

SAN FRANCISCO MENTAL HEALTH BOARD



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ADOPTED MINUTES

IDENTIFYING BARRIERS TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday March 8, 2016

1380 Howard Street

Mental Health Board Office, Room 226

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Harriette Stevens, Ed.D; Njon Weinroth; and David Elliott Lewis, Ph.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Virginia S. Lewis, MA, LCSW; Toni Parks, and Benny Wong.

OTHERS PRESENT: Loy M. Proffitt (Administrative Manager).

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Proffitt called the meeting of the Mental Health Board to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Proffitt called the roll.

AGENDA CHANGES

No changes.

1.0 DISCUSSION REGARDING COMMITTEE TASKS

1.1 Review objectives from retreat

The committee expects to inform and advise Mayor Lee, the Health Commission, the Board of Supervisors and other health and city officials of barriers to access behavioral health services in San Francisco.

Committee members have ascertained that many clients feel a disconnection between what City leaders are saying about service availability and what clients, especially those facing mental illness and/or homelessness, are actually experiencing when they try to get help. The committee aims to gain more insights into why eligible clients are experiencing eligibility barriers to behavioral health services and supportive housing. The members agreed to come up with tangible solutions, based on the research and speaker presentations to barrier behavioral health services in San Francisco. The solutions include proposing resolutions to the full Mental Health Board for approval.

Committee members proposed presentations from the Senior Action Network in San Francisco and from Sam Dodge in San Francisco Mayor's Office of Housing and Opportunity, Partnership and Engagement (SF-HOPE).

1.2 Plan two committee presentations

The committee planned to meet on Tuesday April 19, 2016 at 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM.

1.3 Public Comment

No public comments.

2.1 DISCUSS POSSIBLE RELATED PROGRAM REVIEWS

2.1 Review BHS program list to determine possible programs to review

Committee members expressed interests in reviewing Central City Older Adult outpatient clinic, South East Mission Geriatric Services, and Felton Institute programs.

2.1 Public comment

No public comments.

2.2 ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at: 2:37 PM