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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION

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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, 337-99, and 240-19)

Board Qualifications:

The Behavioral Health Commission ("Commission") (formerly 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, psychiatric technology, or administrator of a hospital providing mental health services or of a community mental health facility.
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NOTE: A "Consumer" is a person who has received mental health and/or substance use 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 Commission shall review and evaluate the City and County's behavioral 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.
