

Housing Conservatorship Working Group: Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 19, 2021 @ 1:00pm-2:30pm

Virtual Meeting

In virtual attendance:

Chair	Angelica Almeida, Ph.D. (SFDPH)
Workgroup Members	Kelly Dearman (Seat 1), Jessica Lehman (Seat 2), Jennifer Esteen (Seat 4), Rachel Rodriguez (Seat 5), Dr. Mark Leary (Seat 7), Jose Orbeta (Seat 9), Jill Nielsen (Seat 10), Sgt. Kelly Kruger (Seat 12)
Evaluation Team	Amy Ramos, Ph.D. (Harder+Company Community Research), Tsuyoshi Onda (Harder+Company Community Research)

Welcome, Agenda Review, and Introductions

Angelica Almeida, Ph.D. welcomed the workgroup and members of the public in attendance, and provided an overview of the agenda. Dr. Almeida introduced the new member to the evaluation team, Dr. Amy Ramos of Harder+Company Community Research, and all present workgroup members were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and their affiliation. Dr. Almeida also provided an overview of the purpose of the Working Group.

Implementation Update

Dr. Almeida shared that the two annual reports were submitted to the State as well as to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's Office in January. In addition, Dr. Almeida updated the working group on the implementation of the Housing Conservatorship program, notably that one petition was submitted with the court and conservatorship granted. Dr. Almeida provided an overview of some of the implementation challenges including:

- The COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on a functioning system, e.g., difficulties with locating individuals.
- The Notification requirements and the challenges associated with maintaining those during the pandemic.
- The eligibility criteria impacts how many individuals can be served under the program. There may be some contested cases in the future which may present some challenges

Working group members asked whether the notice of housing support was updated and made clear in the notification requirement. Dr. Almeida responded that the updated text was circulated to the working group earlier this year, but that she would send them out again. Another working group member asked whether there had been any hearing at the State level, and they were informed that SFPDH had not yet received a response from them.

Agenda Planning

Dr. Almeida shared with the working group a schedule of the upcoming working group meetings as well as the overall topic to be discussed at each meeting:

- Monday August 16, 2021: Review of data for report due to State Legislature in January 2022
- Monday October 18, 2021: Review of data for report due to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's office in January 2022
- November 15, 2021: Review of additional data and State report
- December 13, 2021: Review of BoS/Mayor report

Evaluation Updates

The Working Group asked if the evaluation for the annual reports would include an analysis of how the new mental health crisis teams, the Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) pilot program, would relate to 5150 calls and what their impact is. Dr. Almeida responded that we be able to obtain data on the number of calls the SCRT receives and how many WIC §5150 holds were initiated by the SCRT. In addition, these data can be compared and analyzed alongside the 5150 data received from SFPD, from incidence report data that the Working Group will continue to look at similar to the previous year. The Working Group also reiterated that they wanted the evaluation to focus on the impact on San Francisco's African American residents and that calling attention to this impact was important. Sgt. Kruger added that this would likely be her last meeting as a Working Group member since she would be retiring.

Public Comment

One individual provided public comment to request that the Working Group focuses on collecting narrative and qualitative information as part of the evaluations and not just quantitative information. They added that they would suggest recorded interviews with subjects or video interviews which could capture richer detail of personal experiences. Dr. Ramos responded that the Working Group is interested in a person-centered process and that the evaluation team values a mixed methods approach that humanizes the stories of the individuals impacted.

Closing and Next Steps

Dr. Almeida closed the meeting by reminded the Working Group of the meeting schedule for the rest of 2021:

- August 16, 2021
- October 18, 2021
- November 15, 2021
- December 13, 2021

All meetings will be held from 1:00-2:30pm and meeting location will be determined based on the most current health recommendations.