

South Beach / Rincon / Mission Bay Neighborhood Association Meeting Monday August 10, 2020

MINUTES

6:00PM-7:00 PM

ZOOM
VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETING

ATTENDEES

4 Officers, 3 Directors, 1 Presenter, 17 residents

[NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 14TH](#)

TOPIC

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Issues of SF's Homeless Residents

- **WELCOME** (Alice Rogers)
- **MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUES / HOMELESS**
District 8 Supervisor Rafael Mandelman, Chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee, discussed our homeless residents' mental health and substance abuse issues.

The number of homeless residents in San Francisco with mental health issues can range from 20% up to 80%, depending on the neighborhood.

How is San Francisco meeting the needs of unhoused residents who have mental health issues? The city does not have enough beds in general, let alone 'locked' beds for those residents who require supervision. There's also a lack of coordination between the Department of Public Health and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Supervisor Mandelman began by explaining Conservatorship, whereby a court-appointed guardian manages the financial affairs and/or daily life of another due to physical or mental limitations. [SB-1045](#) passed last year still has not been put into place.

Late last year, a Meth Sobering Center was approved to open in the Tenderloin in Spring 2020. Its intent was to help SF residents addicted to meth get sober in a safe place but it got sidelined by the Covid pandemic. To learn more, click [here](#).

Mental Health SF: Mayor Breed is implementing "Mental Health SF", a sweeping vision of reform co-authored by Supervisors Haney and Ronen to fund dozens of new beds for drug sobering, psychiatric skilled nursing settings and board-and-care facilities. Case managers will be assigned and a new centralized office will be created to ensure patients progress seamlessly through the city's network of services. For more info, click [here](#).

For some context on the landscape in which these behavioral health issues will be addressed, please read this recent [article](#) published by the Chronicle as part of its week of reporting on issues related to homelessness, and the Mayor's recently announced [Homeless Recovery Plan](#).

To view the Zoom meeting recording, click [here](#). Password: i0keD1%N
(NOTE: Due to technical difficulties, the recording only captured the last 2/3 of the meeting.)

- **NEXT MEETING: Zoom Virtual Meeting Monday September 14th. SPECIAL START TIME 5PM. Topic: Transportation Recovery Plan.**