# Tenderloin Center Overview & Updates

May 17, 2022

## TLC Background

### Overdose deaths are epidemic in San Francisco; racial disparities pronounced

- More than 700 San Franciscans died of overdose in 2020 and more than 650 in 2021
- Driven by the potent opioid, fentanyl
- More lives lost than to COVID
- Black/African American disproportionally impacted: >4x opioid-involved mortality rate compared with other San Franciscans

### Community Impact:

 Intervention is a critical component of overall Tenderloin Emergency initiative's goals of reducing harm and promoting health and wellness for all in the Tenderloin

**Data Source:** Office of the Chief Medical Examiner

## Collective Impact: City Department Governance

DPH **HSH** APD HSA DPW Backbone Agency **Social Services** Contracts: Code TL Site, Operations, and Health Management Contracts: UA, Benefits & handwashing, tents, WeHope, Project Employment fencing, power Homeless Connect, Connection washing, and Contracts: HR360, ECS facilities support Code TL, RAMS, HRTC, & Community Forward Re-Entry Services Connection Housing & Shelter Behavioral Health & Connection Medical Connections

DEM Emergency Initiative Lead

# Tenderloin Center Service Model

# Common Agenda

### **Primary Objectives**

- Reduce fatal and non-fatal overdoses
- Reduce widespread public drug use
- Provide access to critical dignity, social, and behavioral health services

# Common Agenda

### **Target Population**

- People who use drugs in the Tenderloin
- Equity Focus: People disproportionally impacted by fatal overdose in San Francisco:
  - Black/African-American
  - Male identified
  - Experiencing homelessness
  - Between the ages of 35 64
  - Use on the street

# Service Design

### Low-barrier welcoming space that attends to people's physical and psychological safety.

- Operating Hours: 7-days a week 8:00am 8:00pm (opens at 11am every Wednesday for staff development)
- **Spaces:** Privacy, socialization, services connection, and sober area

#### **Hierarchy of Service Needs:**

- **Dignity Services:** Toilets, showers, laundry, emergency clothing, hot meals, water
- Essential Resources: Housing and shelter assessment/placement, benefits enrollment and other referrals for social services

#### Focus on common risk factors of people who use drugs:

- Infection Prevention/Testing: STI/HIV/Hep C, and hygienic supplies
- **Medical Care:** Wound care supplies, referrals to urgent and primary care
- Overdose Prevention: Wide availability of naloxone and reversal response

#### **Range of Substance Use Interventions:**

- Harm Reduction: hygienic supplies, non-judgmental counseling, and overdose education and response with naloxone
- **Treatment:** Direct linkage to SUD treatment, including medication-assisted and other outpatient treatment, residential treatment, and sober living
- Living Room: For people seeking space and support

#### **Cross-Sector + Peer Staffing + Community Driven:**

- Collective Impact: Collaboration across city departments
- **Peer Staffing:** Direct participation by TL residents and/or people with lived experience of homelessness, mental illness, substance use, incarceration, etc.
- Community Driven: Guest participation and community relationships.

## TLC Guest Flow















#### Intake

- Low-barrier Intake
- list of daily available services

• Check-in oversized belongings

- Hot meals
- Snacks
- water

### Service Connection

- Service Board
- Information Table
- Guest engagement, referrals, & connections
- Connection to on-site services

### **Dignity** Services

- Showers
- Laundry
- Toilets
- Handwashing

### Harm Reduction

- Hygienic supplies
- Naloxone availability
- Education
- Monitoring & Response

#### Living Room

- Explore sobriety
- Vocational counseling
- Peer support

Lobby

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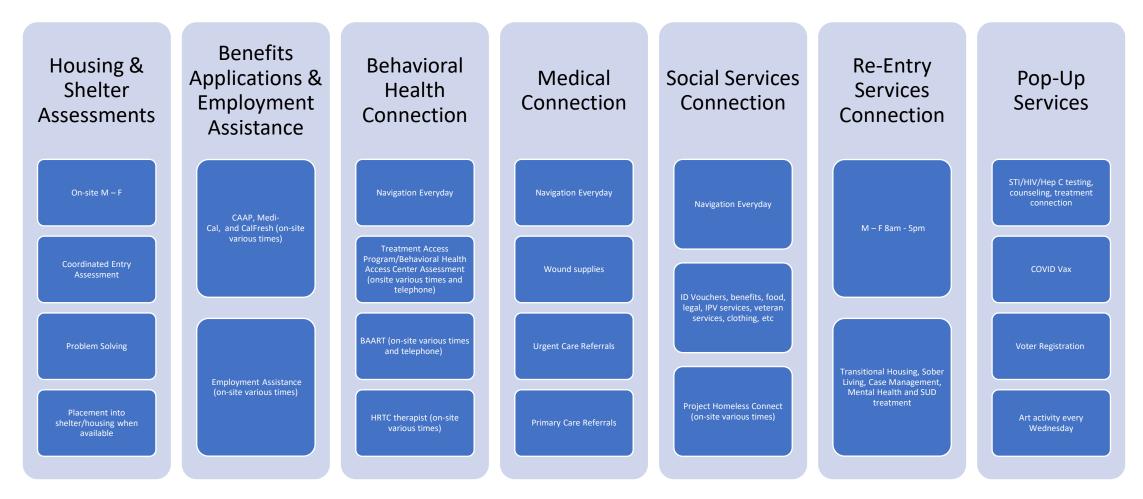
Exit to **Courtyard**  1st Floor & Courtyard

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1st Floor

### Service Connections

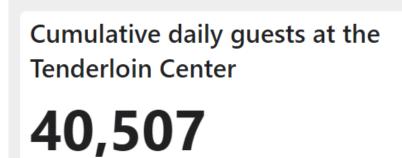


Transportation available via Community Forward van, taxi vouchers, MUNI tokens and monthly MUNI passes

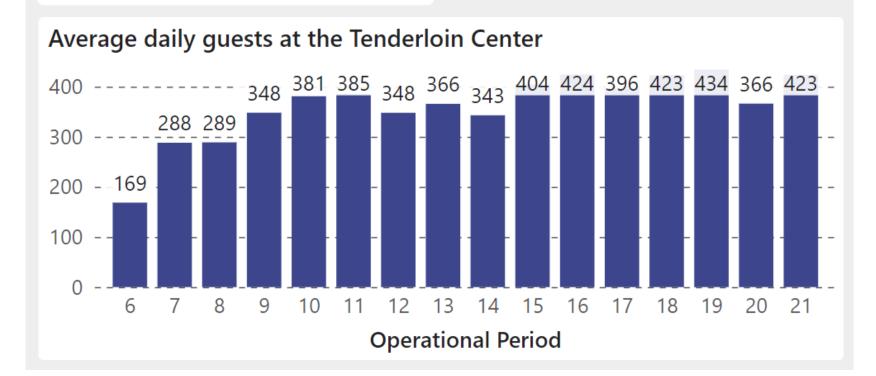
Service Navigators provide some escort services

Tenderloin Center Metrics
Stay Up-to-Date
TEl Dashboard

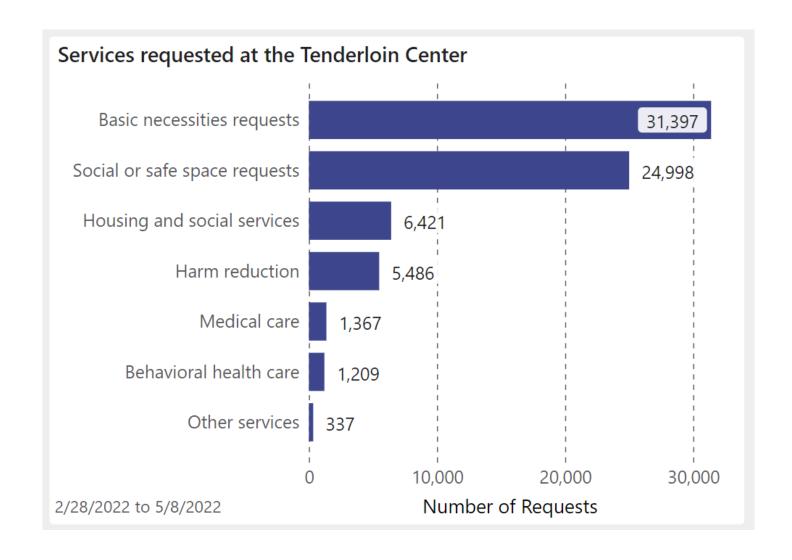
### Daily Guest Visits



1/17/2022 through 5/8/2022



Service Requests February 28th – May 5th



### Dignity Services

Cumulative meals provided

27,210

1/17/2022 - 5/8/2022

Cumulative showers provided

4,333

1/17/2022 - 5/8/2022

Cumulative loads of laundry provided

1,347

1/17/2022 - 5/8/2022

### Referrals & Connections

Cumulative service referrals

1,485

1/31/2022 - 5/8/2022

Cumulative service connections

**174** 

1/31/2022 - 5/8/2022

Overdose

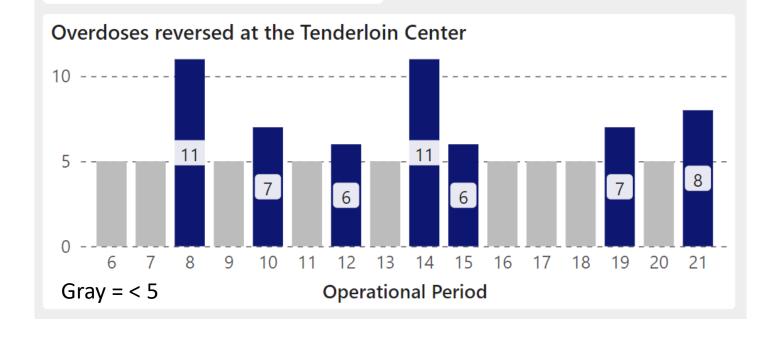
Reversals

January 18 –

May 8th

Cumulative overdoses reversed at the Tenderloin Center

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# Tenderloin Center What's Next?

# TLC Priorities

Item	Dates
Lease extension at 1170 Market St through December 31, 2022	May – June 2022
MBO Budget Approval	May 2022
Enhancing Service Navigation and Metrics	June 2022
Outdoor and fence line enhancements	May – June 2022