

SAN FRANCISCO

Housing Conservatorship Working Group

MEETING 5 • April 13, 2020 • 1:00-2:30PM • Webex Platform





AGENDA

- Welcome & Agenda Review
- Implementation Update
- Evaluation Update
- Public Comment
- Closing & Next Steps



Workgroup Duties

Established by BOS Ordinance 108-19

Purpose

- Conduct evaluation on effectiveness of Housing Conservatorship implementation, and submit reports to the BOS, Mayor, and State Legislature, as required
 - Preliminary report to BOS and Mayor by January 21, 2020
 - Annual reports to BOS, Mayor, & State beginning January 1, 2021



Implementation Update



Evaluation Update

Workgroup Consideration One

- Limitations around data collection on WIC §5150 holds from *all* local hospitals and emergency departments in San Francisco limits the Working Group's ability to determine effectiveness of the Housing Conservatorship pilot.
 - **Next steps:** SFDPH is working with the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California to establish working relationships to gather these data from individual hospitals, and will also conduct outreach to the Department of Justice and San Francisco Mental Health Clients' Rights Advocates to discuss available data and its limitations.

Workgroup Consideration Two

- In order to fully respond to the evaluation requirement that calls for explaining why a peace officer was the most appropriate person to execute a WIC §5150 hold, further data should be extracted from existing police records, including information on whether the hold was initiated in collaboration with other professionals (e.g., clinician, case manager, etc.). It is the understanding of Working Group members that peace officers can be called by clinicians to assist with WIC §5150 holds to detain an individual for transport.
 - **Next steps:** SFDPH is working with SFPD to identify if a sample of incident reports can be reviewed in greater detail to provide qualitative information to the Working Group. These discussions are also part of larger efforts through Mental Health SF to identify needs and alternatives to peace officer involvement in behavioral health crises.

Workgroup Consideration Three

- Working Group members have a desire to better understand the process by which individuals served by the Housing Conservatorship pilot will be offered voluntary services and housing at initial engagement. Specifically, Working Group members have expressed interest in what types of services and housing resources will be offered, availability of those services, and what that process will look like.
 - **Next steps:** Working Group members will receive regular updates on the experience of individuals served by the Housing Conservatorship, and these service experiences will be a focus of ongoing evaluation activities.

Workgroup Consideration Four

- Initial figures suggest a high rate of African Americans detained under WIC §5150 holds across San Francisco, when compared to the overall demographic characteristics of San Francisco. When this rate is examined within the larger context of a declining number of African Americans residing in San Francisco, the Working Group is concerned that a disproportionate number of African Americans could be conserved under the pilot program.
 - **Next steps:** The Working Group intends to make sure that the Housing Conservatorship pilot does not bring unintentional consequences or impacts for San Francisco's African American residents, and this topic will be a priority focus of ongoing and annual evaluation activities.

Workgroup Consideration Five

- The Working Group held its first meeting in November 2019, and some members have expressed a desire for more time to gather data (as outlined above), meet, discuss, and evaluate findings before submitting a preliminary report.
 - **Next steps:** The Working Group added an additional meeting to review the report prior to submission. While data will not be comprehensive, the goal is to provide a preliminary report and move towards obtaining more comprehensive and complete data for future reports.

Workgroup Meetings

- August- Review Data from FY 19/20 for report
- December- Review Report
- January- Submit report to BoS, Mayor, Legislature



PUBLIC COMMENT



Closing and Next Steps

Upcoming Working Group Meetings:

Dates: Monday August 17, 2020

Monday December 14, 2020

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

Meetings will be held at 25 Van Ness, Room 610



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