# City and County of San Francisco

# **Shelter Monitoring Committee**

# POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES [DRAFT]

SHELTER MONITORING COMMITTEE
JUNE 8, 2022, 3:00 pm — 4:15 pm (VIA WEBEX)

Present: Absent:

Subcommittee Member Cris Plunkett Subcommittee Member Lisa Rachowicz Subcommittee Member Traci Watson

## CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

3 min

Meeting began at 3:13 PM. There was a quorum present. It was noted that Chair Avalos regretfully resigned effective June 1, 2022.

I. MINUTES ACTION

# A. May 11, 2022 Minutes

**Subcommittee** 

5 min

The Subcommittee reviewed the draft April 2022 Minutes.

Explanatory document- Draft Minutes

Public Comment: None

Proposed Action: Approve Draft Minutes

M/S/C: Plunkett/Rachowicz/all present in favor

**Draft Minutes approved** 

# II. OLD BUSINESS

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

#### A. TRAINING FOR SHELTER STAFF

**Member Watson** 

15 min

The Subcommittee planned to continue discussion of ways to improve professionalism.

**Member comment:** There is some concern there has been less "basic" training over the last two years. Member Plunkett proposed tabling this discussion until Member Watson is present. The subject deserves in-depth review.

**Public comment:** Joaquin R. says wages are an issue, i.e., insofar as they are inadequate. Training should be broadened to cover additional subjects, e.g., what the perspective of the unhoused is and the psychological/emotional impact of being unhoused. The question of equity should be covered. Kaleese S. expressed her view that training focused on empathy should be a priority. Megan P. states that the city should provide and standardize training so that guests are not treated differently based on where they stay. "Checking off a box" is not enough. Angie D. asked about trauma-informed care: who provides the training?

This subject was tabled.

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

#### **DISCUSSION/ACTION**

# A. REPEAT COMPLAINTS/INFRACTIONS

**Subcommittee** 

10 min

The Subcommittee previously agreed on procedures for responding to repeat infractions that come to light in complaints received or during site visits. The question is whether to

make staff notification of the Committee and HSH of any re-occurring infractions a formal policy. The hope is that this will increase the incentives for shelters to address a problem when they evidence difficulty in complying with particular Standards.

Explanatory document- Site Visit and Client Complaint flowcharts

**Public Comment:** Joaquin R. spoke in favor, stating that the goal should be to support the shelter in its efforts to improve service.

**Proposed Action:** *Send this motion to the full Committee for review and vote.* 

M/S/C: Plunkett/Rachowicz/all present were in favor.

Motion approved for review by the SMC at their next meeting.

### B. AGENDA SETTING FOR FUTURE MEETINGS DISCUSSION

MEMBERS

10 min

Member Rachowicz suggested continuing with Navigation Center discussions. For example, facilities are designed differently and could be seen as not maximizing the space. Member Rachowicz will be prepared to discuss next steps (including SOC customization) in subsequent meetings. Member Plunkett suggests working through SOC refinements, e.g., qualify the seven-night minimum, add bike storage, etc.

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

10 min

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**Public comment:** Joaquin R., Director of Housing at the Taimon Booton shelter and candidate for Seat 5, introduced himself.

# V. ADJOURNMENT

Proposed Action: Approve adjournment

M/S/C: Plunkett/Rachowicz/all present in favor

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM

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Action Item	Assigned To
Share draft inspections forms for Navigation Centers.	Staff (Angie David)
Arrange for tours to be offered of Navigation Centers.	Member Rachowicz