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UNADOPTED MINUTES
From the
Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
6:05 PM – 8:28 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), Kescha S. Mason (she/her), Genesis Vasconez (she/her), Lisa Williams (she/her/hers)

COMMISSIONER'S ABSENT:

BHS STAFF PRESENT: Hillary Kunins, Director, Behavioral Health Services, Jessica Brown, Dir MHS, Amber Grey

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE:

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Wynship Hillier, Liza Murawski (she/we), Esan Looper (he/him), Arturo Salazar, Yasmin (CALBHC intern), Peter Murphy

BHC STAFF: Geoffrey Grier (him/them)

QUORUM: Established

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Item 1.1 remove "and the executive committee"; Item 3.2 strike October 20, 2021 and November 17, 2021 minutes with amendments as already voted on and approved; Item 3.3 note the contribution of Liza Murawski in crafting the Resolution to Improve

Dept Oversight and Quality Control Infrastructure; name change from Commissioner Jackson-Lane to Commissioner Bohrer as Nominating Committee Chair; moved Item 2.0 up to replace 1.0 while waiting for Dr Kunins to arrive

- Commission voted on the Brown Act (AB 361) updated Telecommunication Resolution California Government Code Section 54953(e) also known as AB361 which empowers local policy bodies to convene by teleconferencing technology during a proclaimed state of emergency under the State Emergency Services Act. **[action item] Motion passed unanimously**

PUBLIC COMMENT – Wynship Hillier stated he did not hear Commissioner Parks vote declaration on AB361

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: Co-Chair Jackson-Lane thanked the commission and the public for the opportunity to chair the BHC

ITEM 1.0 BHS Directors Report by Hillary Kunins Director, Behavioral Health Services: Dr. Kunins provided a comprehensive power point presentation previously shown at the Health Commission. Number of clients receiving mental health services during FY 2021 was approximately 20, 000. In first ½ of 2022 FY was approximately 13, 000 so far. Substance use disorder and mental health were separated while access to care is acknowledged as critically important. In terms of routine care an effort to reduce emergencies and increase routine care in an effort to get in front of service needs. Program updates are, Jessica Brown, is now permanent Dir of Equity of Workforce Development. News on the Tenderloin Initiative is to reduce overdose deaths, mental health crisis, etc. numbers are reported on a weekly basis at sf.gov. Updates on new initiatives were expounded on primarily through the hiring campaign. Also expanding service hours of various centers, i.e. OCC operational center, expanding residential care and treatment, improvement of the Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) and showed number increase. Introduced overdose numbers for 2020 and 2021, both showed reduction by offering on-sight telehealth and expanding medication hours. Discussed the equity efforts of DPH both in hiring as well as those employed. 8 of the BHS budget proposals have been approved, just need mayoral sign off, these can be found on sf.gov

PUBLIC COMMENT – Liza Murawski questioned the percentage beds available and why would DPH be sending clients out of county; Wynship accused Dr Kunins of being dangerous to the public, stated she the enemy of the constitution

1.1 Mayor Breed’s declaration of emergency in the Tenderloin

1.1 a) AB361 extension of virtual meetings (see attached and above)

1.2 b) Co-Chair reminded commissioner’s that the BHC commission will be voting on new commissioners today

1.2 Reports from the Committees – Co-Chair Jackson-Lane explained the structure of the committees and chairs, also what will happen during voting

Implementation Committee, Chair Carletta Jackson-Lane, JD

Exiting Co-Chair Jackson-Lane welcomed new chair of the Implementation Committee, Chair Banuelos and discussed strategic plan

Site Visit Committee, Co-Chair Vigil

Update on Site Visit strategy and making sure every commissioner received site visit manual

Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Bahlam Javier Vigil –

Report on the Bylaw progress

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Bohrer –

Strategic Plan will be updated as we go forward

Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Stephen Banuelos –

Looking to get the word out for new commissioner's through Dr Kunins

Nomination Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Bohrer –

Elections are complete

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ITEM 2.0 REPORT FROM MHSA DIRECTOR, JESSICA BROWN

Apologized for the lengthy hiring process of procuring DPH staff to support the BHC. Jessica then introduced Amber Grey. Executive Director Grier will remain in place with Amber taking over in May. Thanked Executive Director Grier for his service and announced that he will be filling a position with MHSA as Cultural Liaison for the Black African American Mental Health Care innovation project. Jessica, Amber and the BHC Co-Chairs will meet to look into making the transition successful. Discussed the budget now that the BHC under MHSA and how that support will look, trainings, retreats, etc. Announced that MHSA will be submitting their annual update and stated they are a little behind because they are hiring 300 people by March, but look at requesting BHC input around July. Hiring for the Black African American Mental Health Initiative is looking for 15 positions (10 clinical, 4 program positions and 1 coordinator) to be filled, she will send hiring information later. Answering a question from the commission about hiring process, Jessica gave an overview of hiring non-civil service employees as well the difference in hiring civil service employees

PUBLIC COMMENT: Liza Murawski stated the report does not seem timely and what's going to happen to RAMS and why haven't they received funding.

ACTION ITEM – Approve Minutes, election voting

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wynship states the minutes should reflect this is a regular meeting and minutes should reflect the names of who voted and which way voted in list as order of roll call

2.1) Approved the minutes of the Behavioral Health Commission meeting of January 19, 2022 as motioned by Commissioner Bohrer and seconded by Commissioner Williams; **passed by roll call vote**

2.2) Status of Bylaws – the most recent version coming out of the executive committee meeting has been forwarded on to city attorney for review

2.3) Resolution Vote – determined no action needed (2.3 was previously noted as 3.3 on the agenda

PUBLIC COMMENT: Wynship states no nominations can be taken from the floor

2.4) Election of BHC Officer Vote – nominating committee put forth Commissioner Vigil and Commissioner Banuelos as Co-Chairs; Secretary candidacy accepted by Commissioner Williams; Vice-Chair candidacy accepted by Commissioner Vasconez; each commissioner voted by roll call

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ITEM 3.0 ACTION ITEMS – actually listed as Item 2.0 - discussion

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ITEM 4.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, PEOPLE OR ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED BY BHC – Commissioner Parks stated that she has a grievance with the DPH grievance process. She would like for the BHC to further investigate the process. Commissioner Banuelos stated that they will put that on the Implementation Committee agenda

ITEM 5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT – None

ITEM 6.0 NEW BUSINESS: request from Commissioner Bohrer to have Peter Murphy make a presentation from the Mental Health Assoc

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT – Wynship Hillier stated BHC cannot have meeting in different locations unless they list time and place ahead of time; if you want other meeting they have to be labeled as special meeting with a 2 week advance notice

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm

Minutes prepared by Geoffrey Grier, Executive Director, BHC