



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 22-372

Board Meeting Date: 5/17/2022

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health
Scott Gillman, Director, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services

Subject: Amendment to the Behavioral Health Commission Bylaws

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing an amendment to the Behavioral Health Commission Bylaws.

BACKGROUND:

The Behavioral Health Commission (BHC), formerly Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission, is mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5604, to ensure citizen and professional involvement in planning processes regarding the behavioral health system of care. The BHC also advises this Board and the local Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) Division Director regarding County behavioral health needs, services, special problems, and outcomes of mental health services. The BHC is required to have a set of bylaws by which they operate, and to submit an Annual Report to this Board.

DISCUSSION:

The BHC desires to amend its bylaws to reflect an official name change from the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission to BHC. The BHC name, along with updated language throughout the bylaws, are more inclusive and better represent the services provided by the BHRS division and San Mateo County Health.

The bylaws and resolution have been reviewed and approved by the County Attorney as to form.

It is required by the California Welfare and Institutions Code that a minimum of 50% of BHC members be consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

Measure	FY 2021-22 Estimated	FY 2022-23 Projected
Percentage of BHC members who are consumers, or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers	74% 14 of 19 members	74% 14 of 19 members

FISCAL IMPACT:

Regular functions of the BHC are budgeted at a maximum of \$5,000, which is included in the BHRS FY 2021-22 Adopted Budget. These costs are 100% funded by Realignment. There is no associated Net County Cost.