

MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2019 | 10:00 AM City Hall, Room 408 | San Francisco, CA 94102

Present:

Chair Jonathan Adler
Vice Chair Diana Almanza
Secretary Stephen Irwin
Committee Member Craig Murdock
Committee Member Gabriela Avalos
Committee Member Nastassia Serina
Committee Member Scott Walton

Excused:

Committee Member Joseph Kenan Committee Member Traci Watson

Absent:

Committee Member Vixen Yvonne

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE TAKEN FOR EACH AGENDA ITEM AS INDICATED.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

2 min

Meeting began at 10:06 A.M. There was quorum.

I. MINUTES ACTION

A. May 2019 MINUTES

Chair Adler 5 min

The Committee reviewed the Draft May 2019 minutes. Explanatory document - Draft May 2019 Committee Minutes

No public comment

Proposed Action: Approve Minutes. M/S/C: Almanza/Irwin/Unanimous May 2019 Minutes approved

II. NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Subcommittee Chair Avalos 10 min

Subcommittee Chair Avalos provided an update from the Policy Subcommittee, which included information on the tours of the Navigation Centers being scheduled for Committee members and a proposed schedule for future Policy Subcommittee meetings.

III. REPORTS

DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. SHELTER STATUS REPORTS

Scott Walton (HSH) 10 min

The Committee reviewed the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's (HSH) Shelter Vacancy Reports. Member Walton stated that although the occupancy numbers for the congregate family shelters may be lower than expected, this was intentionally done to make sure that they can accommodate any unsheltered families found on the street. He also stated that the occupancy numbers were higher for the single-occupancy family shelter rooms.

Explanatory document- May 2019 Shelter Occupancy Report, May 2019 Bethel AME Count, May 2019 Family Shelter Occupancy Count

Public comment: A member of the public stated that a seven-night shelter stay at Bethel AME is an unacceptable violation of the shelter extension policy.

Member comment: Chair Adler asked the member of the public for his understanding of the shelter extension policy.

Public comment: A member of the public responded that all reservations should be for 90 days with a possible 30 day extension.

Public comment: Paul M. – Policy Director at Compass stated that he wanted to call attention to the report about vacancy rates at the First Friendship shelter. He stated that he also raised this issue at the LHCB meetings about clients denying reservations at First Friendship. He stated that the reasons for clients denying these reservations is available through Coordinated Entry.

B. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING Scott Walton (HSH) 10 min

The Committee received an update from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing, which included information on Mayor Breed's plan to open 1000 new shelter beds. Member Walton stated that the Department is currently working on an expansion of the beds at the Division Circle Navigation Center and that they will be working to expand the number of beds across the board. He also provided information on the SAFE Center model that was shared with the Committee last month and that there is a pilot program with the SFUSD. Member Walton also provided information on the updated shelter grievance training, which now includes a post-training test.

Member comment: Chair Adler asked if staff who didn't complete the training would be prohibited from issuing DOS's. Member Walton responded that it has always been the case that only shelter staff that have been through the grievance training can issue DOS's, but that the new component was the post-training test.

Public comment: Charles Pitts asked if there were any plans to implement adult programming at the shelters based at SF schools, such as vocational training, GED education or case management. He also asked if the shelter grievance

process is being followed at the Navigation Centers and asked if clients had the ability to contest a DOS.

C. STANDARD OF CARE STAFF REPORT Committee Staff 10 min
Committee staff reviewed the May 2019 Standard of Care Staff report.

Explanatory document- May 2019 SOC Staff Report

Public comment: A member of the public stated that she had been attacked in front of the Next Door shelter while shelter staff and security officers were present. She stated that the staff witnessed the attack and did nothing to help her.

Public comment: A member of the public stated that this is an issue of shelter security video retention and the bad players at Next Door. He stated that enforcement measures are weak and that the Committee should demand viable enforcement measures.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCUSSION

3 min

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Public comment: Cynthia Lee stated that a large part of the issue with the shelter system is bad staffing. She stated that there are good apples and bad apples and that the good staff who are appropriate and professional are often overwhelmed by the number of work that they have to do.

Public comment: A member of the public asked if it was even safe to go to the shelters or Navigation Centers. He stated that some of the Navigation Centers are illegal based on pure size because none of them are supposed to have more than 100 people, but some have a capacity of 120 or more. He stated that clients are safer sleeping outside than inside the Navigation Centers.

ADJOURNMENT

Proposed Action: Approve adjournment

M/S/C: Adler/Irwin/Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

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