

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT
By NOMINATION COMMITTEE CHAIR CHRISTIN EVANS

Since the Homeless Oversight Committee last met, the Nomination Committee held two meetings on January 8 and February 1, 2024. Complete meeting minutes will be posted on the Committee website in advance of our next meeting which will be held in March 2024. This is a summary report of items I'd like to highlight for the HOC.

Our primary task continues to be the consideration of applicants for the Local Homeless Coordinating Board (LHCB), Shelter Monitoring Committee (SMC) and Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee (SGAC).

As a reminder, the application for any of the three bodies the Homeless Oversight Commission oversees is now available on the Nomination Committee's webpage:
<https://hsh.sfgov.org/commission-and-committees/homelessness-oversight-commission-meetings/hoc-nomination-committee/>

Additionally today we have a new handout for you and the members of the public to take with the details of how to access this application. We appreciate your efforts to help recruit candidates to fill these vacant seats.

We met with interested applicants and have forwarded four candidates for potential action to appoint today. They are as follows:

- Hope Kamer, Seat 7, LHCB (Compass Family Services) (non-resident)
- Danielle McVay, Seat 8, LHCB (Felton Institute) (SF resident)
- Charles Deffarges, Seat 5, SMC (Episcopal Community Services) (non-resident)
- Pastor Yul D. Dorn, Seat 7, SGAC (Project WeHope) (SF resident)

Our Commission believes the candidates before you today meet the criteria for the vacant position for which they've applied and we thank you in advance for your taking action today to consider & confirm these candidates.

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ADVISORY BODY APPLICATIONS

Name of Committee:

Shelter Monitoring Committee

Seat#:

[Seat 5]

Full Name:

Charles Deffarges

Home Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

cdeffarges@ecs-sf.org

Employment or Involvement with HSH (If applicable):

Director of Policy at Episcopal Community Services

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying?

Yes

18 Years of Age or Older:

Yes

Resident of San Francisco:

No

Place of residence:

Berkeley, CA

Please state your qualifications regarding the committee of interest:

I am very excited to be applying to a community agency seat on the Shelter Monitoring Committee. Professionally, I've worked across the homeless response system as an outreach worker, a City staffer, and now a Director at a large community service provider. Personally, I'm a native San Franciscan who cares deeply about ensuring that our most vulnerable neighbors get the care they deserve and need. The work I've done, the role I'm in, and my personal beliefs all make me well suited to serve on the Shelter Monitoring Committee, I appreciate your consideration. I am currently the Director of Policy at Episcopal Community Services (ECS), one of the largest providers of

homeless services in San Francisco. ECS currently operates hundreds of beds across various models of shelter ranging from non-congregate hotel conversions to seasonal emergency congregate shelter. As a part of our shelter programs, we provide behavioral health, case management and housing navigation services to our guests, with the goal of transitioning them to more permanent housing opportunities. As Director of Policy at ECS, I am in close communication with our staff across all of these systems. Operations, clients, and facilities are all affected by policy developments and two-way communication is key to making sure we are providing the best possible. Prior to working at ECS, I worked at the San Francisco COVID Command Center and HSH operating the shelter in place hotel program, and as a member of the SF Homeless Outreach Team. Both of these experiences give me a unique perspective on our City's shelter system. Working for the City, I learned what it takes to set up and operate an emergency shelter system. With the HOT team, I placed clients at every single shelter facility in the City, visiting each on multiple occasion while working with and advocating for my clients. In addition to working across the entirety of our shelter system, my time with the HOT team gave me a secondhand perspective on what makes a good shelter experience for our unhoused neighbors.

Please list and describe the civic activities you are currently or have previously participated in:

I've previously served on the board of the Tenderloin Community Benefit District as well as the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee. I'm an active participant in several membership-based organizations and regularly attend open houses and town halls in San Francisco I've also volunteered as a hospitality monitor at the Gubbio for the past six years.

Applicant Signature:

Charles Deffarges

Date:

2023-11-29

Name of Committee:

Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee

Seat#:

[Seat 7]

Full Name:

Yul D. Dorn, Sr.

Home Address:

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Email:

ydorn@projectwehope.com

Employment or Involvement with HSH (If applicable):

Case Manager Supervisor Site: 30

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying?

No

18 Years of Age or Older:

Yes

Resident of San Francisco:

Yes

Place of residence:

Please state your qualifications regarding the committee of interest:

I have 7 years experience working with the homeless population with the San Francisco, Department of Public Health in the SRO hotels (DAH Housing) as Health Worker VI. 4 years experience working with the homeless population with (Project WeHope) at site 30. 2 years as Lead, and 2 years as Case Manager Supervisor.

Please list and describe the civic activities you are currently or have previously participated in:

I have served as a San Francisco Sheriff Department peer support Chaplain, I was part of the original Crisis Response Team, providing psychological support to families and communities that fall vicim to Homicide in San Francisco. I serve as an executive committee member on the San

Francisco chapter of the NAACP.

Applicant Signature:

Yul D. Dorn, Sr.

Date:

1957-05-15

Name of Committee:

Local Homeless Coordinating Board

Seat#:

[Seat 7]

Full Name:

Hope Kamer

Home Address:

Phone Number:

9252623439

Email:

hkamer@compass-sf.org

Employment or Involvement with HSH (If applicable):

I work at Compass Family Services, a San Francisco based CBO that received significant funding from HSH to operate our continuum of direct care services. I understand this would be an ongoing consideration when engaging in decision – making at LHCB should I be selected to join this committee.

Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying?

Yes

18 Years of Age or Older:

Yes

Resident of San Francisco:

No

Place of residence:

Oakland, CA

Please state your qualifications regarding the committee of interest:

I work at Compass Family Services as the Director of Public Policy and External Affairs. Founded more than 100 years ago, Compass is one of the largest multi-service agencies in the San Francisco Bay Area, supporting homeless and at-risk families in achieving permanent exits from homelessness and creating long-term stability and well-being. In FY 22-23, Compass supported more than 2500 families in avoiding or exiting homelessness via our continuum of prevention, early childhood education, basic needs, emergency shelter, housing subsidy, and behavioral health programs. Crucially, Compass operates the City’s busiest Family Coordinated Entry System (CES)

Access point – the “front door” for families into the homeless emergency response system. My access to our direct care staff and family leaders offers timely, accurate information on the state of this social safety net that will be valuable in informing the future decisions of LHCB. Additionally, I serve as the Chair of the Family Provider Subcommittee of the Homeless Emergency Services Provider Association (HESPA). HESPA advocates as a coalition for needed funds and system adjustments for the City’s homeless response system. As Chair of HESPA’s Family Subcommittee, I can collect a consensus of provider perspectives to leverage greater input into LHCB’s projects and decision – making processes. Prior to this role, I worked at Seneca Family of Agencies, the largest children’s behavioral health provider organization on the West Coast. My role at Seneca supporting predominantly extremely low-income families with multiple system involvement offered robust exposure to the social services landscape of the Bay Area. For many families in Seneca programs, unsafe or untenable living conditions led to avoidable and punitive child welfare system involvement. I feel passionate about driving a homeless emergency response system for families that centers parent voice and choice and does not punish caregivers for asking for help. I began working at Seneca after earning a master’s in social Welfare (MSW) from UC Berkeley in 2019. Finally, the population of homeless families in San Francisco remains undercounted, and the safety net system in place to serve them is not resourced at a scale commensurate with the scope of the problem. Families experiencing homelessness often require support from multiple city departments and well-funded interventions that are related to, but discrete from, those that serve homeless single adults. I am enthusiastic about LHCB’s continued, important work in coordinating cross-system stakeholders and offering well-informed input to DSHS to scale up the family emergency response system.

Please list and describe the civic activities you are currently or have previously participated in:

In past professional roles at the California Alliance of Child and Family Services and Seneca Family of Agencies, I worked directly on state legislation and budget advocacy to strength the publicly funded children’s behavioral health and child welfare systems.

Applicant Signature:

Hope Kamer

Date:

2023-12-04

Name of Committee:

Local Homeless Coordinating Board

Seat#:

[Seat 8]

Full Name:

Danielle McVay

Home Address:

Phone Number:

Email:

Danielle.McVay@gmail.com

Employment or Involvement with HSH (If applicable):

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Have you attended any meetings of the body to which you are applying?

No

18 Years of Age or Older:

Yes

Resident of San Francisco:

Yes

Place of residence:

Please state your qualifications regarding the committee of interest:

I have been employed in social services, in San Francisco, for many years. I primarily worked with clients at Progress Foundation - who were homeless and struggled with severe mental illness. I have supported clients in engaging with services at HSH, collaborated with HSH providers and been witness to some of the challenges of HSH and homelessness in San Francisco. I will be starting as a Case Manager with a new agency soon, waiting to complete paperwork.

Please list and describe the civic activities you are currently or have previously participated in:

Haight Ashbury Neighborhood Council - board member at large (current) Coalition for a Complete Community - steering committee (current) League of Pissed Off Voters - steering committee

(current)

Applicant Signature:

Danielle McVay

Date:

2024-01-22

HOMELESSNESS OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (HOC) ADVISORY BODIES

LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING BOARD:

Purpose:

The Local Homeless Coordinating Board (LHCB) is the lead entity for the San Francisco Continuum of Care. It works to ensure a unified homeless strategy that is supported by the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, City departments, nonprofit agencies, people who are homeless or formerly homeless and the community at large. The LHCB serves as an advisory body to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. All efforts are aimed at permanent solutions, and the range of services is designed to meet the unique and complex needs of individuals who are threatened with or currently experiencing homelessness.

LHCB-Seat requirements:

Seat 1 shall be held by a homeless or formerly homeless person.

Seats 2 through 11 shall be held by people who represent relevant organizations or projects serving one or more homeless subpopulations in San Francisco, as the terms “relevant organizations” and “homeless subpopulations” are used in 42 C.F.R. Section 578.5(b), as it may be amended from time to time. For purposes of this subsection (b) regarding Seats 2 through 11, any Board member may represent the interests of more than one relevant organization or homeless subpopulation.(c) When appointing members to the Coordinating Board, the Commission shall strive to ensure that the Coordinating Board represents a broad diversity of the relevant organizations and homeless subpopulations defined in subsection (b). The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing shall maintain on its website a list of all of the categories of relevant organizations and homeless subpopulations defined by federal law and regulations or used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) in its Continuum of Care Application and shall provide such list to the Commission before appointment of a new member to a vacant seat. At the time of appointment, the Commission shall identify the relevant organization or homeless subpopulation(s) represented by the appointee. (d) Members of the Coordinating Board may not serve on any other City body that advises on issues relating to homelessness, including but not limited to the Commission, Shelter Monitoring Committee, and Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee, during their term(s) on the Coordinating Board.

Seat Availability:

Local Homeless Coordinating Board/Manager Charles Minor

11-Seats

4-Vancies

Currently members:

Del Seymour/Chair/Seat 1 **Director of Code Tenderloin**

James Loyce/Seat 2 **Retired former director of DPH**

Dr. Megan Rohrer/ Seat 3 **Glide**

Kelly Cutler/Seat 4 Former **Coalition on Homelessness Employee**

Cedric Akbar/Seat 5 **Westside Community Services Reentry Navigation/Crisis Center**

Mercedes Bullock/Seat 6 **Coalition on Homelessness Employee**

Romie Nottage/Seat 7 **Community Forward SF**

SEC. 5.31-3. ORGANIZATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

(a) Each member of the Coordinating Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission for a term of four years, except as qualified in subsections (a)(2) and (a)(4).

(1) The term of office for each of the seats on the Coordinating Board appointed by the Commission shall commence on July 1, 2023, at noon.

(2) To provide for staggered terms, the members appointed to Seats 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall serve for an initial term of two years starting at noon on July 1, 2023 and ending at noon on July 1, 2025; thereafter the term for Seats 2, 4, 6, and 8 shall be a four-year term, with the first such term starting on July 1, 2025 at noon. The members appointed to Seats 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9 shall serve for an initial term of four years starting at noon on July 1, 2023 and ending at noon on July 1, 2027, with the next four-year term starting at that time.

(3) If the Commission does not appoint a member to a seat prior to the commencement of the term on July 1, 2023, the member of the Coordinating Board in that respective seat shall remain as a holdover in the seat until the Commission appoints a member to the seat; provided, however, that the holdover member serves at the pleasure of the Commission.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (a)(1), the Commission has discretion to appoint members to seats on the Coordinating Board prior to July 1, 2023, to serve on the Coordinating Board for whatever time remains between such appointment and July 1, 2023, at noon.

(5) Members of the Coordinating Board who are seated as of July 1, 2023 prior to the commencement of the term at noon, may be appointed by the Commission for that term provided they meet the qualifications for the seat to which the Commission appoints them.

(b) If a vacancy occurs in any seat on the Coordinating Board, the Commission shall appoint a successor to that seat, to complete the remainder of the term of the vacated seat.

(c) Members of the Coordinating Board shall receive no compensation.

(d) Any member who misses three regular meetings of the Coordinating Board without the express approval of the Coordinating Board at or before each missed meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Coordinating Board 10 days after the third unapproved absence.

The Coordinating Board shall inform the Commission of the resignation.

SHELTER MONITORING COMMITTEE (SMC)

Purpose:

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, the Commission, the public, and any other appropriate agency with accurate, comprehensive information about the conditions in and operations of shelters covered by this Article XII, as well as City policies in place that affect operations of shelters or their impact on shelter clients.

SMC seat requirements:

Seat 1 shall be held by a person who is homeless or formerly homeless, and who is living or has lived with the person's homeless child under the age of 18.

Seat 2 shall be held by a person who is homeless or has been homeless within the three years prior to being appointed to the Committee, and who has a disability.

Seats 3 and 4 shall be held by persons with experience providing direct services to homeless people through a community setting.

Seat 5 shall be held by a person nominated by one or more community agencies that provide behavioral health, housing placement, or other services to homeless people.

Seat 6 shall be held by a person who is homeless or formerly homeless, and who has been nominated by one or more nonprofit agencies that provide advocacy or organizing services for homeless people.

Seats 7 and 8 shall be held by persons nominated by one or more nonprofit agencies that provide advocacy or organizing services for homeless people.

Seats 9 and 10 shall be held by persons who are homeless or formerly homeless, and who have experience providing direct services to homeless people through a community setting.

Seat 11 shall be held by a person who is homeless or formerly homeless, and who has been nominated by one or more community agencies that provide behavioral health, housing placement, or other services to homeless people.

Seat 12 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Public Health.

Seat availability:

Shelter Monitoring Committee/Robert Hill (HSH Analyst)

12-Seats

2-Vacancies

Currently members:

Seat 1 - Vacant (Shall be held by a person who is homeless or formerly homeless, and who is living or has lived with the person’s homeless *child* under the age of 18.)

Seat 2 – Catherine Jane Ross Term September 7, 2023, to October 2, 2025

Seat 3 - Britt Creech Term Jul 18, 2022, to Apr 17, 2024

Seat 4 - Diana Almanza (Chair) Term Sep 21, 2021, to Jul 01, 2024

Seat 5 - Vacant (Shall be held by a person *nominated* by one or more community agencies that provide behavioral health, housing placement, or other services to homeless people.)

Seat 6 - Traci Watson Term Jul 11, 2022, to Apr 17, 2024

Seat 7 - Justice Taylor Term Jul 06, 2023, to Jul 01, 2025

Seat 8 - Steven Clark Term Jun 06, 2022, to Jul 01, 2024

Seat 9 - Kaleese Street Term Jun 06, 2022, to Apr 17, 2024

Seat 10 - Melanie Muasau Term Jun 06, 2022, to Jul 01, 2024

Seat 11 - Belinda Dobbs Term Jun 28, 2022, to Apr 17, 2024

Seat 12 – Angella David Term October 5, 2023, to November 6, 2025

SEC. 20.306. TERMS OF OFFICE.

(a) **Continuing Membership on the Committee.** Members of the Committee seated as of the effective date of the ordinance in Board File No. _____ shall by operation of law remain members of the Committee for one year from the effective date of said ordinance. New terms for members of the Committee shall commence on that date, and the Commission shall make appointments to the Committee for those terms in accordance with Section 20.305. Members of the Committee seated as of that date shall be eligible for reappointment to the Committee by the Commission.

(b) To provide for staggered terms, the members appointed to Seats, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 shall serve for an initial term of one year; thereafter the term for Seats, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 shall be a two-year term. The members appointed to Seats 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, and 13 shall serve for an initial term of two years.

(c) In the event that a vacancy occurs during the term of office of any Committee member, a successor shall be appointed by the Commission to complete the expired term of office.

SHELTER GRIEVANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SGAC)

Purpose:

The Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee is an independent 10 – 15 member oversight committee composed of representatives from advocates, shelter providers, consumers, city agencies, and the community. This committee has the authority to oversee the grievance process and make recommendations for improvements to the shelter system. The Advisory Committee may also review grievance-related policies and operations of the shelters and where appropriate make recommendations for improvement to the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing.

Seat requirements:

Seats 1 through 4 shall each be held by a current or previous consumer of City temporary shelter services in one or more of the following temporary shelter service categories: family shelters, youth shelters, single adult shelters, navigation centers, transitional housing, or alternative shelter services (including, by way of example but not limitation, safe sleeping sites or recreational vehicle (RV) sites).

Seats 5 through 8 shall each be held by persons who represent organizations or projects providing one or more of the following shelter services in the City: family shelters, youth shelters, single adult shelters, navigation centers, transitional housing, or alternative shelter services (including, by way of example but not limitation, safe sleeping sites, or recreational vehicle (RV) sites).

Seat 9 shall be held by a person who represents an organization or project providing shelter client advocate services in the City.

Seat 10 shall be held by a person serving as arbitrator of shelter grievances under the Shelter Grievance Policy, as described in [Article XVIII](#) of [Chapter 20](#) of the Administrative Code.

Seats 11 and 12 shall be held by any City resident with a demonstrated commitment to temporary shelter services.

Seat 13 shall be held by an employee of the Department of Public Health.

Members of the Grievance Committee may not serve on any other City body that advises on issues relating to homelessness, including but not limited to the Commission, Shelter Monitoring Committee, and Local Homeless Coordinating Board, during their term(s) on the Grievance Committee.

Seat availability:

Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee/ HSH Staff-Tommy Le

12-Seats/two bonus seats

4-Vancies

Current members:

Seat 1-Megan “RK” Johnson
Seat 2-Vacant
Seat 3-Stephen J. Irwin
Seat 4-Vacant
Seat 5-Jose Landaverde
Seat 6-Azeen ZiaEbrahimi
Seat 7-Vacant
Seat 8-Megan Phalon
Seat 9-Ben Baczkowski
Seat 10-Vacant
Seat 11-Javier Santiago Bremond
Seat 12-Terezie (Terry) Bohrer
Seat 13-Kate Shuton
Bonus Seat 1-Katherine Morales
Bonus Seat 2-Patrina Harrison

SEC. 5.36-3. ORGANIZATION AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

- (a) Each member in Seats 1 through 12 shall serve at the pleasure of the member’s appointing authority for a term of four years, except as qualified in subsection (h)(2) of Section 5.36-2.
- (b) If a vacancy occurs in Seats 1 through 12 on the Grievance Committee, the appointing authority for the vacated seat shall appoint a successor to that seat, to complete the remainder of the term of the vacated seat.
- (c) Any member in Seats 1 through 12 who misses three regular meetings of the Grievance Committee without the express approval of the Grievance Committee at or before each missed meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Grievance Committee 10 days after the third unapproved absence. The Grievance Committee shall inform the appointing authority of the resignation.
- (d) Members of the Grievance Committee shall receive no compensation from the City, except that a City employee appointed to Seat 13 shall receive compensation from the City as an employee, because work on the Grievance Committee shall be considered part of the employee’s work for the City.
- (e) The Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (the “Department”) shall provide administrative support for the Grievance Committee.

APPLY TO SERVE ON THESE COMMITTEES

- Local Homeless Coordinating Board -
 - Shelter Monitoring Committee -
- Shelter Grievance Advisory Committee -

We have several openings for people who have experienced homelessness and also for those who provide services to people experiencing homelessness.

To learn more about requirements for each vacant seat, and to apply visit:

<https://hsh.sfgov.org/commission-and-committees/>