBLIC COMMENT: Liza Murawski stated she was traumatized by Dr Bloom’s voice and inadequate answers pertaining to the grievance process

2.2 Introduction and short presentation by Peter Murphy, MHSF and Cornitas Reyes, CAMPHRA on legislation bill SB803

2.3 Introduction of Nick Arevalo (Tipping Point), he gave a short overview of their program

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ITEM 3.0 ACTION ITEMS: these items will be extended to the May 18, 2022 BHC meeting

3.1 Public Comment: Wynship Hiller stated that agenda does not contain enough public comment and each commissioner’s name and vote should be listed in the minutes

3.2 Adoption of the February 16, 2022 minutes, the March 16, 2022 and April 20, 2022 minutes will be placed on the May 18, 2022 meeting agenda for adoption

3.3 Postponed the motion offered by Co-Chair Vigil to have commitment of the BHC to reach out to other behavioral health organizations until the May 18, 2022 BHC meeting for vote

3.4 Notice to go out announcing that BHC committee meeting time/date changed from 2nd Wednesday to the 2nd Tuesday of the month

3.5 The ByLaws voting has been postponed until the May 18, 2022 meeting due to quorum of 2/3 needed

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wynship Hillier stated the motion needs to be passed with existing quorum

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

Implementation Committee, Chair Stephen Banuelos – Most items were covered in presentations

Site Visit Committee, Chair Vigil - Stated that he would like a presentation from Tipping Point; in process of scheduling Edgewood and Citywide for site visit

Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Vigil – The vote on the bylaws is tabled until the May 18, 2022 meeting

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Bohrer – nothing new to report

Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Stephen Banuelos – still cultivating new members through BHS administration; committee will be disbanded after this meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ITEM 5.0 PEOPLE OR ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED BY BHC

5.1 Co-Chair Banuelos is looking forward to presentation by Tipping point; Co-Chair Vigil requested a moment of silence to honor the life of Kirin Carlson (murdered)

5.2 Co-Chair Banuelos reminded commissioners of MHSF's Summit meeting this week of the Mental Health Association of San Francisco

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ITEM 6.0 New Business – Commissioners all agreed that more work on understanding the BHS grievance process; Commissioner Bohrer suggested a sub-committee to take a deeper dive into Governor Newsome's Care Court

PUBLIC COMMENT

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Wynship Hillier does not know how items got on the agenda, noted every commissioner has the right to put items on the agenda. Felt there were too many presentations and needs to be a 2-step process

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm

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