At its regular meeting of February 4, 2013, the Youth Commission adopted the following motion:

The Youth Commission calls on the Board of Supervisors to hold a timely hearing regarding various City departments’ (including but not limited to the Department of Children, Youth and Their Families; the Department of Public Health; the Human Services Agency; the Recreation and Parks Department; the Office of Economic and Workforce Development; the Juvenile Probation Department, the Department on the Status of Women; the Library and the Human Rights Commission) efforts to implement the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQQ) youth sensitivity training requirements laid out in Chapter 12N of the City’s Administrative Code.

Supplemental Information

In the fall of 1996, in response to community concerns, the Youth and Human Rights Commissions held a series of investigations into the experiences of LGBTQQ youth who access social or health services through City agencies or City contractors in San Francisco. These investigations eventually resulted in legislation and on June 25, 1999, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance, subsequently filed in Chapter 12N of the Administrative Code, requiring detailed sensitivity training in issues related to LGBTQQ youth for City employees and City contractors who work with youth (12N). To the best of our knowledge, other than a training video that the Department of Public Health is currently piloting with staff and contractors (and which was made in collaboration with the Youth Commission), not a single department has begun implementing the training requirements stipulated in 12N.

Mia Shackelford, 2012-2013 Youth Commission Chair

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