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MEMORANDUM

TO: Madam Mayor London Breed
Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Radhika Mehlotra, Homelessness Policy Specialist, City Performance
On behalf of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

CC: Greg Wagner, Controller
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Health Commission, care of Mark Morewitz, Commission Secretary
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DATE: May 1, 2024

SUBJECT: OCOH Oversight Committee Actions at Regular April Meeting

On April 25, 2024, the Our City, Our Home (OCOH) Oversight Committee (the Committee) hosted its regular meeting, which included the following action items:

- I. Budget Recommendations to the Mayor, Board of Supervisors, Health Commission, and Homelessness Oversight Commission for Fiscal Years 2024-2025 and 2025-26 (FY25 and FY26)
- II. Recall of the Committee's February 8, 2024, approval of recommendations specifying uses for the unallocated Youth Housing funds due to a member's conflict of interest, and subsequent recusal from the matter
- III. Re-approval of recommendations specifying uses for unallocated Youth Housing funds with 4 members present and voting

The details of these actions are discussed in the remainder of this memo.

- I. The Committee made the following budget recommendations for FY25 and FY26:
 - **Adult Permanent Housing Recommendation:** The Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors fully fund the Adult/General Permanent Housing services listed below at the levels reflected in the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's

(HSH) budget proposal for both FY25 and FY26,¹ including finding additional sources of revenue to address projected FY26 shortfalls in the OCOH Fund for Adult/General Permanent Housing that may impact these programs:

- PSH Acquisition
- PSH Operations
- Medium Term Housing Subsidies
- Emergency Housing Vouchers
- Bayview Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool
- Adult and Senior Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool
- PSH Equity Services
- PSH Rent Money Management (Rep Payee)
- Shallow Subsidies
- PSH Capital Upgrades
- HSH Allocated Costs

Due to procedural conflicts, the Committee was unable to make a formal recommendation regarding Women's Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool.

- **Youth Permanent Housing Recommendation:** Due to procedural conflicts, the Committee was unable to make a formal recommendation regarding the Youth Housing service area.
- **Family Permanent Housing Recommendation #1:** The Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors fully fund all Family Permanent Housing programs at the levels reflected in HSH's budget proposal for both FY25 and FY26.
- **Family Permanent Housing Recommendation #2:** The Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors identify alternative sources of funding outside of the OCOH Fund to allocate \$5 million ongoing for 5-year rapid rehousing subsidies for 40 families.
- **Homelessness Prevention Recommendation:** The Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to fully fund the Prevention and Problem-Solving services listed below at the levels reflected in HSH's budget proposal for both FY25 and FY26:
 - Homelessness Prevention & Financial Services
 - PSH Shallow Subsidies
 - Eviction Prevention
 - Problem Solving – Adults, Vets, Justice Involved
 - Problem Solving Families
 - PSH Mental Health Services – DPH
 - HSH Allocated Costs

¹ HSH provided its budget proposal at the March 28, 2024 meeting. Find information about this proposal on the Committee's website, here: https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/OCOH%20Committee%20Presentation_FY24-26%20Budget%20Cycle_3.28.24.pdf

Due to procedural conflicts, the Committee was unable to make a formal recommendation regarding TAY Problem-Solving and Prevention Assistance for Latine Youth.

- **Shelter and Hygiene Recommendation:** The Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors fully fund the Shelter services listed below at the levels reflected in HSH's budget proposal for both FY25 and FY26:
 - Navigation Services for Justice-involved Adults
 - Domestic Violence Survivors – Hotel Vouchers
 - Families/Pregnant People – Hotel Vouchers
 - Vehicle Triage Center
 - Family Shelter
 - Cabin Shelter Program
 - District 10 Shelter Program
 - HSH Allocated Costs

Due to procedural conflicts, the Committee was unable to make a formal recommendation regarding Navigation Centers and TAY – Hotel Vouchers.

- **Mental Health Recommendation:** The Committee recommends the Mayor and Board of Supervisors fully fund the Mental Health services listed below at the levels reflected in the Department of Public Health's (DPH) budget proposal for both FY25 and FY26²:
 - Assertive Outreach Services
 - Overdose Prevention and Substance Use Treatment Services
 - DPH Allocated Costs
 - SoMa Rise
 - Locked subacute treatment
 - Psychiatric skilled nursing facilities
 - Residential care facilities (board & care)
 - Stabilization Unit
 - Managed Alcohol Program
 - Residential step-down
 - Co-op housing
 - Minna Project (justice-involved transitional residential care)
 - HER House Expansion (transitional residential care for women)
 - Office of Coordinated Care
 - Shelter Behavioral Health
 - Permanent Housing Advanced Clinical Services (PHACS)
 - Expanded adult/older adult case management programs
 - Mental Health Service Center
 - Targeted transgender mental health services

² DPH provided its budget proposal at the March 28, 2024 meeting. Find information about this proposal on the Committee's website, here: <https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-03/DPH%20OCOH%20budget%20presentation%202024.03.28.pdf>

Due to procedural conflicts, the Committee was unable to make a formal recommendation regarding TAY Residential Treatment Beds, Expanded TAY case management programs, and Targeted TAY mental health services.

The Committee approved these budget recommendations unanimously by the five members present: Chair Williams, Vice Chair D'Antonio, Member Walton, Member Friedenbach, and Member Preston.

- II. On February 8, 2024, the Committee hosted a special meeting, which included the [approval of recommendations specifying uses for the unallocated Youth Housing funds](#). Since then, the Committee learned about a member's conflict of interest that deemed the vote invalid. Subsequently, at the April 25, 2024, regular meeting, the Committee voted unanimously to rescind the February 8, 2024, approval and took action to recuse the member with the conflict of interest.

The recall and the recusal votes were approved unanimously by the five members present: Chair Williams, Vice Chair D'Antonio, Member Walton, Member Friedenbach, and Member Preston.

- III. At the April 25, 2024, regular meeting, due to the newly adopted amendment to the bylaws, the Committee was able to re-vote on the recommendations specifying uses for unallocated Youth Housing funds.³

Recommendations:

- The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$8.5 million in one-time Youth Housing funds for small site acquisition to support nonprofit ownership of Permanent Supportive Housing for youth outside of the Tenderloin neighborhood.
- The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$1.47 million in ongoing Youth Housing funds to provide support services for the new Permanent Supportive Housing sites purchased through the small site acquisition.
- The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$8 million in one-time Youth Housing funds to support rapid rehousing of youth that are leaving transitional housing.
- The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$2.7 million in one-time Youth Housing funds to support rapid rehousing of youth impacted by violence.
- The OCOH Oversight Committee recommends that the City allocate \$3.7 million in ongoing Youth Housing funds to provide rental assistance and supportive services for youth exiting Permanent Supportive Housing.

³ At the April 25, 2024, regular meeting, the Committee took action to amend the OCOH bylaws and change the number of members constituting a majority from five to four when the Committee has three or more vacancies. The City's charter generally requires that decision-making bodies act by a majority vote of all members (number of total seats). Advisory bodies like the OCOH Oversight Committee are not required to comply with this rule. However, for consistency with the practices of other City policy bodies, they generally also adhere to the majority vote requirement. During the April 25, 2024 meeting, the Committee voted to change the OCOH Oversight Committee's voting procedures through an amendment to its bylaws. The bylaws now permit that, when OCOH has three or more unfilled seats, an affirmative vote of at least four members is sufficient to take action. The change was adopted with a "yes" vote by the five members present: Chair Williams, Vice Chair D'Antonio, Member Walton, Member Friedenbach, and Member Preston.

The recommendations were adopted with a “yes” vote by the four members present: Chair Williams, Member Walton, Member Friedenbach, and Member Preston.

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