

## MEETING MINUTES

Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee

**February 24, 2022**

9:35 AM – 11:40 AM

### Committee Members

Brett Andrews

Nina Catalano

Michelle Cunningham-Denning

Julia D'Antonio

Jennifer Friedenbach

Julie Leadbetter

Lena Miller

Ken Reggio

Shanell Williams

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### 1) **Call to Order**

Call to order

#### Roll Call:

Member Andrews: Present

Member Catalano: Present

Member Cunningham-Denning: Present

Vice Chair D'Antonio: Present

Member Friedenbach: Present

Member Leadbetter: Present

Member Miller: Present

Member Reggio: Present

Chair Williams: Absent

Quorum confirmed.

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement:

**We acknowledge that we are** on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland.

We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

2) ***Opportunity for the public to comment on any matters within the Committee's jurisdiction that are not on the agenda.***

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

3) Action Item:  
***Approval, with possible modification, of the Minutes of the January 27, 2022 Meeting.***

Member Reggio made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Friedenbach seconded the motion.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes  
Member Catalano: Yes  
Member Cunningham-Denning: Yes  
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Leadbetter: Yes  
Member Miller: Yes  
Member Reggio: Yes  
Chair Williams: Absent

The motion passed.

4) Action Item:  
***Resolution making findings to allow teleconferenced meetings under California government code section 54953(e).***

RESOLVED, That the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee finds as follows:

The State of California and the City remain in a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At this meeting, the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency.

State and City officials continue to recommend measures to promote physical distancing and other social distancing measures, in some settings.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, conducting meetings of this body in person would present imminent risks to the safety of attendees, and the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members to meet safely in person.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That for at least the next 30 days meetings of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee will continue to occur exclusively by teleconferencing technology (and not by any in-person meetings or any other meetings with public access to the places where any policy body member is present for the meeting). Such meetings of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee that occur by teleconferencing technology will provide an opportunity for members of the public to address this body and

will otherwise occur in a manner that protects the statutory and constitutional rights of parties and the members of the public attending the meeting via teleconferencing.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary and staff of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee is directed to place a resolution substantially similar to this resolution on the agenda of a future meeting of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee within the next 30 days. If the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee does not meet within the next 30 days, the staff is directed to place a such resolution on the agenda of the next meeting of the Our City, Our Home Oversight Committee.

There were no public comments on this agenda item.

Vice Chair D'Antonio called a vote on the resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes  
Member Catalano: Yes  
Member Cunningham-Denning: Yes  
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Leadbetter: Absent  
Member Miller: Yes  
Member Reggio: Yes  
Chair Williams: Absent

The resolution passed.

5) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

***Presentations on Our City, Our Home Fund budget, spending and implementation, with discussion and possible action by the Committee. (70 min)***

Jessica Shimmin of the Controller's Office presented 6-month report on budget, spending, and capacity added by OCOH Funds. Slides are available [here](#) beginning at slide 11.

Emily Cohen of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing presented on implementation of homelessness prevention and diversion, emergency shelter and hygiene, and permanent housing programs. Slides are available [here](#).

Kelly Kirkpatrick of the Department of Public Health presented on the implementation of mental and behavioral health programs. Slides are available [here](#), beginning at slide 36.

Member Reggio thanked staff for the presentation. He asked whether the system has capacity to ramp up quickly enough to meet the goals in the investment plan. Emily Cohen (HSH) said system capacity is a challenge for the Department and the nonprofit sector at present. Hiring and pay equity are of top concern, not just for HSH but across City departments. HSH is looking to City infrastructure to answer pay equity concerns. Kelly Kirkpatrick (DPH) said DPH is working with the Controller's Office to analyze wage needs among community-based providers. Member Reggio asked for the Committee to be updated on the outcomes of these conversations between the Controller's office, HSH, DPH, and providers.

Member Friedenbach thanked staff for their work and for the presentation. Member Friedenbach said some navigation center beds were missing in the totals presented and suggested combining all shelter beds added through OCOH funded programs (vs FY 2021-2022). Emily Cohen (HSH) said the Department is drawing down state funds for the navigation center beds but will use OCOH Fund in next year's budget.

Member Friedenbach asked how many people the SORT team connects with residential and non-residential

treatment? Kelly Kirkpatrick (DPH) pointed to the [SORT monthly updates](#) as providing up-to-date tracking.

Member Friedenbach noted numerous outcomes related to “connecting” people to services and asked about impact of outreach services in getting people off the streets and into housing. Member Friedenbach said she would like DPH to have more access to an array of housing supports beyond step-down beds.

Lastly, Member Friedenbach asked about “no supplanting” requirement of OCOH Fund as related to funding paramedic teams. Kelly Kirkpatrick (DPH) said DPH is leveraging existing paramedic support and then using OCOH funds to expand paramedic support.

Member Miller asked for greater context about unspent funds. Emily Cohen (HSH) said that the budget was approved in summer, but before spending, next comes designing programs, contacting, staffing up, and finding buildings to buy. Gigi Whitley (HSH) said that the spending shown in the presentation reflects what’s made it into the financial system. Anything not yet invoiced, wouldn’t be reflected in the presentation.

Member Catalano thanked City staff for the presentation. She asked about \$50 million projected to be spent by end of fiscal year in Prevention and Problem Solving. Gigi Whitley (HSH) said the department had \$47million in problem solving programmed in a 2-year investment plan. Revenue shortfall has slowed the pace of programming until the shortfall amount is finalized in March. Once the budget is rebalanced, Ms Whitley said the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing would return with either an expansion plan or alternate proposals for the Committee’s consideration.

Member Catalano asked about uptake of services, meaning people served, housed, as well as plans for tracking housing outcomes on DPH investments. Emily Cohen (HSH) said HSH’s goal is to be able to report on persons housed alongside capacity added. Dr Kunins (DPH) said that her team is building out their analytics team and establishing key performance indicators for OCOH-funded programs.

Member Leadbetter thanked staff for the presentation and work to implement programs. Member Leadbetter said that as the Interim Data Officer, she has been working with staff to plan outcomes measurement.

Vice Chair D’Antonio said she would like to see budget and spending in the prevention category broken out by subpopulation. She asked if the support provided varies by household composition or subpopulation. Emily Cohen (HSH) said the dollars are flexible. There are not prescribed packages of funding for particular groups.

Vice Chair D’Antonio asked the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to present both the number and proportion when reporting on units added by subpopulation. Vice Chair D’Antonio encouraged thinking creatively in order to identify permanent housing options for families.

Vice Chair D’Antonio asked about the OCOH-funded services that are being connected with the federal Emergency Housing Vouchers. Emily Cohen (HSH) said that every person will receive assistance in identifying a unit, compiling documents, and support moving in. Some tenants will also want ongoing social service support, similar to PSH: regular check ins, goal setting, and housing stability. Participating in services is voluntary and encouraged.

Vice Chair D’Antonio asked if the wage bonuses were paid for through the OCOH Fund. She said the wage equity problem is the City’s problem, not to be solved by the OCOH Fund. Emily Cohen said that yes, in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 a wage bonus was funded through the OCOH Fund. Pay equity is being discussed related to the general fund budget.

Vice Chair D’Antonio asked about the staff to client ratio in DPH case management programs. Dr. Kunins said that it varies by level of case management and described 4 degrees of case management support.

Vice Chair D’Antonio thanked staff for the thorough, helpful presentations.

**Public Comment:**

- Suhay Rana, a case manager at Homeless Prenatal Program, provided public comment. She said

she is concerned about the essential OCOH Funds not being released. She said the funds are vital to ending the cycle of homelessness and violence. She said that the funding would support HPP clients to access housing, classes, mental health services. She asked for the release of unspent permanent supportive housing funds.

- Liz Vaughton, a case manager at Homeless Prenatal Program, provided public comment. She said she is concerned about OCOH Funds not being released. She said the funding would support HPP clients to access housing, mental and behavioral health services. She said she is concerned the City Departments are spending on short term strategies rather than long term investments in permanent housing. She asked for the release of unspent OCOH Funds.
- Mary Kate Bacalao, the Director of External Affairs and Policy at Compass Family Services, provided public comment. She thanked City Departments for their informative presentations. She said that subpopulation specific breakdowns for family investments. She said that there isn't enough housing for homeless families in the system. She asked the Committee to think about family shelter, mental health services for families and children, as well as prevention services. She said providers would like to partner and advocate beyond the OCOH Fund for greater pay equity and staffing solutions.
- Martha Ryan, the Executive Director of the Homeless Prenatal Program, provided public comment. She thanked the Departments for the informative presentations. She said that more upstream work needs to be done on the issue and for families. Pregnant moms are as far upstream as possible. She would like Departments to fully fund community-based organizations. She encouraged investing in families and children.
- Rachael, Director of Housing at Homeless Prenatal Program, provided public comment. She said she is concerned that essential OCOH Funds have not been released. She said problem solving and prevention assistance caps are not matching the depth of need. She stressed the need to fast track spending on PSH for families. She would like to collaborate to get the funds released.

6) Discussion Item/Possible Action:

***Propose Agenda Items for Subsequent Meetings, Discussion with Possible Action by the Committee in Response to This Item. (10 min)***

Vice Chair D'Antonio said that with the Committee fully seated, there is a desire to revisit liaison and officer roles. As well, the Committee needs a time to workshop liaison proposals for the budget recommendations. For these reasons, she made a motion to hold a special meeting in April. Member Friedenbach seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Yes  
Member Catalano: Yes  
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent  
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Leadbetter: Yes  
Member Miller: Yes  
Member Reggio: Yes  
Chair Williams: Absent

The motion passed.

Vice Chair D'Antonio suggested a special meeting in March to discuss the lived expertise program. She'd also like to see the inventory analysis at that Special Meeting, too.

Member Andrews suggested a conversation about the approach and process for community engagement, as a companion to the Special Meeting topics. Vice Chair D'Antonio agreed.

Member Leadbetter said she would like a special meeting that defines the needs assessment and timeline, which is something she has been working on with Controller's Office Staff. And ask how community engagement fits into the needs assessment.

Member Leadbetter moved to hold a Special Meeting in March to discuss the Needs Assessment, receive the gaps analysis, and address lived expertise in time for the budget cycle. Member Catalano seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Absent  
Member Catalano: Yes  
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent  
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Leadbetter: Yes  
Member Miller: Yes  
Member Reggio: Yes  
Chair Williams: Absent

The motion passed.

There was no public comment on this agenda item.

## 7) ***Adjourn***

Vice Chair D'Antonio called for a vote to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Member Andrews: Absent  
Member Catalano: Yes  
Member Cunningham-Denning: Absent  
Vice Chair D'Antonio: Yes  
Member Friedenbach: Yes  
Member Leadbetter: Yes  
Member Miller: Yes  
Member Reggio: Yes  
Chair Williams: Absent

The meeting adjourned at 11:40AM.

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