Housing Conservatorship Working Group: Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 17, 2020 @ 1:00pm-2:30pm
Virtual Meeting

In virtual attendance:

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<th>Chair</th>
<th>Angelica Almeida, PhD. (SFDPH)</th>
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<td>Workgroup Members</td>
<td>Jessica Lehman (Seat 2), Simon Pang (Seat 3), Jennifer Esteen (Seat 4), Rachel Rodriguez (Seat 5), Sara Shortt, (Seat 6), Dr. Mary Leary (Seat 7), Marlo Simmons (Seat 8), Jose Orbeta (Seat 9), Jill Nielsen (Seat 10), Sgt. Kelly Kruger (Seat 12)</td>
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<td>Evaluation Team</td>
<td>Tsuyoshi Onda (Harder+Company Community Research)</td>
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Welcome and Agenda Review

Dr. Angelica Almeida, PhD provided an overview of the purpose of the workgroup, and a reminder that Housing Conservatorship evaluation reporting is due to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, the Mayor’s office, and the State Legislature in January 2021.

Implementation Update

Dr. Almeida outlined the continued collaboration occurring across Housing Conservatorship partners, including active engagement and outreach for individuals likely to be conserved. She also noted that the forms needed to file petitions for conservatorship were finalized with the city court. While there has been ongoing notice for individuals with 5 or more WIC §5150 holds in the previous 12 months, no petitions have been processed by the court and thus no one has been conserved yet.

Evaluation Update

Tsuyoshi Onda from Harder+Company provided an update on the evaluation requirements laid out in the SF Administrative Code. The presentation included an update on the estimated number of WIC §5150 holds that occurred in San Francisco during Fiscal Year 2019-2020. The estimate was based on data from two sources: the SFDPH Coordinated Care Management System (CCMS) and SFPD’s internal digital records. After presenting the data, Mr. Onda noted important data limitations and workarounds, most notably the significant number of duplicate individuals included in both counts and the lack of data from all sources in the City. Data on additional aggregated WIC §5150 counts was also presented from local hospitals, including California Pacific Medical Center, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, St. Mary’s Medical Center, and UCSF. These counts were shared as a result of extensive outreach over the last year, beginning with coordination with the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California.

Mr. Onda then outlined a preliminary analysis plan for exploring the appropriateness of officer involvement in 5150 detentions, as listed in the Housing Conservatorship pilot’s evaluation requirements. The analysis will utilize 147 randomly selected case reports from incidents resulting in an officer-involved WIC §5150 hold in the previous fiscal year. The sampling frame was determined based on available resources, and with the goal of achieving a representative sample of incident reports from across the year and City.

The analysis plan also covered the different types of information that would be possible to obtain through the incident reports, including demographic characteristics of the detained individual and the location and circumstances of the incident. In addition, because the incident reports include a narrative description of the
officer’s first-hand experience, qualitative data captured in the narrative (e.g. who called the police, did the incident involve harm to the detained and/or others, etc.) will be captured. The Working Group expressed interest in seeing the results of the analysis, with particular emphasis on what information could be obtained from the officer narrative reports to help identify why the officer was called in the first place.

Public Comments

There were no public comments made at this meeting.

Closing and Next Steps

The next meeting of the Housing Conservatorship Working group is scheduled for Monday, October 26th, 1:00-2:30 pm at 25 Van Ness, Room 610. If an in-person gathering is not possible, the meeting will once again be held virtually.