

MEETING MINUTES

Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

July 28, 2022

9:45 AM – 11:22 AM

Committee Members

Nina Catalano

Michelle Cunningham-Denning

Julia D'Antonio

Jennifer Friedenbach

Julie Leadbetter

Lena Miller

Ken Reggio

Shanell Williams

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1) **Call to Order**

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:45AM.

Roll Call:

Member Catalano: Joined late

Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Present

Member Friedenbach: Present

Member Leadbetter: Present

Member Miller: Joined late

Member Reggio: Present

Chair Williams: Present

Quorum confirmed.

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

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

There were no public comments.

- 3) Action Item:
Approval, with possible modification, of the meeting minutes from June 23, 2022.

Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the minutes from June 23, 2022. Member Friedenbach moved to approve the minutes. Member Reggio seconded the motion.

There was no discussion.

Roll Call:

Member Catalano: Joined late
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Abstained
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Joined late
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

Five "yes" votes are needed to pass any item. With four "yes" votes and one abstention, the minutes were not approved.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Member Catalano joined the meeting. The Committee voted again.

Roll Call:

Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Abstained
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Joined late
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The minutes were approved.

- 4) Action Item:
Resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California government code section 54953(e).

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Jessica Shimmin, Controller's Office, summarized the full text of the Resolution, which was provided to, and reviewed by, Members in advance of the meeting. [Full text of the Resolution can be found here.](#)

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Member Reggio moved to approve the Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings. Member Friedenbach seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Yes
Member Miller: Joined late
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The Resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings was approved.

5) Discussion/Possible Action

Work planning for fiscal year 2023, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Jessica Shimmin, OCOH Policy Analyst in the Controller's Office, presented themes from work planning conversations with the Committee Members and a draft quarterly workplan for the Committee's activities. The presentation used [slides 9-14, located here.](#)

Vice Chair D'Antonio became the facilitator because of technical issues.

Member Friedenbach thanked staff for their work. She asked how stakeholder engagement will fit into the workplan? Member Friedenbach suggested the Committee find ways to share the Needs Assessment in a variety of community contexts. Member Friedenbach suggested using the McKinney Vento definition of homelessness in the Needs Assessment.

Member Reggio thanked staff for their work. He said that each year Committee hopes to get recommendations to the Mayor by the end of April, and there are a number of factors that make it challenging meet that deadline. He said the downside is that the Committee receives proposals from the departments that are surprising, and vice versa. Everyone gets frustrated. He wants to prioritize transparency and cooperation as the Committee once again tries to meet the ambitious timeline.

Vice Chair D'Antonio said she would like the Public Housing Authority to provide inventory numbers, pipeline, and vacancy rate. She said she would like to have information about domestic violence and women's experiences of homelessness added to the Needs Assessment. And, Vice Chair D'Antonio supported a structured process for developing spending recommendations by the end of April. She said she would like the Needs Assessment to reflect the McKinney Vento

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definition of homelessness.

Officer Leadbetter asked where the Committee sees opportunity to discuss, digest, and analyze the Needs Assessment, preferably in conversation with City departments and the Mayor's Office, as well as public conversations? She wants data to support those conversations. She suggested the November retreat as a place for those conversations. Jessica Shimmin, OCOH Policy Analyst with the Controller's Office, said she hopes the Needs Assessment will be the focus of the November retreat. She said that in addition to the Committee's regular public meetings, they could hold town hall style events. Member Leadbetter said she wants an opportunity for co-creation and thinking with experts from Departments and key stakeholders.

Member Catalano said that if the retreat is just Committee Members, then having a time for the Committee to engage with the Departments would be valuable to addressing the issues mentioned by Officer Leadbetter and Member Reggio.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

6) Discussion/Possible Action

Presentation of the crosswalk between Oversight Committee's recommendations and final appropriations, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Jessica Shimmin, OCOH Policy Analyst in the Controller's Office, presented the crosswalk between the Oversight Committee's recommendations and the final appropriations by the Board and Mayor. The presentation used [slides 16-19, located here](#).

Chair Williams thanked the Committee Members for their hard work.

Member Friedenbach said the lateness of the input sessions made it difficult to incorporate feedback into the budget recommendations. She said she is hopeful that the Committee's recommendations and the final investments will address systemic inequities.

Office Leadbetter asked to keep the commitment to lived expertise on the Committee's radar. She said that San Francisco is behind other communities when it comes to prioritizing the leadership of people with lived expertise.

Francisco Da Costa said he has been monitoring the budget process for forty years. He expressed concern about corruption. He said nonprofits should be working to help those who are most in need, to create meaningful long-term impact.

7) Discussion/Possible Action

Introductory presentation of the Homelessness Funding Landscape Analysis, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Gigi Whitley, Deputy Director for Admin and Finance at the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, presented on the Homelessness Funding Landscape using [slides located here](#).

Ms. Whitley (HSH) described the formation of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing and the growth of spending on homelessness over time. HSH recently put together a Funding Landscape Analysis as part of a funding application for State HHAP dollars. The analysis

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includes homelessness spending across 5 departments and includes spending from the General Fund, OCOH Fund, Federal (HUD) & State funding programs across HCD, CDSS, and DHCS. Some of the funding is one-time, some is ongoing. The analysis highlights the complexity of funding and sustaining a comprehensive homelessness response and prevention system using sources with different eligibility criteria and restrictions.

Highlights from the funding landscape include:

- Capital Investments of \$693M over three years to acquire PSH sites, and an additional \$128M for capital improvements in PSH, as well as \$190M for Behavioral Health beds and DPH service sites.
- Partnership with the Housing Authority to house literally homeless, at risk of homelessness, and those fleeing domestic violence through the Emergency Housing Vouchers has distributed 601 vouchers with 230 housed so far.
- The City added 960 units of PSH to the homeless response system in 2 years.
- Healthcare Partnerships and Coordination: Whole Person Care (WPC) Medi-Cal Waiver helped directed healthcare dollars toward housing supports; California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) will build upon the successes of WPC.
- Coordination and cooperation between the SF Human Services Agency and HSH through California Housing and Disability Advocacy Program to provide housing assistance, disability advocacy, outreach, and case management.
- Development of Targeted Homelessness and Eviction Prevention partnership between HSH, MOHCD, and All Home California.

Ms. Whitley said HSH strives to ensure the Homeless Response System's goals and performance measures drive program development, implementation, and client experiences rather than funding source eligibility requirements.

Chair Williams thanked Deputy Director Whitley (HSH) for the presentation. Chair Williams asked how to increase collaboration across Departments and Agencies? Ms. Whitley (HSH) said that the City has been creating infrastructure for collaboration on cross-departmental concerns for several years, and so the City is prepared to take advantage of state programs like CalAIM.

Member Friedenbach asked how many have been housed in the buildings purchased so far? Ms. Whitley said 300 units have not yet closed, some are ramping up. Ms. Whitley said she would have more information at a future OCOH Oversight Committee meeting. Member Friedenbach said it is helpful when HSH highlights the movement they're making to add units and beds.

Member Catalano thanked Deputy Director Whitley (HSH) for the presentation. Member Catalano said it was helpful to see the racial and ethnic breakdown of participants in the EHV program. Member Catalano asked how the City is incorporating learning into administration and policy? And where are the opportunities to increase flexibility in the service of client needs? Deputy Director Whitley (HSH) said the strategic planning process will provide an opportunity to incorporate learning. HSH is also working to coordinate and integrate data from a variety of sources to look across the Homeless Response System. Deputy Director Whitley said that philanthropy has been a good source of flexible funding to help providers and the departments fill the gaps to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

Francisco Da Costa made a public comment. He said that the 10-year housing element is a document the Committee should consider. He said the presentation was general, and the Oversight

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Committee should request an audit.

Mary Kate Bacalao, Policy Director at Compass Family Services, made a public comment. She thanked Director Whitley for the presentation, which reflects important work and interdepartmental collaboration. Ms. Bacalao said that service providers are facing challenges related to staffing shortages and capital needs. She suggested using the funding landscape analysis in the coordinated entry evaluation.

Chair Williams thanked Deputy Director Whitley (HSH) for the comprehensive presentation.

8) Discussion/Possible Action

Opportunity to propose future agenda items, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Chair Williams asked Committee Members to propose future agenda items.

Member Miller said she sees a decrease in the number of people living unsheltered, and the Point in Time Count confirms the decrease. She said this is significant, particularly because numbers of unsheltered increased throughout the Bay Area. She suggested the Committee take a strengths-based approach and ask what's working in San Francisco to decrease unsheltered homelessness?

Member Catalano said it would be good to bring Member Miller's question to the retreat and report out publicly. She would like to highlight and learn from what is working.

Member Friedenbach said she would like presentations to be easily accessible on the website.

Francisco Da Costa made a public comment. He said the City should have several commanders for emergency services. He suggested a public hearing on navigation centers and an audit of nonprofit providers.

9) ***Adjourn***

Chair Williams asked for a motion to adjourn.

Member Friedenbach moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Catalano seconded the motion to adjourn.

Roll Call:

Member Catalano: Yes
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Absent
Member Friedenbach: Yes
Member Leadbetter: Absent
Member Miller: Yes
Member Reggio: Yes
Chair Williams: Yes

The meeting adjourned at 11:22AM.