# City and County of San Francisco SHELTER MONITORING COMMITTEE



# MEETING MINUTES [DRAFT]

Wednesday, **April 19, 2023** | 10:00 AM Room 408, City Hall

Present: Vice Chair Cris Guevara-Plunkett Committee Member Britt Creech Committee Member Melanie Muasau Secretary Tomiko Eya (Teleconference) Committee Member Lisa Rachowicz Excused: Chair Diana Almanza Committee Member Belinda Dobbs Committee Member Steven Clark Absent: Committee Member Traci Watson

Committee Member Kaleese Street Committee Member Joaquin Remora

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

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Meeting began at 10:12 AM. There was **no quorum**. Members Dobbs and Clark called in but could not participate due to the Sunshine Rules without an approved reasonable accommodation. Items requiring approval were effectively tabled for the next meeting.

**MINUTES** 

DISCUSSION/ ACTION

MARCH 2023 MINUTES

ACTING CHAIR GUEVARA-PLUNKETT 3 min

The Committee voted to approve last month's minutes.

No public comment

## II. OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS

DISCUSSION/ ACTION

A. REVIEW DRAFT SMC BYLAWS

**ACTION** 

ACTING CHAIR GUEVARA-PLUNKETT 10 min

The Committee is aware that the bylaws need to be updated to take into account changes in the Administrative Code.

**Member Comment:** Member Eya pointed out that it would be a good idea to begin the officer candidate selection process in November, not December. There was general agreement on this.

**Public Comment:** A caller expressed dissatisfaction with the work staff did on their complaint, which was not resolved to her satisfaction. This concern was taken offline.

## III. NEW BUSINESS/REPORTS

#### A. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

DISCUSSION

SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR GUEVARA-PLUNKETT 3 min

At its April meeting, the Subcommittee had a quorum. Draft bylaws were approved. No recommendations for now were made for further changes to Standards. (Previous recommendations are awaiting the establishment of the Commission.)

#### B. DEPT OF HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

MEMBER RACHOWICZ 10 min

See the <u>Capacity report</u>. Vacancies are down. Note that family shelter numbers refer to rooms, except at BVHM and the Hamilton Family <u>Residence</u>, which refer to individual clients. Providence Family Services' Oasis hotel shelter has reopened for the time being. HSH continues pursuing options to make it possible for this site to remain in service. **Public Comment:** Tiffany, who works supporting the unhoused, expressed concern that some clients who are unable to perform some activities of daily living are being placed in shelters that are not equipped to care for them. Homebridge is not always available.

#### C. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

STAFF 10 min

During the month of March, there were six formal complaints submitted to shelters. **Public Comment:** Justice gave an introduction. Justice has expensive relevant experience and is ready to join the SMC, if Members (and the Commission) approve.

Member Comment: Acting Chair Plunkett thanked Justice for willingness to serve, as did member Muasau, who states that she knows Justice loves the City and would be an excellent addition to the existing membership. Member Eya recommends Members who may benefit from a reasonable accommodation, i.e., who may have challenges making it to the in-person meeting, submit the paperwork. Staff can provide guidance on the process.

### D. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ACTING CHAIR GUEVARA-PLUNKETT 10 min

A draft "land acknowledgement," a version of what DPH uses, was reviewed. Item tabled for lack of a quorum.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION

5 min

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**Public comment:** Bob Burnside submitted a handout and suggested that a variety of unused commercial space is available, e.g., OfficeMax and others on Mission Street, might be better than what is being used now for sanctioned encampments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM

Action Item	Assigned To
Ask Members if they need a RA and assist anyone who does.	Staff

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