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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kiely Hosmon, Director, Youth Commission

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

DATE: February 26, 2021

SUBJECT: LEGISLATIVE MATTER INTRODUCED

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following hearing request, introduced by Supervisor Melgar on January 12, 2021. This item is being referred for comment and recommendation.

File No. 210042

Hearing on the City's reimbursement practices and maximizing funding for mental health services from State and Federal programs, including, but not limited to, Mental Health Medi-Cal administrative activities; and requesting the Department of Public Health, Human Services Agency, Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, Juvenile Probation Department, San Francisco Unified School District, and community-based mental health providers to report.

Please return this cover sheet with the Commission's response to John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

RESPONSE FROM YOUTH COMMISSION Date: ___March 15, 2021_____

___ No Comment
X Recommendation
Attached



Chairperson, Youth Commission

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YOUTH COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
FROM: Youth Commission
DATE: Tuesday, March 16, 2021
RE: Referral response to BOS File No. 210042 [Hearing - Reimbursement Practices and Maximizing Funding - Youth and Family Mental Health Services]

At our **Monday, March 15, 2021, meeting**, the Youth Commission voted to support the following motion:

To unanimously support BOS File No. 210042 - [Hearing - Reimbursement Practices and Maximizing Funding - Youth and Family Mental Health Services]

The Youth Commission understands this legislation is more administrative in nature, however, when it gets to the implementation stage the Youth Commissioners voted to include the following questions, recommendations, and comments:

Questions:

- how is cultural competency held? How will students of color know about this?
- What is the language access like?

Recommendations:

- continue meetings with CBOS – especially Youth MOJO from Chinese Progressive Association
- draw information and data from DCYF’s Community Needs Assessments and OCOF’s Child and Youth Friendly Initiative assessments
- budget priorities be focused on:
 - cultural competency for BIPOC communities of color
 - educational outreach for youth mental health
 - funding for alternatives for different modes of therapy
 - funding for youth rights and redefining safety as a patient (meaning that youth rights are respected)
- compensation programs for youth to attend therapy
- engage SFUSD in the conversation
- explore affinity groups
- create sustainability of care post high school and funding alternatives in community clinics:
 - increase supports in institutions

- bring in resources for expansion in community clinics and places that have mental health trainees

Youth Commissioners thank the Board of Supervisors for their attention to this issue. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (415) 554-6446, or your Youth Commissioner.



Nora Hylton, Chair
Adopted on March 15, 2021
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