UNADOPTED MINUTES
From the
Behavioral Health Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
6:06 PM – 8:32 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Geoffrey Grier called the Roll Call

COMMISSIONER’S PRESENT: Carleta Jackson-Lane (she/her/hers), Harriette S. Stevens (she/her), Bahlam Javier Vigil (they/them/their), Stephen Banuelos, Terezie (Terry) Bohrer, RN, MSW, CLCN, Richelle Lee Slota (she/her), Judy Drummond (she/her) Toni Parks (she/her)

COMMISSIONER’S ABSENT: Ulash Thakore-Dunlap (excused), Idell Wilson, Ahsha Safai, ashel (Kathryn) fey (zee/fey), Judith Klain (she/her),

PRESENTER: Angelica Almeida, SCRT (Street Crisis Response Team), Kathleen Silk new Dir SCRT, Ms. Dylan Schneider, HSH (SF Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing)

BHS STAFF PRESENT: Marlo Simmons, MPH Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVE: Ahsha Safai not present

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: Briana Breen, Wynship Hillier

BHC STAFF: Geoffrey Grier
QUORUM: Established

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA: Presentation order to shift Angelica Ameida, SCRT first, Ms Dylan Schneider, HSH second, then Marlo Simmons, Deputy Director BHS

ITEM 1.0 COMMISSIONER’S REPORT: Co-Chair Slota announced that she submitted a letter to her appointing Supervisor of District 1, letting them know that she will be terming out at the end of the year. She urged all supervisors to do the same, further expounding on the need for commissioner proactivity in order to fill the empty seats. Co-Chair Lane gave a testimonial from a concerned mother regarding her 39yr old autistic son that she felt did not receive proper response to his encounter with the police and with her efforts to seek treatment services for him. The difficulty she believes was due to race and would like to either have a presentation by BHC or make a presentation to the BHC

1.1 Presentation by the Street Crisis Response Team: Angelica Almeida, SCRT (Street Crisis Response Team) and Kathleen Silk the new Dir SCRT gave a presentation on the Street Crisis Response Team; what it does, neighborhoods they service and efficacy results. They clearly explained how they differ from the other street response teams out there.

1.2 Presentation by SF Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing: Ms. Dylan Schneider, HSH (SF Office of Homelessness and Supportive Housing) gave a comprehensive presentation from a “birds eye” view. This gave the BHC a better understanding of HSH services and some of it’s partners. How it handles the recently incarcerated population through probation department partnerships. Several question targeted experiences by various providers where HSH failed to provide housing and services

1.3 BHS Directors Report by Marlo Simmons, MPH Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Services: representing Hillary Kunins, Director of BHS, who is out of town. Gave update on new access of care program that has mobile device access. Responded to Briana Breen’s complaint about Baker Place failure to provide “good neighbor” policy to her and several of her neighbors. It appeared after several attempts by Briana to identify the responsible party, it was validated by Marlo that BHS was actually the correct contact for resolution. Mental Health SF (funded by Prop C) focused on homeless and building a new Office of Coordinated Care. Cal Aim is another system of care coming online to help BHS resolve many of the longstanding service problems that have plagued them for so long especially their infrastructure. Stating that this new level of funding will allow them make the necessary changes

PUBLIC COMMENT:

1.4 Reports from the Committees

  1.4 a) Implementation Committee, Chair Carletta Jackson-Lane – Discussed the Conard House issues brought forth by Liza Muruwski that shined a light on what happens to an agency after a sitevisit
1.4 b) Site Visit Committee, Chair Richelle L. Slota – Commissioner Banuelos suggested that the commissioners coordinate site evaluations with the office of business office compliance division

1.4 c) Bylaws Revision Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Bahlam Vigil – has a good draft of the bylaws, committee did not meet last month

1.4 d) Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee, Chair Judy Drummond – requested all commissioners read the recent strategic plan

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ITEM 2.0 REPORT FROM BHS DIRECTOR – Moved to 1.3 in Agenda Change

PUBLIC COMMENT: Liza Murowski regarding the status of the women’s shelter

ITEM 3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Public Comment: Liza Murowski regarding the status of the women’s shelter

3.2 Motion to Adopt Minutes – Motion to adopt the amended minutes from 7/21/21 BHC meeting to include Liza Murowski’s public comment about the potential closing of a women’s shelter; Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Stevens offering, seconded by Commissioner Drummond with change noted as “Liza Murowski’s comments about Conard House Women’s Shelter closing”

3.3 The amended minutes from 7/21/21 were unanimously passed

ITEM 4.0 ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, PEOPLE OR ISSUES HIGHLIGHTED BY BHC

4.1 BHC Retreat – Commissioner Lane brought up that a date for the retreat should be selected during the October meeting

ITEM 5.0 NEW BUSINESS –

5.1 Public Comment – Liza Murowski wants commissioners to review the budget from Mental Health SF Our City Our Home

ITEM 6.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT – None

6.1 Motion to adjourn authored by Commissioner Slota, seconded by Commissioner Vigil

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm
Minutes prepared by Geoffrey Grier, Executive Director, BHC