



# City and County of San Francisco

## Meeting Minutes

### Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

*Members: Hillary Ronen, Rafael Mandelman, Shamann Walton*

*Clerk: Stephanie Cabrera*

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Friday, April 28, 2023

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

### Regular Meeting

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*President Aaron Peskin appointed Supervisor Dean Preston, in place of Supervisor Shamann Walton, to the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee for the regular meeting of April 28, 2023.*

**Present:** 3 - Hillary Ronen, Rafael Mandelman, and Dean Preston

**Excused:** 1 - Shamann Walton

*The Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee met in regular session, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone, on Friday, April 28, 2023, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.*

## Remote Access to Information and Participation

*The Board of Supervisors ([www.sfbos.org](http://www.sfbos.org)) and its committees convene hybrid meetings that allow in-person attendance, in-person public comment (prioritized before remote public comment), remote access (watch: [www.sfgovtv.org](http://www.sfgovtv.org)), and remote public comment via teleconference (<https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>). Members of the public may also submit their comments by email to the Clerk listed above; all comments received will be made a part of the official record.*

## ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On the call of the roll, Chair Ronen, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Member Preston were noted present. Member Walton was noted not present. A quorum was present.*

### Supervisor Walton Excused from Attendance

**Chair Ronen moved that Supervisor Walton be excused from the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee meeting of April 28, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Mandelman, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

## COMMUNICATIONS

*Stephanie Cabrera, Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public, that when general public comment is called, to contribute live comments in-person or by dialing the telephone number published on the agenda and scrolling across the screen. Clerk Cabrera further announced that in-person public comment will be taken before remote public comment is called.*

*(Those who are providing public comment remotely must dial \*3 to be added to the remote queue to speak. Written comments may be submitted through email ([Stephanie.Cabrera@sfgov.org](mailto:Stephanie.Cabrera@sfgov.org)) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.)*

## AGENDA CHANGES

*There were no agenda changes.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 230343 [Contract Amendment - Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc. - Behavioral Health Services for Adults, Older Adults, and Transitional Age Youth - Not to Exceed \$61,137,386]

Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc. and the Department of Public Health (DPH), for behavioral health services for adults, older adults, and transitional age youth; to increase the agreement by \$37,669,562 for an amount not to exceed \$61,137,386; to extend the term by four years, from June 30, 2023, for a total agreement term of July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2027; and to authorize DPH to enter into amendments or modifications to the contract prior to its final execution by all parties that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities to the City and are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the contract or this Resolution.

(Public Health Department)

(Fiscal Impact)

03/24/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

04/04/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

04/04/23; TRANSFERRED to Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee. President Peskin transferred this matter from the Budget and Finance Committee to the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Max Rocha (Department of Public Health); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); Michelle Ruggels and Yoonjung Kim (Department of Public Health); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Yolanda Gonzalez; Carolyn Kenady (Rescue SF); Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.*

**Chair Ronen moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Mandelman, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

**230353 [Contract Amendment - Westside Community Mental Health Center, Inc. - Substance Use Disorder Services - Not to Exceed \$15,580,935]**

Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between Westside Community Mental Health Center, Inc. and the Department of Public Health (DPH), for substance use disorder services; to increase the agreement by \$6,526,688 for an amount not to exceed \$15,580,935; to extend the term by three years from June 30, 2023, for a total agreement term of July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2026; and to authorize DPH to enter into amendments or modifications to the contract prior to its final execution by all parties that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities to the City and are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the contract or this Resolution. (Public Health Department) (Fiscal Impact)

03/31/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

04/11/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Max Rocha (Department of Public Health); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); Dr. David Pating, Michelle Ruggels, and Wasim Samara (Department of Public Health); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; Yolanda Gonzalez; Hope; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.*

**Chair Ronen moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Mandelman, Preston  
Excused: 1 - Walton

**230354 [Contract Amendment - Homeless Children's Network - Mental Health Services for Homeless Children and Families - Not to Exceed \$17,465,319]**

Resolution approving Amendment No. 2 to the agreement between Homeless Children's Network and the Department of Public Health (DPH), for mental health services for homeless children and families; to increase the agreement by \$7,473,592 for a total amount not to exceed \$17,465,319; to extend the term by four years and six months, from June 30, 2023, for a total agreement term of July 1, 2018, through December 31, 2027; and to authorize DPH to enter into amendments or modifications to the contract prior to its final execution by all parties that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities to the City and are necessary to effectuate the purposes of the contract or this Resolution. (Public Health Department) (Fiscal Impact)

04/03/23; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

04/11/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Farah Farahmand (Department of Public Health); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Yolanda Gonzalez; Richard Perina; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.*

**Chair Ronen moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Mandelman, Preston  
Excused: 1 - Walton

**230415 [Grant Agreement Amendment - Five Keys Schools and Programs - Baldwin SAFE Navigation Center - Not to Exceed \$37,072,314]**

**Sponsor: Mayor**

Resolution approving the second amendment to the grant agreement between Five Keys Schools and Programs and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing (“HSH”) for services at the Baldwin SAFE Navigation Center; extending the grant term by 36 months for a total term of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2026; increasing the agreement amount by \$27,272,314 for a total amount not to exceed \$37,072,314; and authorizing HSH to enter into any additions, amendments, or other modifications to the agreement that do not materially increase the obligations or liabilities, or materially decrease the benefits to the City.

(Fiscal Impact)

04/12/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

04/19/23; TRANSFERRED to Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee. President Peskin transferred this matter from the Budget and Finance Committee to the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Dylan Schneider and Noelle Simmons (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Nicolas Menard (Office of the Budget and Legislative Analyst); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Maggie Fallon; Richard Perina; Yolanda Gonzalez; Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.*

**Chair Ronen moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Mandelman, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

*Member Preston was noted not present at 1:00 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.*

**Supervisor Preston Excused from Attendance**

**Chair Ronen moved that Supervisor Preston be excused from the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Ronen, Mandelman

Excused: 2 - Walton, Preston

**230079 [Hearing - Plans to Implement CARE Court]**

**Sponsors: Mandelman; Ronen and Safai**

Hearing on plans to implement the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court by October 1, 2023; and requesting the Department of Public Health, Superior Court, and Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing to present.

01/24/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

01/27/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Public Health, Superior Court, and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing for informational purposes.

04/10/23; TRANSFERRED to Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Angelica Almeida (Behavioral Health); Noelle Simmons (Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Roberto Evangelista (Public Defender); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Yolanda Gonzalez; Carolyn Kenady (Rescue SF); Marline Morgan; Richard Perina; John Parker (Rescue SF); Fred Winograd; Charles Head, President (Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods); Paulina Fayer; Eleana Binder (Glide Center for Social Justice); Deborah Dacumos; Laura Thomas (San Francisco AIDS Foundation); Jessica Lehman, Executive Director (Senior and Disability Action); Sara Shortt (Treatment on Demand Coalition); Speaker; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.*

**Vice Chair Mandelman moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Ronen, Mandelman

Excused: 2 - Walton, Preston

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee adjourned at the hour of 1:43 p.m.*

*N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Homelessness and Behavioral Health Select Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.*