

MEETING MINUTES

Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee
September 22, 2022
9:39 AM – 11:17 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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Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

1) **Call to Order**

Chair Williams called the meeting to order at 9:39AM and noted that at this time the Committee did not have quorum. She asked that the Committee proceed with the informational items on the agenda, beginning with what had been agenda item 5, Presentation of draft analysis related to OCOH Needs Assessment.

Secretary Hom called the roll at 9:58AM

Roll Call:

Member Catalano: Present
Member Cunningham-Denning: Joined Late
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Present

Member Friedenbach: Present
Member Leadbetter: Present
Member Miller: Absent
Member Reggio: Absent
Chair Williams: Present

Quorum confirmed.

5) *Presentation of draft analysis related to OCOH Needs Assessment, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.*

Jessica Shimmin, OCOH Policy Analyst in the Controller's Office, shared the ongoing development and refinement of the Needs Assessment with the Committee. The presentation focused on incorporating the 2022 Point in Time Count data, updating the annual estimate of households experiencing literal homelessness, and expanding data about the number (and demographics) of people fleeing domestic violence and families living in doubled up or SRO units. [The presentation slides are available here.](#)

Member Friedenbach said that counting the number of households makes families look like a smaller proportion of the population overall because families have multiple people in the household. Member Catalano said suggested using the same chart style used to illustrate the breakdown of households to show individual people. Ms. Shimmin said she would add a slide that reflects the number of people as well as households.

Member Catalano asked about the slide that divides the estimated 20,000 people estimated to experience homelessness in a year into point in time and inflow. Ms. Shimmin (Controller's Office) said that it uses the Point in Time Count as a constant to impute inflow over the course of a year. Ms. Shimmin also noted that the rate of inflow is quite high.

Member Friedenbach said that showing households makes family homelessness look like a smaller problem than it is. Ms. Shimmin suggested at 1,700 households is a very high—and deeply concerning—number of families experiencing homelessness. Member Friedenbach agreed and said that she thinks family homelessness is often set aside in policy conversations, missing the opportunity to address long term and intergenerational impacts of homelessness on children.

Jessica Shimmin (Controller's Office) invited Committee Members to consider and comment on the relationship between racial disparities in the homeless population and structural barriers people of color experience to remaining stably housed and obtaining permanent housing. She asked how solutions to homelessness might change if those structural barriers were centered?

Jessica Shimmin invited briefings to Committee Members who are interested in the Needs Assessment.

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

Wesley Saver, Senior Policy Manager for Glide, made a public comment. He asked the Committee to address public reporting on the OCOH fund at the next meeting. He said clear public reporting is integral to demonstrating the tangible progress made through OCOH investments.

3) Action Item:
Approval, with possible modification, of the meeting minutes from August 25, 2022.

Chair Williams requested a motion to approve the minutes of August 25, 2022. Member Friedenbach moved to approve the minutes. Member Catalano seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2022, meeting passed.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

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

[Full text of the Resolution can be found here.](#)

Chair Williams summarized the findings that require continued teleconferenced meetings.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Chair Williams requested a vote to approve the resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Resolution was approved.

6) Discussion/Possible Action

Presentation from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (HSH) on Homeless Response System Modeling and Strategic Planning processes, with discussion and possible action by the Committee.

Deputy Director Cynthia Nagendra, Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, gave a presentation about the Homeless Response System Strategic Planning Process and Phases using [slides located here](#).

Ms. Nagendra said the goal is to develop a comprehensive, city-wide strategic plan that centers racial and economic equity.

Tracy Bennett, Director of Analytics and Evaluation at Focus Strategy, continued the presentation [using the same slide deck](#). Her presentation described the quantitative modeling component of the strategic planning process. She said her team is incorporating the same data in the modeling as is being used in the OCOH Needs Assessment. This alignment strengthens both efforts. The modeling will help show the impact of investments on the state of homelessness in San Francisco, toward identifying a balanced and effective long-term plan.

Member Friedenbach thanked the presenters. She asked how behavioral health will be accounted for in the model. She said DPH operates some long term and transitional housing programs. Ms. Bennett said that they will bring the baseline model back to the Committee and Community for input.

Member Friedenbach asked whether the strategic planning and modeling will account for all four categories of homelessness, particularly people who are couch surfing or doubled up? Ms. Bennett said Focus Strategies will begin with available data, most of which is through HSH sources. Member Friedenbach suggested using San Francisco Unified School District data to estimate the number of doubled up families. She said that doubled up and homeless households often have worse living situations than families in shelter, so she wants to include them in the planning.

Deputy Director Nagendra (HSH) said that modeling is one part of the strategic planning process, but not the only or most important part of the process. There will be further opportunities to represent and account for families in SROs and doubled up living situations.

Member Catalano asked about the model's focus on the unsheltered population: is this the starting point, or if not, then what is the thinking behind limiting the model in this way? Member Catalano asked how dynamic the model will be related to racial and ethnic disparities in the population, as well as speaking to the performance of programs across interventions? Ms. Bennett said that the model starts with unsheltered homelessness because this segment of the population is most vulnerable. Deputy Director Nagendra (HSH) said the model will support planning toward the most effective deployment of resources. Ms. Bennett added that the model will allow the community to test the impact of various investments in shelter to test the impact of those investments on unsheltered homelessness.

Deputy Director Nagendra (HSH) resumed the [presentation at slide 11](#), describing the community engagement and stakeholder input process.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Officer Leadbetter asked how the modeling helps the OCOH Oversight Committee understand the approach to homelessness prevention and behavioral health? Deputy Director Nagendra (HSH)

said that she and her team are working closely with leadership at DPH and the San Francisco Health Plan to plan a coordinated and integrated systemic approach to homelessness across funding sources. Member Leadbetter said she is interested applying the learnings from that collaboration to the OCOH Fund investment plan. Deputy Director Nagendra noted that the OCOH Data working group is developing performance metrics. Member Leadbetter affirmed the goal of developing a city-wide plan that includes people with personal experiences of homelessness.

Chair Williams thanked the presenters.

7) Discussion/Possible Action

Discussion of OCOH Oversight Committee Liaison Structure and Work Plan with possible action by the Committee.

Jessica Shimmin, OCOH Policy Analyst in the Controller's Office, provided a summary of the Committee's current Community Liaison structure, [available here](#). This document will explain and contextualize the role and function of Community Liaisons for new Committee members as well as the public. Ms. Shimmin asked Committee Members for revisions to the summary document.

Officer Leadbetter suggested including language about the role of the Committee from the legislative text to frame the Community Liaison role and function.

Vice Chair D'Antonio said that she doesn't have capacity to be in the role she is in. She is willing to continue for the time being, and she suggested combining the Community Impact and Accountability Liaison Role with the Data Officer role.

Member Friedenbach liked the proposal to combine the Community Impact role with the Data Officer role, as they go hand-in-hand. She said the question would be the Data Officer's capacity.

Chair Williams suggested collecting this input now and workshopping the ideas later.

Data Officer Leadbetter said that she likes the idea of combining data and impact into the Data Officer role. She acknowledged that she does not have a direct lived experience of homelessness.

Ms. Shimmin (Controller's Office) shared an [update on progress on the work plan](#).

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

8) Discussion/Possible Action

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

Vice Chair D'Antonio proposed discussing more digestible content for the community to engage the impacts of the OCOH Fund.

There were no public comments on this item.

9) ***Adjourn***

Chair Williams requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Officer Leadbetter moved to adjourn and Member Friedenbach seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Catalano: Yes

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:17AM.

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