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## **UNADOPTED MINUTES From the Behavioral Health Commission Annual Retreat**

**Saturday, December 17, 2022**

**10:00am –2:00pm**

Roll Call

**Commissioner's Present:** Commissioner Banuelos-aye, Commissioner Vasconez-aye, Commissioner Williams -aye, Commissioner Bohrer-aye, Commissioner Mason-aye, Commissioner Murawski-aye, Commissioner Parks -aye, Commissioner Stevens-aye

**Commissioner's absent:** Commissioner Vigil, Commissioner Jackson-Lane.

### **Members of the public:**

**Agenda Changes:** For clarity, there will be time for two public comments for each item. One will occur in the middle of the agenda item's discussion and the second will occur before any vote is taken. See notes in email.

The Executive Director of BHC called attention to the updated remote meeting resolution California Government Code Section 54953(e)

Roll call vote taken by Mr. Grier.

Commissioner Banuelos-aye, Commissioner Vasconez-aye, Commissioner Williams -aye, Commissioner Bohrer-aye, Commissioner Mason-aye, Commissioner Murawski-aye, Commissioner Parks -aye, Commissioner Stevens-aye, Commissioner

Accepted by majority vote.

**Introduction:** Jessica Brown, Director of Mental Health Service Act. and Marlow Simmons, Deputy Director of Behavioral Health Services. The floor was opened by the chair for question from Commissioner Parks inquiring about changes in the Baker Places Programs. Commissioner Murawski had a question about programs being exempt from transparency.

Roll call taken again to acknowledge the presence of Commissioners who arrived late.

Commissioner Banuelos-aye, Commissioner Vasconez-aye, Commissioner Williams -aye, Commissioner Bohrer-aye, Commissioner Mason-aye, Commissioner Murawski-aye, Commissioner Parks -aye, Commissioner Stevens-aye, Commissioner Wynn-aye.

**Item 1.0** Hopeful that all commissioners find one subject that is important to them while doing this work. I want to be more effective in my role. I want to become stronger. Building a commission that has a voice to speak for those without a voice. Looking at things without bias. Interested in the grievance process. See human faces instead of this screen. Learn and bring awareness to communities of color. Clarity around our roles and responsibilities. Solidifying our roles guideline on engaging with our community members. Ensuring that the services are being delivered. All commissioners to leave with a better understanding of our mandated responsibilities.

**Public Comment:** None

**1.1** Commissioner Stevens was able to provide an overview on how we as a commission can be an advocate of change. How to keep focus on mandates and role of the Behavioral Health Commission. How to run a good meeting based on the Brown Act and Roberts Rules of Order. Commissioner Stevens also discussed the support available to the Behavioral Health Commission through California Association of local Behavioral Health Boards and Commissions (CaLBHC)

**Public Comment:** Mr. Hillier noted that supporting documents must be posted along with the postings.

**Item 2.0** Commissioner Bohrer discussed the 2023 BHC Strategic Plan should be viewed as a roadmap or a job description. Commissioner Bohrer has highlighted what needs to be done. It comes directly from the state law. We need to review and do more consulting as a commission. It usually takes about 2-4 hours and is usually handled in an ad-hoc meeting.

- Reviewing reports monthly by the director of Behavioral Health Commission. Discussion included a highlight of opportunities available for Commissioners to engage.
- The BHC would like to become more active in presenting to the board of Supervisors.
- The part that requires more participation of the commissioners having to build on their subject of interest and seeing if they can raise awareness through the established standing committees.

- How can we influence some of the decisions made by the Board of Supervisors.
- Improve our engagement through public hearings and create a deadline. Bringing the points of our Strategic Plan, commendations, and Resolutions to the Board of Supervisors.
- Reviewing contracts along with site visits. Looking at all the committees and looking at all of commissioner that have the skills to move the work in along.
- Executive Committee, Implementation Committee, and the site visit committee.
- Outreach for membership to help the Board of Supervisors.
- Housing was listed as a priority of the BHC in Annual Reports Presenting to the Board of Supervisors. What has been done related to housing.
- The discussion went on to cover details related to the site visit process. It was suggested that each member be trained and receive a copy of the site visit manual upon completion.
- Commissioner Banuelos, Commissioner Murawski Commissioner Parks talked about what changes could be made around Grievances. They wanted to have an ongoing conversation about the grievance procedures and supportive housing. Commissioner Vigil also agreed, and they all want to be on a grievance committee. There was some talk about a Housing ad hoc committee.

**Public Comment:** Wynship Hillier 4<sup>th</sup> powers of duty.

Lunch Break took - 30 minutes.

**Item 3.0** Commissioner Murawski explained some of the challenges with the Site visit Manual and implementation of the site visits. Programs are chosen based on interest of the Commissioners. She covered some of the details of the manual. Program reviews are the most important role of a commissioners. I was discussed that more volunteers are needed for site visits. I was noted that two of the site visits were counted in the Annual Report 2021-22. I was noted that the BHC fell behind in site visits last year. It was suggested that Conard House Programs and Positive Resource Center be on the site visit list. The discussion led to the request to follow up with site visit recommendations. Commissioner Vasconez mentioned Dore Urgent Care, Progress Foundation. It was also noted that reports are confidential and can't go outside the Behavioral Health Commission.

**Public Comment:** Wynship Hillier the chair should rule this item out of order.

**Item 4.0** Commissioner Banuelos talked about challenges with chairing the Implementation Committee and requested that anyone interested in chairing the committee to contact him.

**Public Comment:** Wynship Hillier Reminded the chair about the public comment after each item and vote.

**Item 4.1** Commissioner Parks stated knowing there is a problem and have not figured out what needs to be done to improve the grievance process. Commissioners stating multiple problems with the grievance procedures. Commissioner Bohrer volunteered to chair an oversight and accountability committee for Grievance Department.

**Item 4.2** Administrative mediators not protecting San Franciscans. There is no legal protection in supportive housing. Why are we not seeing more accountability in the Police Department.

**Item 4.3** Commissioner Murawski made references to the closing of the linkage Center and Treatment on Demand. San Francisco now have two states of emergency. We need culturally responsive approaches to overdose crisis. We should keep updated an eye on Mental Health SF and the Wellness Hubs.

**Public Comment:** Wynship Hillier stated Chair is not clear about agenda item description. How can a discussion occur reference made to statement in agenda changes.

**Item 5.0** Motion to accept the dates presented in the 2023 meeting schedule by Commissioner Bohrer and second by Commissioner Parks.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Wynship Hillier: Meeting not noticed correctly. It is not posted within the guidelines of state law. Any commissioner can knock down in the future.

Roll call vote taken by Clerk Gray.

Commissioner Banuelos-aye, Commissioner Vigil-aye, Commissioner Vasconez-aye, Commissioner Stevens-aye, Commissioner Mason-aye, Commissioner Murawski-aye, Commissioner Parks-aye, Commission Bohrer-aye, Commissioner -aye

**5.0 b.)**

**[Action item]**

**Item 6.0** Commissioner Banuelos agreed to carry this over to Implementation Committee. Glass is half full modal. Commissioner Parks spoke about going the extra mile to be an influence on the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Murawski spoke about something coming out of the Commission: Grievances. Commissioner Wynn implementation of action items. Commissioner Vigil talked about how far along we have come and the accomplishments. Would like to be more present in the committee meetings. Commissioner Vasconez stated that she liked the way this meeting was ran.

**6.1 Final Public Comment:** Extremely disappointed in the Behavioral Health Commission for proceeding with this meeting in spit of my giving notice.

**Adjournment** at 2:02pm by Commissioner Banuelos.

Minutes prepared by BHC Clerk Gray.