

Present: Kelly Kirkpatrick (Department of Public Health), Jenny Louie (DPH), Mimi Fung (DPH), Emily Gibbs (DPH), David Edelman (DPH), Amy Sawyer (Mayor's Office), Shalini Rana (Mayor's Office), Michelle Cunningham-Denning (OCOH Oversight Committee), Jessica Shimmin (Controller's Office)

1. Welcome

2. **Strategic goals guiding last year's 2-year investment plan:**

- At least 25% of OCOH Fund is to be invested in mental and behavioral health. The budget reflects the Committee's strategic intentions to:
 - Expand street-based services.
 - Increase residential and drop-in behavioral health treatment services.
 - Offer specialized temporary and long-term housing options for people with significant needs.
 - Provide culturally competent services that meet the needs of the transgender community, youth, and families with children.

3. **Implementation updates on Behavioral Health Services and Treatment Beds**

- **Residential Care and Treatment Beds:** Bed Tracker shows that 280 new treatment beds have been opened; 4 programs are still in development
 - 70 residential stepdown SUD beds to be opened in Spring 2023
 - Program to provide clinical services in permanent supportive housing.
 - Acquisition has been challenging because it's a long process
- **Care Coordination and Case Management** programs expand linkages to people at critical, transitional health care junctures, like leaving jail, 5150, etc. OCOH funding is expanding case management services to people in housing and in treatment to help people maintain connections to behavioral healthcare.
- **Street crisis and overdose response** services expand supports to people in crisis.
 - Member Cunningham Denning noted the critical need for street crisis and overdose response services, particularly with the rise of fentanyl.

4. **OCOH Budget Shortfall**

- DPH is aiming to protect core services from cuts.
- To do so, the DPH may need to use reserves in the short term.
- Long term, DPH wants to hear from the Committee about their priorities.
- Member Cunningham-Denning said that scaling back programs will be challenging because all the services are needed, particularly right now.

5. **Questions, discussion, etc.**

- Member Cunningham-Denning (Mental Health Liaison) asked:
 - How do people who are experiencing homelessness access behavioral health treatment beds?
 - Interested in knowing more about how youth access residential treatment
 - What are typical lengths of stay?

- DPH works to place people in the lowest level of care that is appropriate for their condition.
- Sometimes length of stay can be long, depending on people's needs. Long term programs would be Cooperative Living for Mental Health.
- Want to be sure that people are stabilized and have supports before transitioning to permanent housing.

6. Next Steps

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