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UNADOPTED MINUTES
From the
Rules and Reports Committee
San Francisco City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place Hearing Room #408
San Francisco, California 94102
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
5:08pm– 6:00pm

Member's Present: Chair Harriette S. Stevens (she, her), Kescha S. Mason (she, her)

Members Absent: Alex Humphrey(he/him), and Carletta Jackson-Lane (she, her), Lisa Wynn (she, her)

Visiting Commissioner's: Lisa Williams (she, her)

Public Comment: None

Item 1.0 Commissioner Stevens called the meeting to order at 5:08pm. The BHC Clerk conducted the roll call, and agenda changes were noted.

Public Comment: None

Item 2.0 Carried over due to lack of quorum. Adoption of the Rules and Reports meeting minutes, Tuesday, September 9, 2025. **[Action Item]**

Item 3.0 Item Carried over due to lack of Quorum by chair Strategic Plan 2025–2026

Discussion Points:

Program Presentations

Target: ~6 presentations annually (one per commission meeting).

At least 3–4 commendations/recommendations typically arise from these presentations.

Upcoming speakers include Transitional Age Youth Services.

Site Visits

Goal: At least 4 site visits per year.

Recent visits: Westside Crisis, Behavioral Health Access, Friendship House, Health Right 360 (890 Hayes), Progress Foundation (Avenues).

Not all visits count toward the current strategic plan period.

Commendations & Recognitions

Typically, 3–4 per year, but none completed yet for this cycle.

Recognitions require either a site visit or a presentation to commissioners.

Potential candidates: Friendship House, Progress Foundation (Avenues), Health Right 360, Homeless Children's Network (pending response), Westside Crisis.

Pending Items

Homeless Children's Network: Awaiting site visit/presentation and response from leadership.

Larkin Street and other youth service providers to be contacted for presentations and possible board recruitment.

Bridge Housing is identified as important for future presentations due to its role in connecting housing and mental health services.

Action Plan:

Compile a summary for each program (2–3 sentences) describing site visits/presentations and program impact.

Bring organized list of proposed commendations and recognitions to the executive committee in November for approval, then to the full commission.

Recruitment:

Efforts underway to recruit new members, especially youth, through outreach to relevant organizations.

4. Program Review Key Issues

Document Review: Commissioners reviewed "Program Review Findings" (three program reviews).

Identified Issues:

Program Review #1: Ambiguity around future funding; suggestion to clarify and potentially recommend continued funding if the program is effective (e.g., "warm line" funding challenges).

Program Review #3: High staff retention praised, but administrative burdens and referral system gaps noted as challenges. Recommendation to consider advocating for increased administrative support and specialized staffing to improve outcomes.

Next Steps: Commissioners to investigate needs further and consider formal recommendations to support effective programs.

Public Comment: None

Item 4.0 Program Review Key Issues

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Identified Issues:

Program Review #1: Ambiguity around future funding; suggestion to clarify and potentially recommend continued funding if the program is effective (e.g., “warm line” funding challenges).

Program Review #3: High staff retention praised, but administrative burdens and referral system gaps noted as challenges. Recommendation to consider advocating for increased administrative support and specialized staffing to improve outcomes.

Next Steps: Commissioners to investigate needs further and consider formal recommendations to support effective programs.

Public Comment: None

Item 5.0 Carried over due to lack of quorum. Discussion covered the following details

Organize and summarize all presentations, site visits, and commendation candidates for executive committee review in November.

Reach out to pending organizations (Homeless Children’s Network, Larkin Street, Bridge Housing) for presentations/site visits.

Prepare recommendations regarding program funding and administrative support based on review findings.

Continue recruitment efforts for commission membership, with a focus on youth involvement.

Examples of Programs Discussed

Friendship House: Noted for Native American cultural benefits and community healing programs.

Progress Foundation (Avenues): Site visit completed; recognized for impactful mental health services.

Health Right 360 (890 Hayes): Cited as an exemplary program following a recent site visit.

Homeless Children’s Network: Pending engagement; highlighted for innovative youth programs.

Westside Crisis: Site visit done; awaiting presentation for potential recognition.

Final Public Comment None

Adjournment: at 6:00 pm by Commissioner Stevens and a Reminder of the next meeting

Minutes prepared by the BHC Clerk