

San Francisco Health Care for the Homeless Co-Applicant Board

Monday, September 14, 2026, 5:30-7:00pm

25 Van Ness – Room 330a

HCH CAB Meeting Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order & adjournment

HCH CAB meeting was called to order at 5:31PM.

HCH CAB meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

2. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

Read by Freshta Sadat

3. HCH CAB Member Roll Call

Please see page 5

4. Members of the Public and Staff Introductions

Attendance on page 5

5. Review Draft September 14th Agenda

Reviewed by HCH CAB Members, and no changes recommended

6. Draft Review August 10th Minutes

Reviewed by HCH CAB Members, and no changes recommended

7. General Public Comment

No Public Comment

8. Announcements

Next CAB Meeting –October 19, 5:30-7:00pm – 25 Van Ness- Room 330a

9. Co-Applicant Board Recruitment and Application Review

No applicants to review

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

Accidental Overdose Deaths

- The highest overdose deaths recorded in San Francisco was in 2023
- In 2025, overdoses decreased by 23%, and the downward trend continued into 2026.
- Fentanyl is the leading driver of overdose deaths

SF first responders respond to hundreds of overdoses calls

- San Francisco emergency medical services (EMS) responded to more than 650 overdose related calls in the first quarter of 2026
- This represents only a portion of overdose reversals in San Francisco. Evidence suggests that a large proportion of overdoses are reversed by peers.

Naloxone Distribution

- Naloxone is an FDA-approved opioid reversal medication.
- SFDPH distributes thousands of naloxone each year through a combination of CBO partners and City programs.
- In the first two quarters of 2026 SFDPH and partners distribute than 96,000 doses of naloxone.

Overdose Prevention Strategies (How SFDPH is tackling overdoses)

- Build on nationally leading innovations in SF to significantly increase uptake and retention for Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).
- All cause mortality reduces by 50% on MOUD.
- Implement targeted overdose prevention efforts in Permanent Supportive Housing sites and other disproportionately impacted communities.
- Rapidly implement Breaking the Cycle initiatives – more proactive push and expanded / increased focus on treatment and recovery.

Number of people on buprenorphine has increased

- +32% in 2024 v. 2023(Note that the percentage does not include Kaiser or any other health plans- its specific to San Francisco Health Network providers.)
- +21% in 2025 v. 2024 (January - October)

Telehealth services

- Expansion of telehealth and in-person MOUD services through the Bringing Expanded Access to Medication (BEAM) Program.
- Telehealth services Monday – Sunday, 8am – 12am; Phone Number: 888-246-3333 ext. 1

- Do not need ID or insurance to pickup your medicine.

In-person Services:

1380 Howard Street

Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm

Sunday, 9am – 3pm

Methadone treatment

- More people are starting methadone treatment

Initiatives to make methadone treatment more accessible, including:

- Expanding access by starting people on methadone treatment in jail
- Utilizing new state flexibilities that adapt treatment to the needs of people who use fentanyl
- Piloting contingency management to support medication retention
- Increasing navigation support to get more people into methadone treatment citywide with a special focus on the Bayview
- Clubhouse model for people on methadone and currently only at Westside methadone program.
- Bart market now open until 10PM and people can do methadone starts up to 7 to 8PM.

Overdose Prevention Programming in Permanent Supportive Housing

Training Peer Champions

- Delivering Innovation in Supportive Housing (DISH) Peer-to-Peer Overdose Prevention Naloxone distribution
- Substance use service treatment navigation
- Other peer-to-peer support services
- All PSH sites are required to install, stock, and maintain overdose emergency kits (naloxone)

The Shop

- In March 2026, SFDPH and The Glide Foundation launched The Shop, an overdose prevention program focused on older Black/African American men.
- This strategy is based on other successful models of incorporating health and prevention services into a barbershop model (i.e. heart disease, HIV).

Services Include:

- Naloxone distribution and training
- Peer navigation and connections to substance use services
- Community presentations
- Street-based outreach and engagement

Additional Resources:

- Office of the Chief Medical Examiner's reports: <https://www.sf.gov/resource--2020--ocme-accidental-overdose-reports>
- Permanent Supportive Housing Grievance: email hshgrievances@sfgov.org, folks can also use 311 to report issues in and around City-funded sites.
- Brave Buttons: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2949875925000736>
- For Overdose Recognition and Response trainings and/or naloxone: email overdoseprevention@sfdph.org
- Additional Resources: <https://www.sf.gov/substance-use-and-overdose-prevention-services>

For more information on SFDPH Overdose Prevention,

visit:<https://www.sf.gov/substance-use-and-overdose-prevention-services>

11. Proposed Topics for upcoming HCH CAB Meetings

October- Project Open Hand Food Services/Security

November- Ward86 Presentation

December- UCSF Researcher on causes of homelessness Dr. Margot Kushel?
HCH CAB Member open discussion on current projects or work

January- Updates on HR1 and its potential impact on health center
programs- could invite Sophie from SFCCC.

<u>Members</u>	<i>Present September 14th 2026</i>
<i>Bernadette Okereke</i>	Y
<i>Richard Sullivan</i>	N
<i>Kenneth Pearce</i>	Y
<i>Michael Discepola</i>	N
<i>Vacant Patient Role</i>	n/a
<i>Vacant Patient Role</i>	n/a
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<i>Vacant Patient Role</i>	n/a
<i>Vacant Community Role</i>	n/a
<i>Vacant Community Role</i>	n/a
<i>Vacant Community Role</i>	n/a
<i>Beth Neary (non-voting)</i>	Y

SFDPH Staff: Beth Neary, Freshta Sadat, Bill Blum

Members of the Public: Nina Soares, Rebekah Hayler, Ron Hernandez, Yunina Graham, Sean Swanson, Emily Raganold, Harmony Bulloch, Tori Ehrhardt
