

San Francisco Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board

Monday, August 10, 2026, 5:30-7:00pm

25 Van Ness – Room 330a

Public attendance option via Microsoft Teams, link:

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order 5:34pm
2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement
 - a. Read by Freshta Sadat
3. HCH CAB Member Roll Call
 - a. Please see page 3
4. Members of the Public and Staff Introductions
 - a. Attendance on page 3
5. Review Draft August 10th Agenda
 - a. Reviewed by HCH CAB Members, and no changes recommended
6. Review Draft July 13th Minutes
 - a. Reviewed by HCH CAB Members, and no changes recommended
7. General Public Comment
 - a. No Public Comment
8. Announcements
 - Next CAB Meeting –September 14, 5:30-7:00pm – 25 Van Ness- Room 330a
 - Beth and Bill met with the City Attorney regarding seating the recruitment board members and most likely will go through the Health Commission in a few months.
9. Co-Applicant Board Recruitment and Application Review
 - a. No applicants to review
10. Presentation from San Francisco Public Library Social Services Program

SFPL SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM

- Supervision of Health and Safety Associates (HaSAs)
- Staff training, support and consultation
- In-reach and patron referral to community services
- Community partnerships

NUMBER OF REPEAT OUTREACH BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES TEAM

- Fiscal Year '23: 8,247
 - Fiscal Year '24: 11,102
 - Fiscal Year '25: 12,000
 - Fiscal Year '26: 14,671
- Tabling outreach (started in May 2026): 463

HEALTH AND SAFETY ASSOCIATES

- Patron support, connections and referrals
 - Personal and professional development
- Presence at the Main Library and branches (Eureka Valley and Mission Bay)

ADVICE GIVEN ON OVER 80 FREE SOCIAL SERVICES RESOURCES PROVIDED DURING OUTREACH

- Free shelters and housing information
- Free meals, showers and clothing
- Primary care, mental health and substance use treatments
- Legal and public benefits such as CalFresh and General Assistance
- Veterans, Youth and Senior Services
- Employment and vocational resources

COMMUNITY PARTNERS OUTREACH IN THE ATRIUM

- Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS)
- Behavioral Health Services (BHS)
- Sequoia Living Senior Services
- Department of Veterans Affairs

Suggestions and Comments from HCH CAB Members:

- Ken Pearce: How many days a week do you provide service?
 - Service Teams are available 5 days a week such as outreach teams.
- Ron Hernandez: Can you volunteer at the library?
 - No volunteers for any libraries in San Francisco in the social services program
 - Rebekah Hayler suggested that
 - Balance financial coaching resource should be included in binder w/ resources up-to-date as it is a very valuable program

that at least one of the HCH CAB members has benefitted from * Library Commission meets once per month on a Thursday * People needing housing are send to Coordinated Entry * HHS plans to provide the Library Social Work team with some copies of the HHS Resource Guide for People with HIV once it's ready

11. Discuss Current Political & Budget Developments related to HCH

HCH CAB Member shared two suggestions:

1) Suggest Health Care Accessibility messaging focus on educating the public on how different San Francisco is from the rest of the nation, especially around low-cost access, Healthy San Francisco, and the San Francisco Health Plan - possibly by providing a 101 class about SF Health Care, possibly oriented particularly to help the disabled, and

2) Shared that there is a lot of apprehension among the unhoused currently that is triggering mental health episodes, driven by both national and local policy shifts around the safety net and otherwise.

12. Proposed Topics for upcoming HCH CAB Meetings

September- Updates on SFDPH's Substance Use Treatment work- Number of Opioid overdose reversals

October- HCH CAB Member open discussion on current projects or work

November- Invite Ward86 November 9th

December- UCSF Researcher on causes of homelessness Dr. Margot Kushel?

Adjournment

7:07pm

<u>Members</u>	<u>Present August 10th 2026</u>
Bernadette Okereke	N
Richard Sullivan	N
Kenneth Pearce	Y
Michael Discepola	N
Vacant Patient Role	n/a
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Vacant Patient Role	n/a
Vacant Community Role	n/a
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Beth Neary (Non-Voting)	Y

SFDPH Staff: Beth Neary, Freshta Sadat, Nina Davis

Members of the Public: Nina Soares, Rebekah Hayler, Ron Hernandez, Tori Ehrthardt, Leah Esquerra, Jennifer Keys, Paul Nguyen