



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: HEALTH

File #: 23-671

Board Meeting Date: 8/1/2023

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Louise F. Rogers, Chief, San Mateo County Health
Jei Africa, 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 to reflect the addition of a Veteran and/or Veteran Advocate seat as mandated by the 2022 State Legislative Assembly Bill 738 and WIC § 5604(a)(2)(C).

BACKGROUND:

The Behavioral Health Commission (BHC), formerly Mental Health & Substance Abuse Recovery Commission, is mandated by the California Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC), § 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, which are approved by this Board.

DISCUSSION:

The BHC desires to amend its bylaws to reflect the addition of a Veteran and/or Veteran Advocate seat to the BHC Membership as mandated by the 2022 State Legislative Assembly Bill 738 and WIC § 5604(a)(2)(C).

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

It is anticipated that 14 out of 19 (74%) of the County's BHC members will be consumers or the parents, spouses, siblings, or adult children of consumers. (The California WIC requires that a minimum of 50% of BHC members be consumers.)

PERFORMANCE MEASURE:

| | FY 2022-23 Actual | FY 2023-24 Estimated |
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| 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 2023-24 Recommended Budget. These costs are 100% funded by Realignment. There is no associated Net County Cost.