

Local Homeless Coordinating Board- Minutes February 3, 2020

Ralph Payton: Do we have a motion to approve the minutes?

I'll second her own favor. Any opposed?

Board approves modification of agenda to have Wonderbag presentation heard

Lela and I'm Chiara. Here to talk to about Wonderbag cooking. Wonder bags make cooking nutritious meals easier and more efficient and a useful tool for people experiencing homelessness in San Francisco.

We now want to bring wonder bags local for people cooking in communal kitchens where stove time is a precious resource. Wonder bags are a huge help. More people can get their meals cooked in a shorter amount of time. Reducing stress and encouraging people to cook more nutritious food for anyone who cooks, soups, stews, beans and grains.

Proposing running a pilot program in San Francisco. We have applied for a \$1,000 grant to launch this project and bring 35 wonder bags to people living in SROS. If we receive positive feedback from our 35 test recipients, we are committed to putting in the work to continue fundraising efforts for this cause.

Del Seymour: Thank you ladies both congratulate you and thank you so much. What you're doing this, this is our little shark tank, I guess here and city hall, juveniles shark tank.

Umecke Cannariato: I am the director of outreach and of outreach and temporary shelter for the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. I'm also the contract manager providing oversight for the vehicle triage center.

Vehicle triage center is the first of its kind, providing people that are experiencing vehicular homelessness in San Francisco, a safe place to park as well as wraparound services. District 11 community has been very supportive. There has been a community advisory group that has been meeting since July 2019 on a monthly basis and plans to continue the group through the end of the pilot and scheduled to end and fall.

The community working group is a configuration of city staff, D 11 office support and the urban alchemy site provider as well as other community members that live in the area. The vehicle encampment resolution team finished a two months of committed priority outreach

Currently we have 26 vehicles, 19 of which are RV campers and buses, 7 cars with a total of 39 people. Currently the site is full, and we have about eight people that are in the eight vehicles with nine people on the wait list.

The service providers are urban alchemy who provide 24, seven site monitoring and doing wellness checks if needed. Dignity on wheels is providing showers three times a week. SF hot is providing case management support and supervisory support and Street medicine is starting to do medical assessments on people residing in the center.

Current waitlist breakdown. It's based on supervisory district. The number of vehicles total is 26 and the number of people we have right now is 39.

Since 90 % of people come through, coordinated entry, we have about 90% of folks are housing referrals status and are waiting for their permanent supportive housing unit to come online. The other 10% or so are problem solving status.

Sophia Isom: Are there any plan to expand in numbers or identify other locations to provide more, opportunities for people living out of their vehicles?

Umecke Cannariato: This is the first pilot program of its kind. My personal hope is that we can expand through other parts of San Francisco. HSH is working closely with the department of real estate to identify other lots, VRT takes a lot of support to launch these programs like supervisor's office, the community, local community as well as identifying an actual lot that is available.

Kim Mai Cutler: When people come in, how long, are they coming in for a month-long commitment or a nightlong commitment?

Umecke Cannariato: It's a very flexible model currently, because the pilot's going to be ending this year and flexible with people's ability or desire to stay. Folks that are housing status ready can stay until their permanent supportive housing unit comes online and welcome to come into the navigation center. Most prefer the privacy of staying in their car vehicle. The problem-solving people working with them to support them around their car vehicle and working on that as well as linkages to primary medical care, psychiatric care and substance use services for everyone.

Kim Mai Cutler: Have you done surveys of how their experiences versus street parking?

Umecke Cannariato: Urban Alchemy hasn't conducted a satisfaction survey or surveyed in that way, but we can work on that.

Ralph Payton: 90% of people are right now are in the pipeline for permanent supportive housing. Are other options of subsidized housing being looked as well? Do we have a timeline for when those units will be ready?

Umecke Cannariato: They've been assessed through coordinated entry.

Ralph Payton: Do we have a timeline for when those units will be ready?

Umecke Cannariato: No, it varies. Coordinated entry matches the unit based on specific needs and everyone's needs, it's different of course.

Ralph Payton: And there's no timeline for how long people can stay?

Umecke Cannariato: If they're working on self-identified goals. It's a very low threshold program. And our vehicles allowed to exit and enter during the day multiple times.

Del Seymour: what is the grievance process for the VRT?

Umecke Cannariato: Grievance procedure is under the service provider Urban Alchemy and mirrors that of a Navigation Center. The Centers are low threshold and clients can file grievance with a form and goes to the provider and the City reviews it.

Sophia Isom: What are the services that you provide for people who are living in their cars? Do you provide help with insurance, tickets, maintenance?

Umecke Cannariato: We have funds through problem solving. So, each individual plan, there's some funds available to assist with parking fines, light maintenance.

Public Comment:

Mark Roth: A reminder that the SFPD gun range in Pacifica is SF owned property that is still vacant and ready to be abated.

Brian Edwards Coalition on Homelessness. I saw in an email that for people in D 11 that are trying to find a placement for their neighbors that are living in vehicles, the contact is at the supervisor's office and not HSH. I don't think that the vehicle triage center falls under the same, uh, grievance policy as the rest of the shelters. And I'd like to know why and if we can get that in alignment with the others.

Emily Cohen: Local Homeless Coordinating Board has its Quarterly HSOC meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 27th from 11 to one at the public library, Koret Auditorium. Had several conversations with members who are dissatisfied by that format would like to make improvements to it. We're happy to answer the questions if you want to go that route or if you want, if you have a proposed alternative format that you think would be more constructive, I'd love to hear that today and create the meeting structure?

Del Seymour: I would think the presentation to be more printed so people can sit down and read and can be engaged and get comments and questions that we never have enough time for that.

Emily Cohen: So, you're suggesting that rather than presenting answers to your question, we submit answers in writing and not do a presentation?

Ralph Payton: No just present. I think the narrative is always too long. Helpful to put the narrative in print, people can get there early and read it. We are not coming to hear the City talking again should be a conversation.

Emily Cohen: I do think a conversation would be a better format but when you ask 15-20 questions, it does take us that long to answer it.

Kelley Cutler: A lot of the questions that were asked were from the letter that we worked on here. I agree we don't need to be hearing every single time. One of the things that I've continued to ask for is the dashboard.

Emily Cohen: Yes, we can provide you with the dashboard. And will add it to start the communications

Del Seymour: It is very important and a big deal that we include SFMTA and their roles and responsibilities in the conversation.

Kelley Cutler: With the vehicle triage center. I am more concerned about what's going on with HSOC and people living in their vehicles cause its very limited space and requesting a report back.

Emily Cohen: Maybe an overview of the dashboard? We can review those while the board ask questions and then maybe a section or time spent on addressing people living in their vehicles and how we're serving folks and include both vehicle encampment resolution work that has happening under HSOC as well as the role of the MTA.

Ralph Payton: Confirmed

Kelley Cutler: Since Vehicle Encampment Resolution and Encampment resolution are intertwined. It would be helpful on the encampment resolutions as well.

Emily Cohen: Agenda is more manageable than 15 questions in writing. Think this seems like a good place for me from the HSOC perspective and we can probably cover this in less than an hour. Later could have the remaining time for public comment.

Kelley Cutler: I would like to really have time set aside for public comment so that it doesn't get rushed. Cause I think that's an important piece to be hearing back from folks.

Del Seymour: How does the Board handle situations when there is multiple public comment? Do we ask the department heads to answer every question?

Ralph Payton: Board members can be the filter and group questions and then redirect them back to the department heads.

Emily Cohen: Since this is a sub-committee of the LHCB there is the requirement to do public comment So if you want to do a separate question section before public comment or maybe there are themes that you guys already know are likely to come up that we can be prepared to discuss.

Jeff Kositsky: This is one of those things that can make civil discourse a challenge in these situations. This is the process that we have available to us. Other commission take 10 comments at a time. And then the Board formulates questions to redirect to the leadership?

Andrea Evans: Can also place public comment at the beginning of the agenda and a way that we can ensure the public has there say and then we can ask our questions accordingly throughout.

Ralph Payton: think that it is critical to have materials written out and sent prior to the meeting

Kelley Cutler: We need to consider whether this is an appropriate forum or whether there are other forums for the community to dive into these issues?

Ralph Payton: I like the idea of having all the materials before handing out to the public and then beginning with public comment.

Emily Cohen: This seems reasonable and Charles and I can work on it. What I am hearing is public comment, dashboards, encampment resolution and then vehicles and then the board will distill public comment? Will do our best to get back to you in advance of the meeting but know it can be a hard lift getting all the departments to submit materials in advance.

Andrea Evans: Is there an HSOC dashboard that currently exists and where does it live?

Emily Cohen: There is a dashboard that is used to internally to track HSOC data that we will be making public and we will bring it to that meeting. I do not have the exact date that it is being launched. I don't know the matrixes all off the top of my head... calls for service about 311, 911 calls, encounters by different departments. The homeless outreach team, public health, public works, and police department I believe are the departments tracking their encounters. No confidential data would be, would be used to generate the dashboards.

Kelley Cutler: What is the policy for the 311 application. Had something that was very concerning occur. I was going through and looked at the encampment and it said where it was closed then. But within

that, there was a response back from 311 that says encampment remove subject broke down encampment, all city services refused subject going to self-medicate with legal personal use heroin and we'll be back to move all items. That's concerning. And so yes, you know, on many levels.

Emily Cohen: I would need the 311 Team to respond to that and a good question for the 27<sup>th</sup>. But not one that I am currently prepared to answer.

Public Comment:

Brian Edwards: Board member Cutler has been asking for the dashboards for over a year and response has always been that there is nothing confidential for over a year, but still don't have the dashboards. Twice this month the Mayor's Office has responded critiques of homeless policy- one during the police commission vote to remove cops from the front line and the other one was a campaign called Closed Solutions asking for policy change. When asked, he Mayor's Office responded we already have a body for that-it is the HSOC Quarterly meeting. If true, then it really needs to look totally different than how it is right now. And I'm looking to you guys to make sure that there's engagement both ways because if it's just department heads defending shitty policy or just us getting up and yelling at them, that gets old.

Del Seymour: They are using the phrase HSOC liberally. It's not their meeting, but it's the only one of its kind that takes place in this. It is not an HSOC meeting. Since it relieves them of responsibility, it is not their meeting. This is the local homeless coordinating board meeting. So maybe sooner or later maybe sometime that department or that project should start holding community meetings.

Mark Roth: LinkedIn already has the technology to have conversation before a meeting to have live overlay conversation during a meeting and to have follow-up conversation after a meeting. If you're amenable to putting the hardware that you already to work with the technology.

Amy Farah Weiss: When it comes to HSOC, this is something that our organization has been advocating for to include people who are experiencing homelessness. To include advocates. Tens of millions of dollars are spent each year on SFPD, DPW and DPH on the symptoms addressing the symptoms of homelessness. Look over the last four years to look at how much has been spent on DPW, HSOC, on DPH, specifically on encampments because we are spending tens of millions of dollars each year on the symptoms and it's not getting better because we're not working together with the people who are experiencing homelessness or not creating situations where the community comes together, both housed and unsheltered to deal with this approach.

Patricia Kayla: I share some of the same frustrations having been in the homeless community before. And the thing that I'm hearing the most is that there's a lot of time spent on process and not substance and we're not really addressing the issue of having the people experiencing the crisis, participating their own success later or during the moment. Creating a peer support group that's not so concerned about everyone's individual confidentialities or anything, but make it more like an alcoholics anonymous group where communities can come together, stayed their problems, agree on a shared problem that we all have and being able to express ourselves and let that peer support group meet in various areas around the city.

Jill Hroziencik: 2019 HUD CoC Award was announced. 42 million, \$75,624 in tier one. We've been not been notified about our 2019 planning grant award, which we were awarded 1.2 5 million to support the administrative and capacity building of our COC. And we got the DV bonus this year, Asian Women's

Shelter to support 25 households seeking safety from domestic violence with rapid rehousing. Oddly, when we did the calculations, we came in three point \$5 million less than we had applied for our renewal, so reached out to HUD.

HUD miscalculated our fair market rents for the Bay area metropolitan statistical area. They understand this is an error and they're working on fixing it and giving us the full market rent.

Andrea Evans: Of the \$5 million for the capacity building what does that involve?

Jill Hroziencik: COC are eligible to apply for planning grant dollars every year. And those are dollars that are not tied to actual housing units or client service or operation and separate from the categories that HUD has listed in their NOFA to assist in housing individuals. Used to help our one system capacity to help support the COC or used for folks to go to conferences. It's flexible, which is nice for us because there's not a lot of HUD dollars that are flexible.

Andrea Evans: So do you know how the funds will be allocated from this grant?

Jill Hroziencik: I don't have that budget with me. But does cover the cost of Homebase, assisting in doing our NOFA application, some to Bit Focus for our One System and then I believe it's also to support the work that our community is doing around the COC.

Del Seymour: So does this board have any oversight over those discretionary funds?

Jill Hroziencik: I think that's what the COC executive committee does is help to provide oversight and guidance on how the federal funds are used throughout our community.

Andrea Evans: I think it was in Gigi's presentation around the mayor's priorities, one being equity. And I think she has expressed concerns about where the department would be able to find resources to advance that part of the Mayor's initiative. If there are discretionary funds that become available from HUD, to focus on some of the inequity and equity initiatives of the department would be in my mind an appropriate way to think about spending them.

Del Seymour: So how did we officially present that to you that we have those concerns on this board?

Jill Hroziencik: I think one thing to keep in mind about the planning money is that it's focused very much on the HUD, and CoC programing. I think there's always room for an open conversation on how we can strengthen our COC and how we can get a broader message out to our community. You may want to bring it up at your board retreat too.

Aram Hauslaib: Homebase has put together with HSH a brochure about applying for CoC funding. We're doing kind of a COC 101 on the 11th, and we're hopefully going to have the Mayor's Office of Community Development. The Funding Committee is set in City Hall for February 24th from 1 to 3:00 PM. All these are public meetings, and everyone is welcome.

Thomas Chen: I'm the budget finance manager at HSH since deputy director of Admin and Finance Gigi Whitley couldn't be here today. We are here to take notes and listen to input. Lillian Patel is here from the Mayor's Budget Office.

Lillian Patel: We'll be working closely to understand HSH on their budget submission in the coming months and as the mayor prepares her budget for the upcoming two years. I'm here as a listen today to understand any input, priorities, feedback.

Del Seymour: I think the common word I hear from the providers is that in these RFPs, there's not enough funding for adequate salary for staff. That staff do not stay in one place but instead are forced to move to other jobs cause of the low pay and providers are forced to retrain staff over and over and is not cost effective. The system is broken as you have people working overtime just to pay the bills and become overworked and soon burnt out. Must pay people a fair living wage and the Mayor's budget does not allow people to do that.

Andrea Evans: How does the Mayor weigh investing in short- and shorter-term projects like shelters and nav centers versus longer-term, supportive housing, rapid rehousing, other actual housing options. It is not clear how people exit out of the shelter system? And so what is the formula to determine the number of shelter beds per exits?

Jeff Kositsky: HSH agrees with the need to balance both shelters and housing. When I first joined the department the initiatives were geared towards shelters. In the last budget that was 80 million dollars was equally split between shelter, new housing, and housing exits. I believe Mayor Breed tried in the last budget cycle to balance spending between shelters and new housing. We want to see a balance where there is roughly 1/3 temporary types of assistance and 2/3 housing. Believe that we are making progress in that direction. Reminder that historically city had not constructed shelters until 2005 with Jazie's Place and there was some catching up in building shelters that had to be done but know the city is catching up in becoming more balanced.

Del Seymour: I would like to see two separate departments because this gets confusing about who gets what? That there should be a department of homelessness and one of public housing. Other cities do this and think it should be separated.

Jeff Kositsky: MOHCD is responsible for all new construction also have the Housing Authority which is being absorbed into the Mayor's Office of Housing.

Kelley Cutler: I am discouraged about hearing the Mayor speak in terms of tough love and that we cannot arrest our way out of homelessness. Further to listen to what are providers are saying.

Mary Kate Bacalao: Policy Director at Compass Family Services and co-chair of HESPA. I must echo the structural deficits are a huge issue. We need a big infusion of funding to help with ongoing staffing needs. And that's especially important as we solidify coordinated entry because we're seeing higher acuity levels across, our client population and we're going to need to make sure that our staff have the resources and the appropriate and equitable levels of compensation to do the job and operate a high quality homeless response system.

On behalf of HESPA, we have subcommittee representation here today. The budget priorities are about housing prevention and workforce and provide 200 adults with housing subsidies to prevent and end homelessness and we'd like to house more than 32 families. We're looking at different models including a flexible housing subsidy pool and an expansion of HPPs very successful Share Program. And these subsidies are that they're ongoing subsidies. Rapid rehousing is a wonderful intervention for families but

it's not going to help the highest need families retain their housing and achieve the stability that they need for themselves and their children.

Julia from the Young Woman's Freedom Center: Wanted to comment on employment and paying a livable wage, but also looking towards maybe a leadership model too. Since people that have experienced the system, have the most information and knowledge of the system. If we created a model where there was information given between people, we could help people be truly self-sufficient.

Ilsa Lend: Youth subcommittee of HESPA: We are looking at our needs: prevention in terms of, emergency services, education and employment for homeless transitional age youth particularly. Trying to leverage the work of the youth access points and coordinated entry system to make sure that in addition to the very valuable resource that of problem solving and the navigation that can happen into housing, youth have the full spectrum of supports. 18 to 24-year-old need more than, housing and a money to solve their problems.

Need help and support around substance misuse. They need a lot of hand holding and support warm handoffs and navigation to identify and access programs offered to them. Also parts that supports for youth coming from the criminal justice system.

Leah Simon Weissberg and I'm the directing attorney for the shelter client advocates: Continue to increase funding for right to council. Important to decrease homelessness by keeping folks housed. The shelter client advocates program didn't get all the money that was asked for in the past. Program expanded to four shelters advocates and a now a fifth, but the number of shelters has increased and stretched thin.

More for rental assistance and believe has been very successful program and asked to have more flexibility in the funds. Specifically, to receive funds every three years versus every five is important.

Informal hearings, that are mediation style opportunity. Need more training for staff because it is such an effective program but need to be able to train and maintain people.

Shannon Izinga from the Gubio Project: Provide compassionate respite for people in the Tenderloin and Mission- here to provide compassion and support.

Patricia: I couldn't help but come up again after your comment that you say you refer to the last single mom that got a house because they know how to do it. My family took part in Shared Program. Wanted to say how institutional memory and paying staff of the people is very important. Clients experience a frustration level when they are required to have large teams of case managers assist in paying their rent each month. Would like to also suggest that the family advisory council meets once a month with a lot of great ideas. And get a \$25 gift card we can do some work on behalf of people trying to provide for our needs and we would like to participate in our housing but often barred from working at places where you have previously received help.

Mark Roth: Strategy that we are failing to fund people purchase property and then have people move into that together as renters. And you could have individual housing for six people over the next 30 years. And the mayor's down payment assistant loan program, if you broke this up into a tenant in common project, you could have four people get a quarter million dollars each from that program under the current guidelines and purchase the entire property



David Elliot Lewis: CHP and here to advocate budget financing to help people who are waiting to be housed. Understand the priority is PSH but what is happening in the meantime and we have 1,000 on streets. Expansion of VRT or the Saint Francis Challenge program. Can't leave people on the streets without services. 180 Jones is an example of interim projects that have been proposed.

Malia Chavez: Homeless Prenatal Program advocating for Jelani House and additional and necessary resources to fund the program fully. Be able to provide the right size around staffing. Also advocating for HESPA and having a flexible pool of resources for people to retain their housing and to create a continuum of assistance to prevent falling back into homelessness.

Andrea Evans: I just want to add, I mean, I think you've heard from the public comment today that despite having budget increases over the last two years that it is not enough. And despite the Mayor's directive for Departments to cut their budgets, that it's not as now is not the time to ask HSH to cut from its budget. We need to be increasing the budget to HSH if we're going to be able to do even a fraction of the things we need to do in the next couple of years. I would just plead with you not, not enforce those cuts on the department at this time.

Family a presentation from the family advisory council. A, they'll present a report and recommendations for the board. Do we have a representative from the family advisory council?

Patricia: First Friendship and woman's center. Wanted to know about where it sits in the budget? Whether First Friendship is getting a new site and an update about the shuttle program. Wanted to know how the council can assist with improving the system? Issue of people of at First Friendship is nowhere for people to take showers and no where for people to go after 6am except for doubling up at the woman's center and not conducive to treating people with dignity and respect. Important to have people with lived experience and knowledge of the system to direct and organize others.

Tracy Mixon: I sit on the family advisory council and the coalition on homelessness. I have stayed at First Friendship. Hard not being able to take a shower and having to leave during the day. Had a sick child and was not able to stay at the shelter during the day and had to be on the streets with her sick child. While First Friendship is a temporary place, it should be place of security for people.

Eeben: From the family advisory committee and I'm also from the coalition on homelessness. Here asking for a family shelter to be included in the Mayor's budget. Have worked with families there and shelter should be open 24 hours, showers, and cots instead of mats. Clients do not feel safe. Lava me only comes one time a week. Place is not made for children and is not safe or sanitary. There have been many shelter beds made for singles and navigation centers. There needs to be more made for families.

Ralph Payton: There has been many conversations around First Friendship over the years. Jeff can you provide us with an update on this?

Jeff Kositsky: No more than I believe this was on the agenda two meetings ago. I didn't realize it was going to be on the agenda specifically again. So I don't have any new information other than we are trying to find either a new site or been continuing to negotiate with the congregation to get control of the site. It's just a balancing. We are aware and it is a priority and wanted to remind people that 25 family beds are being opened in the shelter in the Bayview.

Public Comment:

Mary Kay Bacalao: I just want to thank Patricia and Tracy for their advocacy. This is a really important issue and it should be elevated. Community has been asking for this for over three years and with Mayor's Budget so heavy on shelter we need to be advocating for families to get the transitional and shelter that they need.

Community needs to change the public conversation on this Chronicle Coverage of Horace Mann and Stay Over Program and missed that families are sleeping on cots in a school gym because they could not afford to find safe places for their kids to sleep. We should live in a community where children have safe inside places to sleep.

Public Comment: Speaking to black history month. Despite being the lowest population in San Francisco we have the highest representation that are homeless, and families fall through the cracks. I was a homeless adult and life was much better as a single adult in shelter. More needs to be done for families and I need to see more help for black families.

Del Seymour: Urges public to attend budget meetings with the Board of Supervisors.

My name is Dylan Schneider. I'm the manager of policy and legislative affairs for the department of homelessness and supportive housing. Speaking of HHAP program application. HEAP one-time block grant to address immediate homeless needs. 500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities, counties, and continuums of care to address the homelessness crisis throughout California. HSH has spent ½ of that grant and on track to spend remainder. HHAP created by AB 101 and provide one time flexible block grant funds. Application is due February 15<sup>th</sup>. San Francisco is eligible for to apply for continuum of care, large city and County,

San Francisco is eligible for approximately 9.4 million out of the \$190 million available large city; we are eligible for approximately 19.7 million out of the 275 million available. And as a County of uh, eligible for approximately 8.8 million out of the 175 million available. So at the anticipated total funding allocation for San Francisco based on these three awards would be approximately 38 million out of the 650 million available.

Proposed spending HSH's 2020 budget to accomplish the 1000 shelter bed initiative. 1000 shelter bed initiative was announced by Mayor Breed in 2018 and to date the city has opened 566 shelter beds with 499 more in the pipeline. And then if there are additional funds available, HSH would work to determine how to allocate these funds to other eligible uses under HHAP.

Letter read into the record.

Jeff Kositsky: To be clear, this was planned for with last fiscal year's budget. We assumed this money was coming and placed it into our budget. We had assumed that 35 million was coming through this funding source. To continue the conversation over an HSH spending, 45.9 million was spent on housing exits from new funding sources. 42.3 million was for shelter and the remainder for nonprofit sustainability. This was discussed and anticipated, during the last budget cycle.

Del Seymour: I did not realize that the funding had already been allocated for this use and the 1,000-bed project. Thought that general funds had already been used and allocated for that. My concern is that you we can not shelter our way out of homelessness and was hoping that more funding was going to permeant housing solutions.

Jeff Kositsky: Wanted to thank you Dell for speaking about me on this. Use of fund had been brought forth on June 7th, 2019 and was discussed multiple times at a budget and finance committee meetings. Also it's difficult to anticipate when we are getting the funding from the state and important to lobby the state for a consistent funding stream. One-time money is hard to plan for and to give a permanent housing subsidy.

Andrea Evans: Agree with Del's earlier comments. Looking at the monthly report data and shelter wait times are going down but not as much as the inventory of shelters beds that are being created. Can you speak to that? And what we can expect the shelter waitlist to look like when the 1,000 beds are complete.

Jeff Kositsky: That is an excellent question that I do not have a complete answer for. The 311 system manages the shelter wait list and can be a challenge. At some point that data will be migrated into the One System. No not know a concrete answer now. Do not have a clear promise since it is very open to the movement and flow of people. Not a high departmental priority but looking to understand what's happening with individuals as since it will be integrated with our other systems.

Erik Brown: So would the planning funding be better able to support this? Or would we be mixing state and federal funding?

Jeff Kositsky: Yes, it is a problem to mix federal planning funds and state funding. Can work about to better navigate the process.

Kelley Cutler: Is there a reason that emergency shelters and navigation centers are refereed to differently?

Jeff Kositsky: We don't really make that distinction and just reflects the language in the application.

Public Comment:

Experiences homeless since 2011. I came to San Francisco to seek services around 2015 and I finally got housed in 2017 of December. My housing subsidy is ending and am here to tell my story. Been before the board several times. I work full time, but the money does not cover the rent. And at risk of returning to homelessness. Been extended 6 months with the requirement to increase income. The subsidy is only temporary and there needs to be support for those to become self-sufficient when the subsidy ends.

Movement of Board to approve letter of support- Unanimous vote.

Howard Chan policy analyst with the shelter monitoring committee. SMC has two vacancies on the committee today that are appointed by the local homeless coordinating board. Seat two eligibility requirement of must be filled by a member who has experienced providing direct service to the homeless through a community setting and be formerly homeless. And seat number four, requirement of being filled by a member who was formally are homeless or formerly homeless and selected from a list of candidates that are nominated by community agencies that provide behavioral health, housing placement or other services to homeless individuals.

Ms. Dudley seeks reappointment to the shelter monitoring committee and Brian Edward seeks as a new appointee.

## Letter of Supports given to the Board

Chris Bradford works for TNDC and recognize major commitment that Brian has done for our community. Not a better advocate for homeless folks and his voice is needed.

Armando Garcia: Works with Brian and speak to his skills and asked good questions and asking questions that connect people's experiences to the larger issue.

Ms. Dudley: Vote unanimous

Brian Edwards: vote unanimous

Howard Chen: Sadden and announces his transferring from the SMC and introduces new staff for SMC. Tamiko Aoi. I'm with the behavioral health services with public health. I oversee hiring the two positions. Howard has been valiantly covering two positions a couple of years and will inform you of the progress with his replacements.

Board members thank Howard for his service and dedication.

Jeff Kositsky: Brief update and answer questions cause of the limited time remaining. HSH is moving to 440 Turk on February 10<sup>th</sup> and on the 24<sup>th</sup> the Access Point will open on the first floor.

Del Seymour 180 Jones Street- Seems like the perfect chance to collaborate with the private group, and community members. And what is the status of that?

Jeff Kositsky: I don't really have an answer for you. That property is controlled by the Mayor's Office of Housing. Went through a community process that we did not participate in. Don't have any further information for you on the use of that site that, that question would have to Dan Adams at the Mayor's office of Housing.

Del Seymour: Could we ask you to report back later the status

Jeff Kositsky: Would be better for the Mayor's Office to reach back out to you about your questions.

Public Comment:

Amy: 180 Jones is a part of the Saint Francis Homeless Challenge that has been working with activating underutilized land for emergency shelter. Worked very hard with local and advocates to create baseline standards for emergency shelter. And worked... and in 2019, this board supported the emergency shelter ordinance that the mayor's office and the board of supervisors ended up passing and it included those state baseline standards for emergency sleeping cabins and services. We were excited to work with the city. Jeff seemed encouraging about completing.

Matt Haney sent a list of potential sites that are city-owned pre-development sites that could possibly use for this purpose. 180 Jones is a mismanaged parking lot or every day their crisis and hazards that put the city at risk and are also in humane. In March MOHCD said developers agreed to an interim use of the property. March 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>, I forwarded an email to Jeff and Emily to work together to find similar places across the city.

That was in February. Then TNDC said, we're not going to be the decider and MOHCD wants to do a competitive process. We put together a process. We went and did and was great. On the day decision

was to be made, the mayor's office delayed the competitive process and said they going to analyze sites to see if they could use them for homelessness services. If you don't mind, I'll just finish up. Later, Jeff said, I'll get back to you about this back in March, but then for some reason, Emily Cohen and the mayor's office has stalled this project and we were at the navigation center opening at the Embarcadero back in December. And mayor Breed was saying, let's cut the red tape. Let's stop the delays. We totally agree. That was an awesome project at the Embarcadero, and we want to work together to do this.

And Jeff just told me outside that DSHS has nothing to do with the mayor's analysis of 180 Jones, but they're supposedly analyzing it for the last two months to talk about homelessness services being there? And Jeff isn't even part of that discussion so that this doesn't ring right to me. Does that sit right with any of you that this process has gone that way? And this is also happening over at Haight Street.

LHCB Retreat voted on for March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Follow-up on Safe Operating Space

PIT Stop managers across the city

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