

MHSF IWG Meeting, January 26, 2021

Support documentation for Discussion Item #4: MHSF IWG Chair/Vice Chair Interest Statement

During the January 26 IWG meeting, we will select a Chair and Vice Chair. To prepare for this decision, we requested IWG members to submit a brief 2-3 sentence interest statement. The facilitation team collected these statements and summarized them here for the IWG's consideration. The decision will be based on a simple majority vote.

Reminder of Chair/Vice Chair orientation and responsibilities (from planning framework)

To support this process, a chair and a vice-chair will be selected by the IWG, one from the Board and one from the Mayoral appointments. The chair and vice-chair should have the following orientations:

- A holistic view of the system (not one particular interest area)
- Ability to find system transformation opportunities within given parameters
- Willingness to connect and leverage the efforts of other related committees and groups
- Ability to work collaboratively with the facilitators, DPH, and Controller staff
- Commitment to be guided by evidence and data
- Support the facilitators in ensuring meetings are inclusive, respectful, and collaborative

Specific chair and vice-chair responsibilities are presented [below].

Chair responsibilities	Vice-Chair responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preside at all meetings of the IWG• Work with the IWG Staff Team to oversee the preparation of the agenda for all IWG meetings• Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the IWG• Unless the IWG assigns a different member, the Chair (or the Chair's designee) shall serve as the IWG's spokesperson and liaison to the media and City departments, agencies and commissions, as necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Perform the duties and responsibilities that may be delegated by the Chair• In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will perform the duties of the Chair as described here

Two IWG members submitted interest statements for this role.

Dr Monique LeSarre (BOS appointed)

I have spent the past two decades working in a variety of settings and bring a unique lifetime perspective to looking at the MHSF work. I have been a provider of mental health and substance abuse service services and have worked and volunteered in state and local jails and prisons, as well as worked in residential and transitional housing services both in direct care and in administration, as well as being a consumer of mental health services and a family member of consumers of inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance services, and a family member of incarcerated people. I have professional and personal experience with all aspects of the field as well as a vested interest in creating, supporting and providing oversight to create a system that truly is holistic and transformative for our SF communities. Racial equity, health and wellness are all part of my daily work and I am one hundred percent committed to work collaboratively with the facilitators, DPH and the Controller staff to ensure a respectful, collaborative and inclusive process, and to be guided by evidence and data (both quantitative

and qualitative) presented and shared with the IWG, and to fully leverage to the best of my ability the other committees and groups working on this effort.

Jameel Patterson (Mayor appointed)

I think I would be unique for Chair or Vice Chair of Mental Health SF Implementation Working because I see multiple sides to the issues. I feel we need new and innovative ways to address mental health as well as utilizing the research and trained methods as a guide. I have worked with mentally challenged people for over 10 years as a peer counselor of the homeless. I deal with mentally challenged people on a day to day basis. I have suffered from mental health as well. The issues which matter the most are being open to utilizing aspects from the various cultures of Sf . I would like hear from people who have been mentally broken and came back from it. I ask that we be transparent , democratic and inclusive.