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UNADOPTED MINUTES
From the
Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 15, 2022
(Zoom Remote Meeting)
6:07 PM – 8:35 PM

CALL TO ORDER: at 6:07 pm by Co Chair Banuelos

Clerk Gray called the Roll Call

COMMISSIONER'S PRESENT: Harriette S. Stevens (she/her), Bahlam Javier Vigil (they/them/theirs), Toni Parks (she/her), Stephen Banuelos (he/him), Terezie (Terry) Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLCN, Genesis Vasconez (she/her), Lisa Williams (she/her/hers), Kescha S. Mason (she/her), Carletta Jackson-Lane (she/her/hers), Liza Murawski (she/her/hers), and Lisa Wynn (she/her/hers)

COMMISSIONER'S ABSENT: Judith Klain (she/her), (Excused)

BHS STAFF PRESENT: Hillary Kunins, Director Behavioral Health Services

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE: None

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Gary Fitz, Cheryl Shanks, and Nick Arevalo from Tipping Point

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

QUORUM: Established

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA-

Report from BHS Director – Agenda change correcting in date. Dr Kunins was moved on the agenda due to her being absent at the time of the agenda item. The Co chair Banuelos moved to Item 3.0 Action items Co Chair Banuelos Moves to Action item 2.0 due to time limit.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER’S REPORTS

1.1 Report from the Commission Co chair and Executive Committee

1.1A) Co chair Banuelos Called attention to the updated remote meeting resolution California code 54953(e) Also known as AB361 which empowers local policy to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Service Act.

Motion to pass AB361 by Commissioner Bohrer and second by Commissioner Jackson-Lane.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Roll call vote was taken by Clerk Gray to approve AB361

- Commissioner Bahlam Javier Vigil, Co-Char-absent
- Commissioner Stephen Banuelos, Co-Chair-Aye
- Commissioner Genesis Vasconez, MS, PMHNP-BC, Vice-Chair-Aye
- Commissioner Lisa Williams, Secretary-Aye
- Commissioner Terezie Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLNC-Aye
- Commissioner Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD
- Commissioner Judith Klain, MPH-(Excused)

- Commissioner Kescha S. Mason-Aye
- Commissioner Liza Murawski-Aye
- Commissioner Toni Parks-absent
- Commissioner Harriette Stallworth Stevens, Ed D-Aye
- Commissioner Lisa Wynn-Aye

Vote to approve AB361 taken by Clerk Gray and AB361 passes unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

ITEM 3.0 ACTION ITEMS: Update on the Mental Health Education Funds (SFMHEF)

3.1 A) Presentation by the San Francisco Mental Health Education Fund (SFMHEF) SF Mental Health Education Phone - Harriett Stevens, Presenter also joined by Carlotta Jackson-Lane, Lisa Williams, David Lewis, Geoffrey Grier, Gregory Ledbetter, Alisha Mayo.

SF MHEF - established 50 years ago, but has become more active in particularly in the black community. The mission is to make sure the unique cultural needs of the Black community in SF are addressed through our advocacy and engaging the community members. We have increased community involvement in accessing the programs and services offered by SFMEF. There is an active recruitment effort to get new members for Behavioral Health Commission and SF MHEF board.

Discussion: Ambassadors is to get more engagement in the community - training program for new volunteers, we are actively recruiting people to join our board or BHC. Town Hall - invite community members to talk about mental health issues, the events are a safe space - because of Covid many of our events have been virtual. Several community partner events were held in the Western Addition and Bayview Hunters Point. There are future plans to outreach to the Tenderloin Area. Ms Alisha Mayo can answer additional questions about outreach. Commissioner Bohrer made a recommendation to include outreach to the Asian community. Commissioner Carlotta Jackson-Lane explained outreach and training is not just targeted toward just the African American community.

Ms. Cheryl Shank questioned where do people in the Tenderloin go to obtain mental health assistance. Carletta suggested Cheryl work directly with the SFMERF staff through the BHS Clerk to address her concerns,

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jamal Bay requested (SFMHEF) to table at the June tenth celebration.

ITEM 2.0 Report from Behavioral health Services Director, Hillary Kunins, Director of BHS- Dr Hillary Cuning's. VHS and MHSF directs the residential care and treatment services for SF. Implementing a large number of new programs as directed by the new legislation passed by the board of supervisors.

Discussion- Commissioner's requested copies of the proposed budget plans from Dr. Kunnins. We have a newly appointed Director of Quality Management Alicia Martin, who is very eager to work with the Commission to come up ways to improve the grievance process. Questions were tabled in the interest of time. Questions can be sent to BHS Clerk Gray.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Cheryl Shanks asked what are long-term plans are in place for those who need mental health services.

3.0 Presentation by Tipping Point – Nick Arevalo Capacity Bldg Director, from Tipping Point. By identifying and investing in the most promising interventions, Tipping Point makes a significant effort in fighting poverty. They provide grants, various services, serving 6 counties in the Bay Area.

Discussion: Tipping Point uses some data analysis and works closely with organizations.

Public comment: question how funding is dispersed, Tipping Point use some data analysis and works closely with organizations to identify best practices.

Cheryl Shanks suggested funding is dispersed to include housing - a very important element when addressing people with mental health needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jamal asked how long have they been around? What are the non –profits they support 17 years and some of the organizations are over 100 years. Commissioner Vigil applauded tipping points fund raising efforts.

Roll Call acknowledging presence of Co chair Vigil. Made by Clerk Gray.

Approve the minutes of Behavioral Health Commission meeting of May 18, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve the May18, 2022 minutes with amendments by Commissioner Jackson-Lane and second by Commissioner Parks.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Role Call Vote by Clerk Gray.

- Commissioner Balham Javier Vigil, Co-Chair-Aye
- Commissioner Stephen Banuelos, Co-Chair-Aye
- Commissioner Genesis Vasconez, MS, PMHNP-BC, Vice-Chair-Aye
- Commissioner Lisa Williams, Secretary-absent
- Commissioner Terezie Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLNC-Aye
- Commissioner Judith Klain, MPH- (excused)
- Commissioner Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD-Aye
- Commissioner Kescha S. Mason-Aye
- Commissioner Liza Murawski-Aye
- Commissioner Toni Parks-Aye
- Commissioner Harriette Stallworth Stevens EdD- Aye
 - Commissioner Lisa Wynn-Aye
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Motion carries with 10 Ayes out of 12.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Too late to comment on the vote. Public comment was requested and no one responded.

3.2 Data Note book 2022- Discussion on input from the BHC

There needs to be at least two volunteers to complete the task. Lisa Wynn, Co Chair Vigil, Liza volunteered to work on the ad hoc committee. Volunteers for a sub-committee to divide up the questions. T. Bohrer commented there has always been a sub committee to divide up the questions and work along side with the BHS Staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3.3 Resolution for BHOCC to review, discuss, and vote on the BHOCC motion put forth by Co Chair Vigil.

Discussion: Carlotta Jackson-Lane noted commissioners can speak to clients and her committee can conduct site visits. Is the intent to expand our capacity? Our commission is also controlled by the state - does the uniqueness of our role allow individuals to go out on their own to investigate?
Co Chair Vigil would like the issue voted on

Motion: to make the amendments and make sure we are compliant with state regulations

Motion made by Commissioner Liza Murawski, Second by Commissioner Co Chair Vigil.

Role Call Vote taken by Clerk Gray

Commissioner Co Chair Vigil-Aye

Commissioner Vice Chair-Banuelos-Aye

Commissioner Vasconez –Aye

Commissioner Lisa Williams –Aye

Commissioner Bohrer –Nay

Commissioner Carlotta Jackson-Lane –Aye

Commissioner Kescha S. Mason-Aye

Commissioner Liza Wynn Aye

Commissioner Toni Parks –Nay

Commissioner Lisa Wynn-Aye

Commissioner Harriett Stevens -Abstained

Commissioner Toni Parks - not needed

Commissioner Harriett Stevens – make sure we are in compliance

Only 8 out 12 – Motion did not pass

PUBLIC COMMENT: It is illegal to abstain in a vote. Item is to come back to before the commission for a final decision.

3.4 Appointed Chair to the Ad-Ho- the chair of the Ad hoc committee will be Commissioner Bohrer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Makes reference to e-mail and bylaws by Winship Hillier.

3.5 Review Complaint From BHS client- Review Complaint from BHS client - Mary Savannah and determine how BHC can support grievance

Little oversight of Supportive Services - Numerous letters from people living in supportive housing.

Commissioner Muraski - client named Mary living in SOMA supportive housing. Connor House staff continue to harass and force services on me. She is bullied and none of her complaints are acknowledged. Mary is disabled and continues to suffer from stress and anxiety to the point of fear for her life.

What motion will help her? Discussion: do we hear all client complaints?

Mary could not attend the meeting: She asked Commissioner Murawski to read a statement for her. Since 2015 – she has been a victimized. She has written 17 letters regarding her issues. Her issues have been brought to the commission 7 times. She has the right to decline services but they continue force services on her and will not allow her to live in peace.

Commissioner Muraski motion to have Conner House come to a meeting and respond to the client's complaints.

Commissioner Jackson-Lane stated this comes under the Site Visit Committee because they receive behavioral health funds. This is a huge problem and Carlotta thanked Liza for bringing this to Behavioral Health Commission's attention. Money is being awarded but the contracted services are not being provided.

Co-Chair states it's not going to be resolved in 1-2 meetings.

Liza's recap - BHC will prioritize investigation.

Motion to bring Conner Mental Health along with BHS to the Behavioral health Commission meeting, by Commissioner Murawski second by Co chair Vigil

Role Call Vote by Clerk Gray

Commissioner Co chair Vigil Aye

Commissioner Vice chair Banuelos-Nay

Commissioner Lisa Williams-

Commissioner T. Bohrer-Nay

Commissioner Carletta Jacjkson-Lane –Aye

Commissioner Kescha S. mason- Aye

Commissioner Liza- Murawski Aye

Commissioners Toni Parks-Nay

Harriette Stevens –Nay

Commissioners Lisa Wynn-Aye

Vote does not pass 6 out of 12

Proposes all the issues be reviewed, Commissioner Parks suggest this item should be put at the beginning of the agenda for the BHC meeting.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Hiller pointed out issues are continually left unresolved. The BHC is not using its authority effectively.

Adjournment –adjourned at 8:35 pm by Co-chair Banuelos.

Minutes prepared by Geoffrey Grier / Amber Gray, BHC Clerk

