

Present: Lisa Rachowicz (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing), Noelle Simmons (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing), Jennifer Friedenbach (OCOH Oversight Committee), Jessica Shimmin (Controller's Office), Amy Sawyer (Mayor's Office)

1. Welcome

2. Strategic goals that guided last year's 2-year investment plan:

Emergency Shelter and Hygiene programs can account for no more than 10% of the annual OCOH Fund budget.

- Expand non-congregate sheltering options.
- Make shelter more accessible and welcoming to underserved populations.
- Continue using hotel vouchers as shelter.
- Increase opportunities and geographic options for sheltering youth.
- Expand services and facilities to meet people's basic needs.

3. Program Implementation Updates from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing

- **Pier 94 trailer program** is operating 114 slots. HSH would like to extend the program and is in conversation with the Port about leasing the site beyond the end of FY22-23.
- **Safe Sleep:** total of 60 tents currently operating. Planning to wind-down the South Van Ness site in the fall when the Mission Cabins site launches. Safe Sleep is funded with OCOH dollars for this fiscal year (through June 30, 2023), but not FY24 (which begins July 1, 2023).
 - **Cabin Program:** Gough cabins program has been very successful.
- **Bayview Vehicle Triage Center (VTC)** is operating 57 slots. Getting electricity to the program has been an ongoing problem. In addition, the size of the vehicles has been larger than originally anticipated. Larger vehicles have meant that the program can support fewer vehicles overall. Bayview VTC is on state lands. The permit from the state for the use of the VTC site runs through the end of the 2023 calendar year. The Department thinks it's unlikely that they'll be able to extend that permit, as even getting the original permissions was very difficult.
 - HSH is looking for an additional site for a second vehicle triage center/safe parking program on the West side, but so far without success.
- **Navigation Centers-** HSH has been working on bringing occupancy in navigation centers back up to their pre-COVID rates. Nav Centers have been ideal for "shelter reinflation" because it is a lower density program model, with partitions between beds. Since many of the navigation center sites are newer, they have updated HVAC systems for better circulation. Lower Polk TAY Nav Center, Bayview SAFE Navigation Center, and Division Circle Navigation Centers are all operating at full (pre-COVID) capacity.
 - Support services in the Navigation Center for Justice Involved Adults are being work ordered to Adult Probation.
- **Hotel Vouchers** - Vouchers for pregnant people will be operated by Compass Family Services. Finalizing the contract and hiring up to provide 24/7 accessibility. Looking at end of February for program launch.

- Member Friedenbach asked why the hotel vouchers weren't rolled out through existing contracts? HSH wanted to be thoughtful about the role these vouchers play in the system. In the past, hotel vouchers have been used as a stop gap when there isn't space in shelters. For this program, HSH wanted to add more comprehensive supports to make sure that the people/families served with hotel vouchers are connected seamlessly to ongoing services, resources and solutions.
- DV hotel vouchers provider is St Vincent DePaul, looking at an April Launch.
- Youth vouchers originally rolled out through MOHCD because they had an existing program.
- Hotel vouchers will have some set asides for Black Infant Health Program.
- **Family Shelter** – There is ongoing OCOH funding to support this program. Negotiations to secure the family shelter site are in progress. These emergency low-barrier beds for families are an important part of the system. OCOH funded hotel vouchers will also contribute to filling this need for low-barrier, easy to access shelter beds in the system.

4. Additional Questions/Discussion

- Member Friedenbach asked if HSH tracks length of stay and exit destination from shelter and crisis intervention programs?
 - HSH hasn't instituted maximum length of stays since the pandemic started, so the assumption would be that length of stay has increased and that there's less turnover in shelter programs.

5. Coming Up

- a. Liaison Meeting #2 is scheduled for Wednesday March 8, 2023.
- b. The Liaisons will present their priorities and goals for the coming year as well as the challenges and opportunities they see ahead.