

San Francisco  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date Printed: February 6, 2015

Date Established: November 13, 1968

Active

---

**MENTAL HEALTH BOARD**

---

**Contact and Address:**

Helynna Brooke Executive Director  
Mental Health Board  
1380 Howard St, Suite 510  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Phone: (415) 255-3474

Fax: (415) 255-3760

Email: hbrooke@mhbsf.org

**Authority:**

---

California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604 et seq.; and Administrative Code, Section 15.12 et seq. (Ordinance Nos. 15-80, 452-85, 98-93, and 337-99)

---

**Board Qualifications:**

---

California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604 et seq.; and Administrative Code, Section 15.12 et seq. (Ordinance Nos. 15-80, 452-85, 98-93, and 337-99)

The Mental Health Board consists of seventeen (17) members:

- > Eleven (11) members: one (1) appointed by each of the District Supervisors; and
- > Six (6) members are appointed by the full Board of Supervisors; one (1) of whom shall be a member of the Board of Supervisors.

The California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604, requires:

- > At least nine (9) members shall be Consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings or adult children of Consumers;
- > At least four (4) members shall be Consumers;
- > At least four (4) members shall be family of Consumers.
- > One (1) member shall be a child advocate (a family member or Consumer advocate for minors who use mental health services);
- > One (1) member shall be an older adult advocate (a family member or Consumer advocate for persons 60 years of age or older who use mental health services); and
- > Two (2) members shall be from the following professions: psychiatry, psychology, mental health social work, nursing with a specialty in mental health, marriage and family counseling,

San Francisco  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

---

psychiatric technology, or administrator of a hospital providing mental health services or of a community mental health facility.

NOTE: A "Consumer" is a person who has received mental health services in San Francisco from any program operated or funded by the City and County, from a State hospital, or from any public or private nonprofit mental health agency. The Board of Supervisors member position shall not count in determining whether the Consumer and family of Consumer requirements of this section are met.

Any positions not allocated to specific types of members may be filled by persons with experience and knowledge of the mental health system representing the public interest.

Except for the Board of Supervisors member, the term of each member shall be for three years. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms. The term of office of a member appointed by an individual Board of Supervisors member is not affected by the Board of Supervisors member no longer continuing in that office.

The Mental Health Board shall review and evaluate the City and County's mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems and other duties as stated in Administrative Code, Section 15.14.

Reports: An Annual Report shall be submitted to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performance of the City and County's mental health system.

Sunset Date: None referenced.

---