



San Francisco Department of Public Health

Housing Conservatorship Working Group: Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 16, 2021 @ 1:00pm-2:30pm
Virtual Meeting

In virtual attendance:

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| Chair | Angelica Almeida, Ph.D. (SFDPH) |
| Workgroup Members | Jessica Lehman (Seat 2), Simon Pang (Seat 3), Jennifer Esteen (Seat 4), Rachel Rodriguez (Seat 5), Sara Shortt (Seat 6) Dr. Mark Leary (Seat 7), Marlo Simmons (Seat 8) |
| Evaluation Team | Amy Ramos, Ph.D. (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 provided an overview of the purpose of the Working Group, and shared a reminder that the workgroup meeting in November would be focused on any additional data that the workgroup might want to include in final local report.

Implementation Update

Dr. Almeida shared an update on the Budget and Legislative Analyst (BLA) Office report. As part of the reporting out, Dr. Almeida shared that 127 people with 5 or more WIC §5150 holds were documented in Fiscal Year 2020-21. Specifically, at the end of Fiscal Year 2020-21: 3 passed away; 58 had holds expire and no longer meet criteria; 16 have been conserved under some sort of conservatorship; 68 have been linked to ongoing care; 56 have been assessed for housing.

Data Review

Dr. Almeida provided updated data on individuals with four or more WIC §5150 holds in Fiscal Year 2020-21, including a breakdown of those individuals with eight or more WIC §5150 holds and the number of individuals with linkages to other services and treatment such as ICM and LPS Conservatorship.

Evaluation Updates

Amy Ramos, Ph.D., a member of the evaluation team from Harder+Company Evaluation Research, provided an update on the evaluation requirements laid out in the SF Administrative Code. Dr. Ramos summarized updates on the number and status of the persons conserved under Housing Conservatorship. The presentation also included an update on the estimated number of WIC §5150 holds that occurred in San Francisco for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Dr. Ramos reminded the workgroup the goals of the evaluation include: efforts to better track and analyze 5150 holds, specifically for more complete and unduplicated counts, and exploring additional options for assessing appropriateness of peace officer involvement building off of previous analysis. Dr. Ramos also outlined an additional goal of the evaluation to include direct input from individuals conserved, to better understand their experience of the process and any recommendations they might have.

Dr. Ramos reiterated the plan for working group members to 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. Whenever possible, these experiences will be documented directly from individuals who are conserved using the evaluation methods highlighted in our report (i.e., client interviews, surveys, etc.). Finally, Dr. Ramos also shared that the evaluation wants to honor the working group's concerns about the impact of the program on SF's African American residents, making sure that the Housing Conservatorship pilot does not bring unintentional consequences or impacts for San Francisco's African American residents, we want to make this topic a priority focus of ongoing and annual evaluation activities.

Dr. Almeida outlined the current plan to have a first draft of the State Report that include these evaluation updates by the next workgroup meeting on October 18th, with the goal to have a complete first draft of the State report a few months ahead of the January 2022 due date so that Working Group can review and provide feedback with ample time. Dr. Almeida also shared that the workgroup would be reviewing data for the local report due to the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office at the October meeting, including the five required indicators from the SF Admin Code.

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 schedule for the rest of 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.