The San Francisco Sentencing Commission  
City & County of San Francisco  
(Administrative Code 5.250 through 5.250-3)

Safety and Justice Challenge Subcommittee

AGENDA
Tuesday, November 17, 2020, 12:00 pm
REMOTE MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
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Public Comment Call-In: 877 853 5247 US Toll-free
Meeting ID: 992 6791 2429

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1. Call to Order; Roll Call.
2. Public Comment.
   a. General Public Comment.
   b. Public Comment on All Agenda Items.
4. Housing First Presentation by Homebase (discussion and possible action).
5. Strategy Updates (discussion and possible action).
6. Request for Future Agenda Items (discussion and possible action).
7. Adjournment.
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November 17th, 2020
October Safety and Justice MacArthur Report

Monthly Releases since SJC Baseline

Monthly Releases Last 12 Months
Monthly Differences in Bookings vs Releases

Count of Incarcerated Individuals

-300 -250 -200 -150 -100 -50 0 50 100

Difference in Bookings vs. Releases by Black Category

Above zero line is excess in Bookings & below zero line is excess in Releases per category.
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Difference in Bookings vs. Releases by White Category

Count of Bookings or Releases

-80
-60
-40
-20
0
20
40

Racial Category
White


Above zero line is excess in Bookings & below zero line is excess in Releases per category
Difference in Bookings vs. Releases by Other Category

Above zero line is excess in Bookings & below zero line is excess in Releases per category
Average and Median Length of Stay (in days) of Individuals Released in the Month

- **Average Length of Stay**
- **Health Order**
- **SOBall Starts**
- **SOBall Ends**
- **Median Length of Stay**

*Graph showing data for various months from 2017 to 2020 with peaks and troughs indicating changes in length of stay.*
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Bookings by Racial Percent Last 12 Months

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*San Francisco residency category does include individuals that reported an address in a San Francisco shelter
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END OF SLIDESHOW
Housing First
Philosophy and Practice in the SF Landscape
Introductions

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We are a collective of legal, policy, and subject matter experts who are also data geeks, skilled facilitators, and strategic thinkers and planners dedicated to addressing homelessness and its root causes.

Applying over three decades of experience in the homelessness response field and expertise that spans disciplines and geographies, Homebase works directly with communities to develop strengths-based, customized responses to their most pressing challenges. We partner with clients in the public, non-profit, and faith-based sectors to identify barriers and key resources, refine their ideas and goals, and design scalable solutions.
Agenda for Today

1. Housing Context
2. What is Housing First?
3. Why Housing First?
4. Let’s Talk San Francisco
Context for Housing First
Life-long Impacts of Housing Instability

In utero homelessness leads to increased postnatal hospitalizations and overall worse health.

Children who suffer from lead poisoning are 6x more likely to become juvenile system-involved.

1 in 10 young adults experience homelessness per year. Nearly half of young adults who experience homelessness have also been incarcerated.

Homebase
Housing is an **Equity Issue**

Formerly incarcerated community members are nearly ten times more likely to experience **homelessness** than the general population.

BIPOC and LGBTQI individuals are **disproportionately represented** in both homelessness and criminal justice systems.
Black Adults Make up 12% of the U.S. Population but 33% of the U.S. prison population, and 43% of adults experiencing homelessness in our country.

LGBT Individuals Make up 4.5% of the Population but LGB people are 3x as likely to be incarcerated, and one study indicated that LGBT young adults experienced prior-year homelessness or housing instability at a rate over double that of non-LGBT individuals.
Housing is the Solution

Housing = Safety, Health, Hygiene, Respite, Comfort, Shelter, Stability, Home

Homebase
Housing: The Elephant in the Room

- You already work in housing
- We know housing is essential
What is Housing First?
Housing First is an approach where homeless persons are provided immediate access to housing and then offered the supportive services that may be needed to foster long-term stability and prevent a return to homelessness. This approach removes unnecessary barriers and assumes that supportive services are more effective in addressing needs when the individual or family is housed – when the daily stress of being homeless is taken out of the equation.

Ann Marie Oliva
Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs
August 21, 2016
Housing First is The Law

WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 8256

By 2019 (unless exempted until 2022), all CA state programs that fund, implement, or administer housing or housing-based services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, shall revise or adopt guidelines and regulations that incorporate the core components of Housing First.
From Housing Readiness to Housing First

You have no place to live…

• Get shelter (and don’t lose your bed)
• Get sober (and don’t fall off the wagon)
• Get therapy (and don’t miss a session)
• Get a job (and make enough to pay ½ the rent)

OK, now you’re ready to try housing!
What does it look like in practice?

• Housing will be at the center of any plan
• A shelter will not forbid someone entering because of criminal background (with few exceptions)
• A housing program will not kick someone out if they’re arrested and released within 90 days (with few exceptions)
• Rules are based on behavior, not sobriety
• Residents will get wellness checks and offered supportive services
• Rent will be based on what the client can afford
• Federal Housing First programs screen for lead-based paint
• Programs will comply with fair housing and equal access laws, including issues related to disparate impact
**Who benefits from Housing First?**

- People with *complex* service needs
- Those *turned away* from other housing options
- Those *least likely to be able* to proactively seek and obtain housing/services on their own

- Does this sound like anyone you work with?
Why Housing First?

- Ends homelessness & creates housing stability.
- Improves health and mental health outcomes (without increasing drug/alcohol use and while decreasing emergency care).
- Reduces contact with the criminal justice system.
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Let’s Talk San Francisco
COORDINATED ENTRY
RESOURCE CENTERS AND ACCESS POINTS

Assess + Problem Solving + Prioritize + Refer

Temporary Shelter

Housing
Rapid rehousing and rental subsidies
Permanent Supportive Housing
Housing Ladder
Housed on own
Eligibility

- People experiencing homelessness in San Francisco are eligible for Coordinated Entry.

- People who are not experiencing homelessness will be redirected to other services, and people who are not living in San Francisco will be redirected to services in the community where they live.
Prioritization

I. Housing Conservatorship Referrals & Certificate of Preference Holders

II. Shelter in Place (SIP) Setting Rehousing Plan Clients

III. Shared Priority Project
HSH Website

• https://hsh.sfgov.org/


• https://hsh.sfgov.org/services/coordinated-entry/

• https://hsh.sfgov.org/about/research-and-reports/framework/
Discussion
Thank You!

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## Commonly Used Acronyms

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<td>Community Development Block Grant (CPD program – federal)</td>
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<td>Community Services Block Grant</td>
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| HSH / SF-DHSH | Homelessness and Supportive Housing [San Francisco Department of...]
| HMIS    | Homeless Management Information System |
| HOME    | Home Investment Partnerships (CPD program) |
| HOPWA   | Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (CPD program) |
| HUD     | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (federal) |
| LHC    | Local Homelessness Coordinating Board |
| MHC    | Mental Health Services Act |
| MOHCD  | Mayor’s Office of Housing and Community Development |
| NOFA   | Notice of Funding Availability |
| PHA    | Public Housing Authority |
| SAMHSA | Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration |
| SNAPS  | Office of Special Needs Assistance Program (HUD office overseeing CoC) |
| SOAR   | SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SSI/SSDI Application program) |
| SRO    | Single-Room Occupancy housing units |
| SSA    | Social Security Administration |
| SSDI   | Social Security Disability Income |
| SSI    | Supplemental Security Income |
| TA     | Technical Assistance |
| TANF   | Temporary Assistance to Needy Families |
| TAY    | Transition Age Youth (usually ages 16-24) |
| VA     | Veterans Affairs (U.S. Department of) |
| VASH   | Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing |