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UNADOPTED MINUTES
From the
Behavioral Health Council

San Francisco City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place, Hearing Room 416

San Francisco, California 94102

Thursday, July 16, 2026

6:00pm – 8:08pm

Item 1.0 Call to Order by Chair Mason, Roll Called by BHC Clerk.

Commissioners Present: Chair, Kescha S. Mason, Athena Bing-Ying Ng, Tara Gamboa Eastman, Michael Fittro, Brandon Fountain, Amelia Harmon, Peter Murphy, Sam Ustrzynski and Jasper Verduin.

Commissioners Absent: Stephanie Gonzales and Raymond Deng.

(Members of the public may provide public comments for items on the agenda before or during each agenda item, at the option of the commissioner who is chairing the meeting.)

Item 2.0 Division Report, Behavioral Health Services. Presentation by Valerie Kirby, MPH,

Special Projects and Planning Coordinator, Behavioral Health Services, SFDPH. [See Attached - Slide Presentation] Opened the floor for questions and comments for the council members.

[Public Comment] None

Item 3.0 Presentation/training by Theresa Comstock, Executive Director CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions. [See Attached - Slide Presentation] [Discussion Only] Opened the floor for questions and comments for the council members.

[Public Comment] None

Item 4.0 Motion to adopt the minutes of the BHC Meeting Thursday, June 18, 2026. with amendments by Council Member Fittro and seconded by Council Fountain.

[Public Comment] None

Council Member Mason-aye,
Council Bing-Ying Ng-aye,
Council Eastman-aye,
Council Fittro-aye,
Council Fountain- aye,
Council Harmon- aye,
Council Peter Murphy- aye,
Council Ustrzynski-aye
Council Jasper Verduin-aye.

Motion Carried with amendments.

Item 5.0 New Business –

- August Recess.
- September -possible bylaws review with city attorney
- Future bylaw amendments, officer elections, committee formation, training Sunshine and Ethics. Review of behavioral health reports and data.
- Future Agenda Items:
- Retreats and site visits to be determined by bylaws
- Inclusion strategies and community-based organization CBO engagement.
- Briefings on housing prioritization, Autism/neurodiversity training and funding sources.
- Connection with client council (Consumer -focused advisory group)

Member Suggestions:

- Address removal of peer counselors from street crisis teams (SF Fire Department); Possible advisement to Board of Supervisors.
- Request for ad hoc committee on issues to be clarified per bylaws and legal advice.
- Interest in advising on implementation of new drug free requirements for city funded supportive housing.
- New Member Introduction: Athena Ng, Student at University of San Francisco.

Public Comment on all items not on the agenda. None

Adjournment: 8:08pm and reminder of the next meeting on Thursday, September 17th at City Hall, hearing Room 416.