



# San Francisco Department of Public Health

## Housing Conservatorship Working Group: Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 26, 2020 @ 1:00pm-2:30pm  
Virtual Meeting

In virtual attendance:

<b>Chair</b>	Angelica Almeida, PhD. (SFDPH)
<b>Workgroup Members</b>	Kelly Dearman (Seat 1), 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), Jose Orbeta (Seat 9), Jill Nielsen (Seat 10), Dedria Black (Seat 11), Sgt. Kelly Kruger (Seat 12)
<b>Evaluation Team</b>	Rami Arafah (Harder+Company Community Research), Tsuyoshi Onda (Harder+Company Community Research)

### 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. The Working Group also welcomed Dedria Black (Seat 11), who has replaced Dara Papo as a standing member.

### Implementation Update

Dr. Almeida outlined the continued collaboration occurring across Housing Conservatorship partners, including active engagement and outreach for individuals likely to be conserved. 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.

### Data Review

Dr. Almeida opened the data review by presenting a summary of those individuals seen at PES with 4 or more 5150s in FY 19/20 including demographic characteristics, use of urgent and emergent services, linkages to care, jail contacts, and housing status.

Dr. Rami Arafah and Yoshi Onda followed with an update from the Housing Conservatorship evaluation. The team presented findings from an in-depth analysis meant to partially address evaluation requirements related to the appropriateness of officer involvement in 5150 holds and detentions. The analysis utilized a random sample of 147 incident reports received from SFPD, for cases which resulted in an officer-involved WIC §5150 hold. After discussing the parameters of the random sample and cross-walking key learning questions with available data, the evaluation team presented findings on the location of incidents, types of reporters, instances of harm during incidents, and weapons involvement, among other insights.

After the presentation of findings, the Working Group asked a number of follow up questions and made suggestions for further analysis. Specifically, members inquired about the following:

- The proportion of incidents that resulted from calls made to emergency services for suicide attempts.
- The relationship between the types of threats and harm reported in the findings, to the officers’ official reasons for conducting the WIC §5150 detentions.

Working Group members were particularly interested in seeing all of the findings broken down by the type of

5150, in order to more accurately assess the appropriateness of officer involvement. Members requested that this data be sent to them with enough time to process and reflect, and also requested more information on the Street Crisis Response Team pilot launching in December 2020.

The Working Group agreed to an additional meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020 to review the additional SFPD data analysis and hear a presentation on the Street Crisis Response Team.

### **Housing Update**

Megan Owens, from the SF Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, then presented on the department's coordinated entry process. The presentation included an overview of the housing assessment and referral process, coordinated entry clinical review, and how it relates to the Housing Conservatorship program. The Working Group discussed their interpretations of SB 40 and the SF Administrative Code, specifically around the extent to which housing placement is guaranteed for conserved individuals.

### **Public Comment**

One individual from the public asked why nobody has yet been conserved under the Housing Conservatorship pilot, if there are individuals with 8 or more 5150s in the last 12 months.

### **Closing and Next Steps**

The next meeting of the Housing Conservatorship Working group is scheduled for Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:00 pm, and it will be held virtually.