

# SAN FRANCISCO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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## **Behavioral Health Commission Meeting**

**PLEASE NOTE: WE HAVE RETURNED TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

### **AGENDA**

**Thursday, September 21, 2023  
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Hearing Room #416  
San Francisco City Hall 1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlet Place  
San Francisco, California 94102**

### **REMOTE ACCESS**

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**ITEM 1.0 CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, AND AGENDA CHANGES**

## **ITEM 2.0 Commissioners Reports**

### **2.1 Report from the Commission Co-Chair and the Executive Committee**

**2.1a)** The Co-Chairs will call for a motion to disclose the physical place, time, and location of the meetings

#### **Public Comment**

## **ITEM 3.0 Director’s Report, Behavioral Health Services.**

Presentation by Hillary Kunins, MD, MPH (she/her) Director of Behavioral Health Services and Mental Health SF, SFDPH. Report on the activities and operations of Behavioral Health Services (BHS), Care Court Update, Overdose Response, and Electronic Health Record.

#### **Public Comment**

## **ITEM 3.1 Update from Marlo Simmons**

**Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services**, on purposed amendments to the Board of Supervisor’s legislation (aka Local Ordinance) relating to the Behavioral Health Commission.

#### **Public Comment**

**ITEM 4.0** Propose a motion of commendation from the BHC following the previous presentation by Commissioner Wynn on the behavioral health programs and services offered at the Booker T. Washington Community Service Center – **[action item]**

#### **Public Comment**

**4.1** Approve the minutes of the following Behavioral Health Commission meetings of:

February 15, 2023.

**Public Comment**

March 15, 2023.

**Public Comment**

April 19, 2023,

**Public Comment**

May 17, 2023,

**Public Comment**

and June 21, 2023

## **Public Comment**

**4.2** Vote to adopt the time and place of the new standing Rules and Reports Committee, chaired by Commissioner Stevens. Invite or appoint new members to the committee  
**[action item]**

## **Public Comment**

**4.3** Announcement: Commissioner Bohrer's letter of resignation: See attachment below.  
**[no action required]**

## **Public Comment**

**4.4** Continued discussion on the motion made in the Implementation Committee requesting that BHS administration to implement an "Online Complaint" process by December 31, 2023. Follow-up on the original proposal by Commissioner Wynn to install a public portal on the BHC website to expedite grievance matters and items the public feel need to be addressed – as discussed in the February 15, 2023, meeting  
**[discussion only]**

## **Public Comment**

### **ITEM 5.0 Report from The Committees**

Discussion regarding committee meetings, goals, and accomplishments:

Implementation Committee, Chair Stephen Banuelos.

Discuss focus of the Implementation Committee Site Visit Committee, Chair Murawski - Report on Site Visit strategy on completing selected program reviews.

Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, Commissioner Bohrer – Update on progress of the current draft of the Strategic Plan – see attached.

## **Public Comment**

### **ITEM 6.0 People or issues highlighted by the BHC [Discussion Only]**

**6.1** Suggestions of people, programs, or both, that Commissioners believe should be acknowledged or highlighted by the BHC.

**6.2** Report by members of the Commission on their activities on behalf of the Behavioral Health Commission as authorized

6.3 Prepare for MHSA Public Meeting in October 2023.

**ITEM 7.0 New Business**

**[Discussion only]** Suggestions for future agenda items to be referred to the Executive Committee and for future training and orientation of future Commissioners.

**Public Comment**

**ITEM 8.0 Final Public Comment** – opportunity for the public to comment on items not on the agenda.

**ITEM 9.0 Adjournment** (BHC Motion to adjourn the meeting and reminder of next meeting.)

Next meeting for the Behavioral Health Committee meeting will be on Thursday, 10.19.2023.

The BHC Committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, 10.10.2023 all meetings shall be held at San Francisco City Hall 1 Carlton B Goodlett hearing room #416 San Francisco, California 94102.

From: Terezie S Bohrer <tsbohrer@yahoo.com>

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2023 8:54 PM

To: Gray, Amber (DPH) <amber.gray@sfdph.org>

Subject: Re: Behavioral Health Commission Committee Meeting Reminder .

As stated before I am unable to attend mtgs on Tuesday's. Thus I am resigning from the BHC or

just leaving as my term is over. I believe I can be a better advocate on the "outside" with less

governmental constraints and take more actions that can effect positive changes. I will notify the

BOS Clerk this week.

Sent from my iPhone

# San Francisco Department of Public Health Division of Behavioral Health Services

## Behavioral Health Commission– Director's Update September 21, 2023

**Hillary Kunins, MD, MPH, MS**  
Director of Behavioral Health Services and Mental Health SF  
San Francisco Department of Public Health



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## Agenda

- CARE Court
- Overdose Response
- Electronic Health Record Transition



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# CARE Court



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## About Care Court

- Created through legislation [SB 1338](#).
- Allows for broad range of petitioners (family, providers, etc.) or referents (AOT, conservatorship, misdemeanor diversion).
- If deemed eligible and the person will not engage voluntarily, participant will receive a court - ordered CARE plan for up to 12 months, with the possibility to extend for an additional 12 months.
- Focuses on people with schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders who meet certain criteria.
- Intended to be a less restrictive alternative.
- There is uncertainty around eligible and enrolled populations. Our midrange estimate is between 1,000-2,000 eligible people in San Francisco.



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## CARE Court Timelines

- All California counties will be participating in CARE Court through a phased approach
- San Francisco is a Cohort 1 county, which begins October 1, 2023.
- All other counties will begin implementation by December 2024.
- Counties will not have the option to opt-out.

## Related Meetings

- Townhall held on August 30, 2023.
- Court public meeting held on September 18, 2023.
- Upcoming: Board of Supervisors Hearing on September 29, 2023.



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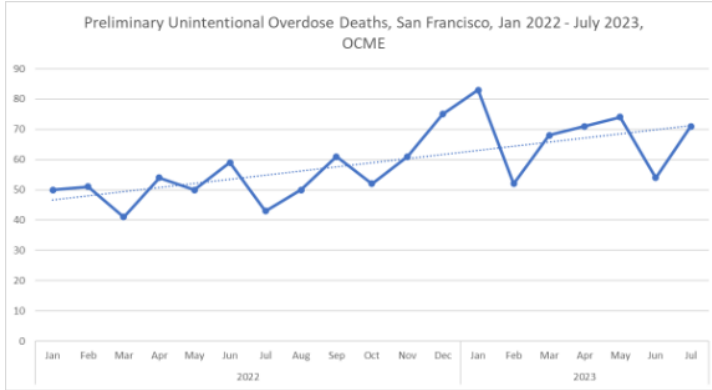
## Overdose Response



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# Overdose deaths are increasing in San Francisco in 2023 compared to 2022



**473 preliminary overdose deaths in SF** in Jan-Jul 2023, 125 deaths (35%) above this time last year

# Overdose Response at SFDPH



[Overdose Prevention Plan](#)



## Strategic Area #1: Strengthen and expand the continuum of interventions

### Progress and updates:

- ✓ Opened 70 additional residential step -down beds
- ✓ Expanding contingency management with four programs piloting under CalAIM
- ✓ Increased hours of the BHS pharmacy and delivering buprenorphine to 80+ clients in 32 supportive housing facilities
- ✓ Expanded hours for intake and methadone dosing at BAART Market Street Clinic
- ✓ Increased hours of operation and clients at OBIC
- ✓ Increased touch points - Maria X Martinez Health Resource Center seeing up to 300 more visits/month
- ✓ Established SORT/POET for overdose response and follow up for PEH
- ✓ Established overdose follow -up for housed person at OBIC



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## Strategic Area #2: Strengthen community engagement and social support for people at high risk for overdose

### Progress and updates:

- Opening a drop-in space with low-barrier therapy for people experiencing homelessness
- San Francisco Community Health Center (July 2023)
- Increased public overdose education and response trainings, including with entertainment venues, schools, community organizations, City departments and legislative aides
- Trained over 570 people in -person since February 2023
- Strengthened an overdose prevention collaboration with the Entertainment Commission with technical assistance on training video, web page and policy review (<https://sf.gov/information/overdose-prevention-resources-nightlife>)
- Inclusion of the continuum of services and connection to care in all trainings
- Launched a request-by-mail naloxone program to reach housed individuals
- Establishing meaningful engagement and partnership with new community organizations and leaders in Black-led and predominantly Black -serving organizations around overdose prevention



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## Strategic Area #3: Implement a “whole City” approach to overdose prevention

### Progress and updates:

- ✓ Collaborating with HSH and the Supportive Housing Provider Network to install more than 120 overdose response cabinets in 20+ housing facilities and ensure they are stocked with naloxone
- ✓ Over 3,000 people have completed the online DPH Overdose Recognition and Response training since October 2022, including staff from 12 different city departments
- ✓ Provide technical support to City departments interested in developing an overdose response policy
- ✓ Ensure implementation of the citywide Overdose Prevention Policy legislation (084 -21) in partnership with HSH, HSA and DEM
- ✓ Supported legislation that requires all retail pharmacies in San Francisco to stock naloxone and post signs about its availability
- ✓ Established regular meetings with police precincts in high -impact areas

Learn more about overdose prevention efforts and substance use disorder treatment at: <https://sf.gov/overdose-prevention>



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## Epic Transition



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# Transition to Shared Client Record Across San Francisco Health Network

BHS is in the process of joining the San Francisco Health Network on the electronic health record, Epic.

- Will result in more streamlined and efficient delivery of care
- Supports goal of providing high-quality, coordinated, and person-centered behavioral health care and improve health outcomes for San Franciscans
- November 2023: Partially transitioned to EPIC
- April 2024: Full implementation of EPIC



**Thank You**

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