

Mental Health SF Implementation Working Group Meeting Approved Minutes

February 23, 2020 | 9:30 – 12:00 PM

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 Mental Health San Francisco Implementation Working Group will convene remotely until the it is legally authorized to meet in person.

Note: The agenda, meeting materials, and video recording will be posted at the Mental Health SF Implementation Working Group website:

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/mentalhlth/Implementation.asp>

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM.

Committee Members Present: Dr. Scott Arai, Psy. D., Shon Buford, Kara Chien, J.D., Dr. Vitka Eisen, M.S.W., Ed.D, Steve Fields, M.P.A., Dr. Ana Gonzalez, D.O., Dr. Hali Hammer, M.D., Philip Jones, Dr. Monique LeSarre, Psy. D., Jameel Patterson, Andrea Salinas, L.M.F.T., Sara Shortt, M.S.W., Amy Wong.

Committee Members Absent: None.

2. Welcome and Review of Agenda

Dr. Monique LeSarre, IWG Chair, opened the meeting, welcoming the IWG members and the public to the meeting. Chair LeSarre reviewed the meeting goals and meeting agenda.

3. Discussion Item #1: Meeting Minutes

No comments or amendments from IWG members on the January 2021 meeting minutes.

4. Public Comment for Discussion Item #1

One public caller noted the incorrect public link to the meeting and their concern around accessibility.

5. Action on Discussion Item #1

Member Buford moved to approve the January 2021 meeting minutes; Member Shortt seconded the motion. Meeting minutes were approved by the IWG.

6. Discussion Item #2: Bylaws and Conflict of Interests Policy

Deputy City Attorney Jon Givner presented the Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Policy, both posted to this meeting on the IWG website

<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/mentalhlth/Implementation.asp>. Key discussion points/clarifications related to the bylaws included:

- Media defaults to chair but, but anyone on the IWG can communicate with the media.
- Members do not need to run all communications through the chair.
- A member planning to be absent from a meeting can send comments, questions, etc. to the chair for discussion, but they cannot vote if absent.
- No more than 3 absences and then a member will removed and replaced.
- No more than 6 people can communicate outside of meetings.
- Chat communication is legal, but generally the IWG's discussions, including expressions of agreement, should take place in public view in the meeting. It is public record if used.

Individual IWG member questions related to conflict of interest should be communicated directly to Deputy City Attorney Jon Givner at jon.givner@sfcityatty.org.

7. Public Comment for Discussion Item #2

No public comment.

8. Action on Discussion Item #2

Member Fields moved to approve the Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Policy; Member Aisen seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and all members approved the Bylaws and Conflict of Interest Policy.

9. Discussion Item #3: Develop Final Recommendation Principles and Approve Framework

The IWG resumed reviewing a set of principles to apply to any recommendations developed for MHSF components. All recommendations will be reviewed against these principles to ensure that the recommendations are responsive to the ordinance and engender a racial equity lens. The facilitation team shared their screen of a worksheet to capture IWG considerations and then refine for a final principle. That worksheet is found in the meeting folder on the IWG website <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/mentalhlth/Implementation.asp>. The IWG reviewed three of the nine recommendations. The Chair recommended continuing this review and discussion at the March meeting to allow more time to discuss the Street Crisis Response Team.

10. Public Comment for Discussion Item #3

No public comment.

11. Action on Discussion Item #3

No formal vote conducted to approve.

12. Discussion Item #4: Presentation and discussion of MHSF component Crisis Response Street Team

Dr. Angelica Almeida, Director, Forensic/Justice involved Behavioral health Services, DPH presented on the topic of the Street Team Crisis Response. The issue brief overviewing the pilot project and background data as well as the PowerPoint presented is found on the IWG website <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/mentalhlth/Implementation.asp>. Member Wong asked about staffing in general and the behavioral health clinician in particular. Dr. Almeida confirmed that the street team is staffed with a balance of non-profit and city employees. Member Jones noted the importance of diverse staff and education about working with diverse populations (trans, LGBTQI, ethnicities). Staffing must go beyond people who are trained to interact

with specific populations to including those who are from those populations. Dr. Almeida concurred and acknowledged some population's distrust of the public system, particularly communities of color. She noted how critical it is for DPH to partner with trusted community leaders for outreach and to raise awareness of how to access the team. Member Patterson asked how the community can be involved with hiring and ensuring diverse staff. Dr Almeida noted that the hiring announcement is out, it can be found [here for peers](#), [here for clinical supervisors](#), and [here for clinicians](#). IWG members agreed to circulate the announcement to their networks. The IWG raised the issue of how DPH will address recidivism. The group will pick up this conversation at the March meeting.

13. Public Comment for Discussion Item #4

- Caller 1: Will 5150 be enforced? Will a 1-800 number be added rather than calling 911?
- Caller 2: The County should ensure they have workers with lived experience – need to structure essential workforce needs, to be consistent and present.
- Caller 3: Applaud city for Street Crisis team and recommend that expand the program into homes, SROs, businesses, etc.

14. Discussion Item #5: Next Steps

The Chair reviewed agenda/anticipated topics and to-dos for next meeting as well as housekeeping items (review of website, next meeting date/time).

15. Discussion Item #6: Public Comment on any matters within the Working Group's jurisdiction not on the agenda

- Caller recommended the use of non-stigmatizing language in the recommendation principles (ex: substance use or substance use disorder instead of substance abuse).

16. Adjourn

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 9:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM