



San Francisco Department of Public Health

Housing Conservatorship Working Group: Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 13, 2021 @ 1:00pm-2:30pm
Virtual Meeting

In virtual attendance:

Chair	Angelica Almeida, Ph.D. (SFDPH)
Workgroup Members	Jennifer Esteen (Seat 4), Rachel Rodriguez (Seat 5), Sara Shortt (Seat 6) Dr. Mark Leary (Seat 7), Marlo Simmons (Seat 8), Jose Orbeta (Seat 9), Jill Nielsen (Seat 10), Megan Owens (Seat 11)
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 Working Group and members of the public in attendance, provided an overview of the agenda, and reminded the Working Group of their duties and the purpose of the group.

Implementation Update

Dr. Almeida mentioned that there were no new implementation updates since the last time the Working group met in November.

Data Review

Tsuyoshi Onda provided an overview of additional data that Working group members had requested in their feedback to the drafts of the annual evaluation reports, including detail on the comparison of racial and ethnic groups represented in different services, such as among those with eight or more WIC §5150 holds in Fiscal Year 2020-21 and among the overall San Francisco population. Mr. Onda also shared data on the number of individuals with WIC §5150 holds over the last three fiscal years, as well as additional data on the types of services and supports that were offered to the individuals with eight or more WIC §5150 holds this past year. Working group members reflected on these data:

Working group members reiterated their concern at the overrepresentation of Black and African American residents in the number of people with WIC §5150 holds, especially among those with eight or more holds. Working group member also noted that while the overall number of WIC §5150 holds seemed to be decreasing over time, that the proportion of Black and African American residents seemed to stay consistently high. Members requested that the annual evaluation report include the raw numbers of individuals that make up the percentages, to better illustrate what the data show.

Local Report

Dr. Almeida invited the working group members to provide feedback and suggestions for edits to the draft of the local annual report due to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's office, specifically to the *Looking Ahead* section which includes a description of working group considerations and priorities for the next year of the evaluation:

- Dr. Almeida noted that outreach to the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California was ongoing with an update to how progress on those meetings.
- Working group members asked for further detail on the types of calls the Street Crisis Response Team (SCRT) was responding to and whether there was any additional data to pull in, in order to get a better understanding of the alternatives to peace officer involvement that are being offered in

San Francisco. Dr. Almeida mentioned that the numbers related to the SCRT included in the draft would be updated as well.

- Working group members also requested additional language to describe the process by which individuals served by the Housing Conservatorship pilot were being offered voluntary services and housing at initial engagement.
- Several members of the working group also voiced their desire for stronger and more concrete language around the disproportionate number of Black and African American residents of San Francisco among those with WIC §5150 holds and among the PES population. Working group members suggested edits to the report to describe that they were not only concerned about the disproportionate impact, but that the data already show the impact. Members asked to see revisions to reflect their understanding that the issue speaks to the broader issue of why WIC §5150 holds are happening disparately in different communities. Further, member asked the report to include their considerations of how their examination of alternatives to peace officer involvement may mitigate the disproportionate impact and how systems-wide changes would need to occur in order to adequately address this issue.
- Dr. Almeida requested working group members to send suggested edits, in particular edits to reflect working group members priorities on the impact on Black and African American residents, by end of week.

Working group members also asked for clarification on evaluation requirements 1 through 3, and a request for additional language to explain the status of people who are on the pathway to conservatorship and what supports are being provided and offered. Members also expressed interest in discussing the longer-term recommendations of the pilot in future meetings. Finally, one working group member shared that the LPS Conservatorship hearing was happening at the state on December 14th and invite members to virtually attend.

Public Comment

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

Closing and Next Steps

Dr. Almeida closed the meeting by reminded the Working group of the meeting scheduled for 2022 as well as an outline of the focus of the agendas for each of those meetings next year. All meetings will be held from 1:00-2:30pm and meeting location will be determined based on the most current health recommendations.

One Working group member asked if anyone from city attorney's office would be able to join one of the meetings next year, to hear their perspective on how the program has been going thus far. Dr. Almeida responded that it may be possible, but a concrete agenda or set of questions should be determined if the Working group were to proceed with that idea.