

**MEETING Minutes**  
Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee Meeting  
**September 21, 2021**  
9:37 AM – 11:39 AM

This meeting was held by WebEx pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders and Mayoral Emergency Proclamations suspending and modifying requirements for in-person meetings. During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) emergency, the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee (OCOH) will convene remotely until the Committee is legally authorized to meet in person.

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1) ***Call to Order/Roll Call.***

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM

Roll Call:

Member Andrews: Present  
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Present  
Member Friedenbach: Present  
Member Leadbetter: Present  
Member Miller: Present  
Member Reggio: Present  
Chair Williams: Present

2) ***Opportunity for the public to comment on any matters within the Committee's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.***

Jordan Davis (she/her) thanked the Committee for funding the 30% of income rule in supportive housing. However, some supportive housing sites are not implementing the change. For this reason, the 30 Right Now campaign is restarting.

Wesley Saver, Policy Manager at Glide made a public comment. The caller heard that a stabilization center program is being proposed with Prop C and is concerned that the program will not meet the needs of justice involved adults. The caller would prefer a low-threshold navigation center model.

Laksh of the SF Berniecrats Housing Committee, thanked Committee Members for supporting the 30 Right Now campaign. Asked that the program be fully implemented by October 1<sup>st</sup>, with rebates for the two previous months. And, Laksh asked that the Department of Public Health implement the program in all of its supportive housing sites.

Dale, a resident of the El Dorado, said that he pays a high rent despite living in supportive housing. He would like to see his provider participate in the 30% of income program. He said the high rent is making life impossible.

Anakh Sul Rama from HomeRise expressed support for 30 Right Now Campaign. The caller said the Our City, Our Home Fund was intended to reduce the number of people on the street by bringing them indoors. The caller asked the Committee to consider people living in SROs are part of the housing flow that is crucial

to reducing numbers of people on the streets. Those residents deserve to be treated with the living dignity of paying 30% of their income in rent.

Laura Guzman, Senior Capacity Building and Community Mobilization Director for the National Harm Reduction Coalition asked the Committee to align spending with principles of Housing First, Harm Reduction, and Voluntary Services Models. The caller described a navigation center created by Alameda County Health Care Services to serve people who need housing, respite, and medical services. The caller said that programs that criminalize homelessness and drug use are the opposite of OCOH intent and should not be funded.

Marnie Regan with Larkin Street Youth Services thanked the Committee for including the needs of Transition Aged Youth in the OCOH investment plan. The caller asked for an inclusive planning process for implementing prevention and behavioral health investments.

Marit called on behalf of her disabled son, who lives in a supportive housing SRO and pays \$700 of his monthly income in rent. The caller said each month he has only \$300 for living expenses. The caller asked Conard House and DPH to consider the dignity of people who cannot speak for themselves.

The caller supported the previous caller's position and advocated for 30 Right Now campaign. Some people have already had their rent reduced, but in DPH connected programs the program has not been implemented. The caller asked the Committee to do everything in their power to pressure DPH to comply with this program.

3) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

***Approval, with possible modification, of the [Minutes of the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting](#).***

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Vice Chair D'Antonio made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Reggio seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes  
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Leadbetter: Yes  
Member Miller: Yes  
Member Reggio: Yes  
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

4) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

***Amend [OCOH Oversight Committee Bylaws](#) to reflect new meeting schedule and location (15 min)***

- Proposed revision:

“The Committee’s regular meetings will occur on the ~~third Tuesday~~ **fourth Thursday** of each month beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Committee will meet remotely until it is authorized to meet in person under the Mayor’s COVID-19-related emergency orders. Thereafter, the Committee will hold regular meetings at City Hall, Room 416. The Chair, or the Committee by majority vote at a meeting, may schedule a special meeting at any time, subject to applicable noticing requirements” (page 5).

Vice Chair D'Antonio asked whether the meeting date will be changed regardless of in-person meetings. Secretary Hom responded that the new meeting time has already been reserved on the Committee Members calendars.

Member Andrews raised the scheduling conflict with fall and winter holidays on the fourth Thursdays of November and December. Jessica Shimmin (CON) agreed to work with Secretary Hom to reschedule those meetings.

Member Reggio moved to accept the changes to the Committee's Bylaws. Member Andrews seconded the motion.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes  
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Leadbetter: Yes  
Member Miller: Yes  
Member Reggio: Yes  
Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

5) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

**Welcoming New Leaders** (30 min)

- *Shireen McSpadden, Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing*
- *Hillary Kunins, Director of Behavioral Health Services and Mental Health SF*

Department Director Shireen McSpadden provided a report on priority initiatives to the Committee. Slides from that report are available [here](#). Director McSpadden expressed commitment to listening to people with lived expertise and to complementing the Committee's work rather than duplicating its effort.

Dr. Hillary Kunins provided the Committee with a report on the goals and priorities of behavioral health initiatives, including Mental Health SF. Slides from that report are available [here](#). Dr. Kunins expressed commitment to racial equity and reducing overdose deaths.

Member Friedenbach thanked the Directors for their reports. Member Friedenbach encouraged the Directors to incorporate cultural and racial equity into treatment models; to ensure racial and cultural equity in wages and contracting; to create opportunities for consumer feedback; to pay attention to the displacement of low-income people from SF; and to increase access to emergency shelter.

Member Miller acknowledged Director McSpadden for taking a principled approach to setting Department priorities. Member Miller asked for clinical mental health services to be posted full time to programs that are serving those people who are furthest away from stability, such as Navigation Centers and Safe Sleep sites.

Chair Williams gave the Directors an opportunity to respond to the 30% Right Now callers. Director McSpadden said that HSH has updated policies and asked all providers to implement the 30% of income rent retroactively to August 2021. Expects to have 100% participation in the next few weeks. Dr. Kunins said DPH will look into this and report back to the Committee. And Dr. Kunins said that in programs, often de-escalation and communication skills are more valuable than clinical interventions. She also described the challenge of attracting and hiring enough clinicians, particularly Black/African Americans, Latinx, and Asian Pacific Islanders.

Member Reggio said that he would like to see the 30% issue resolved quickly. Referencing earlier public comment, Member Reggio said that low-threshold approaches are important in a navigation setting. And, he supported Director McSpadden's attention to wage parity issues, and encouraged looking at disparity

between City and nonprofits. Director McSpadden said that working closely with other City Departments is critical to serving people experiencing homelessness.

Member Andrews said that the HSH and DPH priorities—racial equity and wage parity—align with his own and those of the Human Service Providers Network.

Francisco Da Costa made public comment. He said City Departments are siloed and talk in generalities. He said that the Oversight Committee must come out with actions.

Jordan Davis said that it is too early to wind down the Shelter in Place Hotels because of the risks associated with the Delta variant and re-opening. Asked Director McSpadden to improve supportive housing sites, for instance with private bathrooms.

Chair Williams thanked Director McSpadden and Dr. Kunins.

6) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

***Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee Liaison Roles***

Chair Williams presented the Committee's liaison structure and posed key questions, which can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

Member Friedenbach reflected that the liaison roles worked well last year. She said that the Communications role may not be necessary and could be dropped or combined with the Impact role. She supported merging the Data Officer and System Modeling Liaison roles, as well as retaining the Prevention Liaison.

Member Leadbetter supported combining the Impact and Communications roles and turning attention to System Modeling.

Member Reggio said Communications role is not needed currently. Member Reggio supported retaining Immediate Needs liaison role and suggested changing the name of the role. Member Reggio supported working talking through system modeling and data role.

Chair Williams welcomed a motion from the Committee. Member Friedenbach moved to combine the Communication and Community Impact Liaison Roles. Member Andrews seconded the motion with the amendment that acknowledged the collaboration of that role with Staff.

Member Reggio asked to expand the motion to combine the System Modeling and Data Officer roles, and to maintain the Diversion/Prevention, Behavioral Health, Housing, and Immediate Needs Liaison roles.

Francisco Da Costa made public comment. He said the Committee is talking about operations. He asked: Who is assessing the need in each of the districts? He said the Committee is making decisions without the right empirical data.

Member Leadbetter added to the motion that the system modeling is the required 3-year needs assessment.

Roll Call Vote:

- Member Andrews: Yes
- Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes
- Member Friedenbach: Yes
- Member Leadbetter: Yes
- Member Miller: Yes
- Member Reggio: Yes
- Chair Williams: Yes

The motion passed.

Chair Williams continued the item into the October meeting.

7) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

***Propose agenda items for subsequent meetings and provide Committee updates, with possible action by the Committee in response to this item. (10 min)***

Vice Chair D'Antonio asked for a special meeting on the re-entry navigation center. Vice Chair D'Antonio expressed concern that the program implementation does not align with the Committee's recommendations. She requested a public meeting to collect community input. Chair Williams agreed.

Member Leadbetter asked for an update on the retreat to focus on lived experience.

Member Reggio emphasized regular reporting on housing development and acquisition.

There were not public comments on this agenda item.

8) ***Adjourn***

Vice Chair D'Antonio moved to adjourn. Member Andrews seconded the motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes

Member Friedenbach: Yes

Member Leadbetter: Yes

Member Miller: Yes

Member Reggio: Yes

Chair Williams: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM