



MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

*February 17, 2021 | 10:00 AM
Via WebEx*

Present:

*Chair Jonathan Adler
Vice Chair Diana Almanza
Committee Member Tomiko Eya*
Committee Member Lisa Rachowicz*
Committee Member Brian Edwards*

Absent:

*Committee Member Traci Watson
Committee Member Gabriela Avalos*

**nominated, awaiting confirmation*

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS 5 min
Meeting began at 10:03 AM. There was no quorum.

I. MINUTES *DISCUSSION/ACTION*
OCTOBER 2019 MINUTES **STAFF** 10 min
The Committee briefly reviewed but tabled action on the Draft January 2021 Minutes, absent a quorum.

Member Comment: Lisa Rachowicz volunteered to participate on the Policy subcommittee.

II. POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE *Discussion /Action*
Policy Subcommittee Chair Avalos 5 min
The Committee will set a meeting to review and update outstanding proposals.

Public comment: No public comment.

Member Comment: Lisa Rachowicz volunteered to participate on the Policy subcommittee.

III. NEW BUSINESS/REPORTS *DISCUSSION*
A. DEPT OF HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING **HSH** 25 min

The Committee received an update from the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing. Nightly data is not yet available. HSH is working on this. Two documents showing capacity and vacancies at congregate and family shelters were reviewed. (These are posted at <https://sfgov.org/sheltermonitoring/meeting/shelter-monitoring-committee-february-17-2021-supporting-documents> .)

Those seeking shelter space are advised to use the HSH Coordinated Entry Access Points. HOT has been reaching out to the unsheltered in District 10. Pier 94 site, with 120 RVs is open. It currently has 3 vacancies. HSH took over management, partnering with the CCC. It is operated by United Council of Human Services. They are managing the referrals. HSH (with UCSF and DPH) has been conducting a

COVID-19 testing pilot, using the Rapid Response test. It has gone very well, focusing on the congregate shelters. More information on this soon

Member Comment: Member Eya asked for details on Family Shelter access points and when community referrals would be taken again. Access Points welcome drop-ins and phone calls. See <https://hsh.sfgov.org/services/coordinated-entry/>. As long as there is a regular need for placement from Isolation & Quarantine and hospitals, this is the priority. HSH will evaluate referral systems once it is possible to accept community referrals again.

Public Comment: Shelter Advocates confirmed that in their experience CCC is not at present taking community referrals.

B. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH *Discussion* **DPH** *10 min*

The Committee receive a brief update from the Department of Public Health. For updated COVID guidance see <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/Guidance-Shelter-Navigation.pdf> (Guidance for People Experiencing Homelessness in Shelters, updated 12/11/20). The phone and email lines are now open. Staff is monitoring. The mayor's office reviewed the applications for Members Eya and Rachowicz recently; we should get confirmation soon. Staff will add Shelter Client Advocates contact information to the SMC flyers.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT *DISCUSSION* *3 min*

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Public comment: Ben from Shelter Client Advocates is glad that they will be able to start directing people to the SMC contact points.

ADJOURNMENT

Proposed Action: Approve adjournment

M/S/C: Adler/Edwards/Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM

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