

Present: Nina Catalano (OCOH Oversight Committee), Julie Leadbetter (OCOH), Shanell Williams (OCOH), Hugo Ramirez (Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development), Laura Marshall (Controller’s Office), Jessica Shimmin (Controller’s Office), Julieta Barcaglioni (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing), Emily Cohen (HSH), Noelle Simmons (HSH), Gigi Whitley (HSH), Amy Sawyer (Mayor’s Office),

Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) and Mayor’s Office of Community Development (MOHCD) reviewed their budget proposals:

- Significant amount of one-time money last year, HSH is using one-time dollars for problem solving over 3 years, so there won’t be new funding added to this line.
- Proposing to use one time savings next fiscal year to maintain the investment plan without service impacts
- Year two of the budget (FY24) has some trade offs- funding a reserve would require scaling back some programs. Department wants to be prudent *and* make sure programs are fully funded to meet the need.
- MOHCD plan was at \$14.5 million, in the coming 2 years MOHCD will grow programs to planned levels
- Homelessness prevention going to about \$29 million; As the City works to emerge from the COVID emergency, the departments do not think it is a good time to scale back on financial assistance for homelessness prevention.
- Proposal includes funding the Department of Public Health for behavioral health services in PSH.

Chair Williams asked about workforce services.

- Planning to build out a workforce component in prevention system. Conduit would be targeted prevention program. This is being developed at HSH.
- Black lead providers: have allocated 300k ongoing to develop anti-displacement work in Black community by a black led, black serving organization. Developing an Request For Proposals (RFP), pulling together providers to learn about their vision for this program.
- Bay Area Legal Aid (BALA) and Social Security (SSI) advocacy: yes, BALA receives funding for a variety of their programs, MOHCD would be interested in meeting to learn more about the need. SSI advocacy is funded through a variety of different sources, including a 3-year SSI advocacy pilot that Tipping Point is funding with HSA.

Workforce Pilot

- What are the best ways to assess people’s interest in workforce at the access points?
- What’s the best referral model?
- Chair Williams asked about the “fiscal cliff” people confront when they begin to increase their income by working, and the increase in come makes them ineligible for essential benefits. Julieta Barcaglioni (HSH) is thinking about this, too. One popular concept for addressing that challenge is guaranteed income.

Member Catalano asked about the shallow subsidies for PSH residents

- Still included in the budget, with increase to cover entire HSH portfolio. These costs are included in Prevention bucket because they are intended to increase housing stability.

Member Catalano asked how prevention investments impact inflow?

- This is a central component of the strategic framework process.
- Looking forward to updated Point in Time Count to understand current situation
- Developing reports to better understand people served in prevention, via characteristics of homeless populations, ELI population in bay area, etc.

Member Catalano asked about frontline worker bonus pay. Is this ongoing?

- These costs were one time in nature and the department is not recommending in this budget.