



Human Welfare and Community Action Commission

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

7:00 PM

South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St.

Berkeley, CA 94703

Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comment

Update/Action Items

The Commission may take action related to any subject listed on the agenda, except where noted.

Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

1. Approve Minutes from the 9/18/2019 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)
2. By-Laws Subcommittee Update
3. Tentative meeting dates for 2020 (Attachment B) – Staff
4. Update regarding 2019 HWCAC commissioner training – Staff
5. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports — Staff (Attachment C)
 - a. LifeLong Medical Care – Geriatric Care/Hypertension

Other Discussion Items

6. Presentation by Willie Phillips regarding gentrification
7. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee – Commissioner Sood
8. Review of Homeless Commission and Commission on Disability minutes – Commissioner Kohn (Attachment D)
9. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
10. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
11. Discuss tax bill transparency – Commissioner Sood (Attachment E)
12. Discuss coach and teacher disclosures – Commissioner Sood
13. Discuss student feedback systems – Commissioner Sood (Attachment F)

14. Discuss possibility of commissioners calling into meetings – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
15. Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
16. Discuss encampments proposal (Attachment G) – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
17. Discuss rent control recommendation – Commissioners Behm-Steinberg and Omodele
18. Update on West Berkeley air quality – Commissioner Bookstein
19. Update on the closure of Alta Bates Hospital – Commissioner Omodele
20. Review latest City Council meeting agenda
21. Announcements
22. Future Agenda Items

Adjournment

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 9/18/2019 Meeting
- B. Tentative 2020 Meeting Dates
- C. LifeLong Medical Care – Geriatric Care/Hypertension Statement of Expense and Program Report
- D. Homeless Commission and Commission on Disability minutes
- E. Tax bill transparency write-up (Commissioner Sood)
- F. School conflict of interest transparency and student feedback program write-up (Commissioner Sood)
- G. Family Homelessness in Berkeley

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DRAFT MINUTES

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Preliminary Matters

1. Roll Call
 Present: Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim
 Absent: Holman, Romo
 Quorum: 6 (Attended: 8)
 Staff Present: Mary-Claire Katz, Rhianna Babka
 Public Present: Jae Won Sim
2. Public Comment
 None.

Update/Action Items

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Berkeley Community Action Agency Board Business

1. Approve Minutes from the 7/17/2019 Regular Meeting (Attachment A)
Action: M/S/C (Sood/Omodele) to approve the 7/17/2019 minutes with edits.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Holman, Romo.
2. Discuss 2019 HWCAC commissioner training – Staff
 Staff and commissioners discuss the upcoming training required by Community Services Block Grant funding.
3. Discuss Updates to Easy Does It Audit – Staff (Attachment B)
 Staff provide an update to commissioners about the Easy Does It audit results.
4. Discuss By-Laws Subcommittee – Staff
 Staff discusses commission rules about subcommittees. Commissioner Kohn will bring the By-Laws Subcommittee's proposed changes to the 10/16/19 meeting.
5. Review City Of Berkeley Funded Agency Program And Financial Reports — Staff (Attachment C)
 - a. LifeLong Medical Care – Primary Care/Acupuncture
 Commissioners reviewed and discussed the program and financial reports for LifeLong Medical Care's Primary Care/Acupuncture program.

Other Discussion Items

6. Discuss Budget Review Subcommittee – Commissioner Sood
 Members of the Budget Review Subcommittee will meet and will update the other commissioners at the 10/16/19 meeting.

7. Review of Homeless Commission and Commission on Disability minutes – Commissioner Kohn (Attachment D)
Action: M/S/C (Bookstein/Dunner) to send a draft letter to Council regarding ADA accessibility at public town hall meetings to the Homeless Commission and the Commission on Disability for their review and co-sign.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim; Noes – None; Abstain – Sood; Absent – Holman, Romo.

Action: M/S/C (Dunner/Sood) to extend the meeting by 10 minutes.
Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Holman, Romo.
8. Discuss possible improvements to the HWCAC request for proposal review process – Commissioner Kohn
Continued to 10/16/19 meeting.
9. Discuss disabled accessibility in high-density corridors – Commissioner Behm-Steinberg
Continued to 10/16/19 meeting.
10. Discuss Tax Bill Transparency – Commissioner Sood
Continued to 10/16/19 meeting.
11. Discuss Coach and Teacher Disclosures – Commissioner Sood
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Continued to 10/16/19 meeting.
15. Review Latest City Council Meeting Agenda
Continued to 10/16/19 meeting.
16. Announcements
None.
17. Future Agenda Items
Discuss commissioners being able to call into meetings as it relates to disability.
Discuss lack of phone booths and charging stations in Berkeley.

Adjournment

Action: M/S/C (Kohn/Omodeles) to move remaining agenda items to the next meeting and to adjourn at 9:10PM.

Vote: Ayes – Dunner, Smith, Sood, Kohn, Omodele, Behm-Steinberg, Bookstein, Deyhim; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Holman, Romo.

Attachments

- A. Draft Minutes of the 7/17/2019 Meeting
- B. Recommendations Status: Easy Does It City Grant Funding Audit
https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/City_Council/2019/09_Sep/Documents/2019-09-10_Item_68_Recommendations_Status_Easy_Does_It.aspx
- C. LifeLong Medical Care – Primary Care/Acupuncture Statement of Expense and Program Report
- D. Homeless Commission and Commission on Disability minutes

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2020 Commission Meeting Dates

Name of Commission: Human Welfare & Community Action

Commission Secretary: Mary-Claire Katz

Meeting Location: South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street

2019 Meeting Dates

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
January 2020	Wednesday January 15	7:00 PM
February 2020	Wednesday February 19	7:00 PM
March 2020	Wednesday March 18	7:00 PM
April 2020	Wednesday April 15	7:00 PM
May 2020	Wednesday May 20	7:00 PM
June 2020	Wednesday June 17	7:00pm

Month	Meeting Day and Date	Time
July 2020	Wednesday July 15	7:00pm
August 2020	No Meeting	
September 2020	Wednesday September 16	7:00 PM
October 2020	Wednesday October 21	7:00pm
November 2020	Wednesday November 18	7:00 PM
December 2020	No meeting	

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Program: Primary Geriatric Care/Hypertension
 Agency: Lifelong Medical Care

**City of Berkeley
 Community Agency
 CLIENT CHARACTERISTICS REPORT**

Contract No: 010586

This Report Due: **Jul 31, 2019**

Agency: Lifelong Medical Care Period of: **2nd Half 2019**
 Program: Primary Geriatric Care/Hypertension Prepared By:
 Phone: E-mail:

1. CLIENT SUMMARY - 2nd Half

	2nd Half	YTD
A. Total New Clients Served by the Program (Berkeley and Non-Berkeley)	1,925	3,837
B. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	716	1,430
C. Total New Berkeley Clients Served for Whom You Were NOT Able to Gather Statistics on Age, Race/Ethnicity, and Income:	0	0
D. Total New Berkeley Clients Served:	716	1,430

2. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

RACE - Unduplicated Count Single Race Categories	Previous Periods		Report Period		Year-To-Date	
	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity?	Non-Hispanic	Hispanic Ethnicity
American Indian/Alaskan Native ?	6	0	3		9	0
Asian ?	64	3	59	3	123	6
Black/African American ?	203	5	187	7	390	12
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ?	2	1	2		4	1
White ?	248	6	265	4	513	10
Combined Race Categories						
American Indian/Alaskan Native & White	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian & White	3	0	5	1	8	1
Black/African American & White	3	0	2		5	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native & Black/African American	0	0	0		0	0
Other Combined Race Categories	135	35	146	32	281	67
TOTALS	664	50	669	47	1,333	97
TOTAL SERVED	714		716		1,430	

3. INCOME LEVEL

Income Level - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
Poverty	0	0	0
Poverty to 30% of AMI (Ex. Low)	35	31	66
31-50% of AMI (Low)	679	685	1,364
51-80% of AMI (Moderate)	0	0	0
Above 80% of AMI	0	0	0
TOTALS	714	716	1,430

[View AMI Table](#)

4. AGE

Age - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
0-5	0	0	0
6-11	0	0	0
12-17	0	0	0
18-24	0	2	2
25-44	8	2	10
45-54	5	10	15
55-61	28	34	62
62 and Over	673	668	1,341
Unknown	0	0	0
TOTALS	714	716	1,430

5. OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

Other Characteristics - Unduplicated Count	Previous Periods	This Period	YTD
Female	418	425	843
Male	296	291	587

Other			0
Disabled	131		251
Homeless	33	44	77
Chronically Homeless	0	0	0
Female Head of Household	0	0	0

6. SERVICE MEASURES

Service Measures	Annual Goal		1st Half		2nd Half		Served YTD		% Served	
	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients	UOS	New Clients
***** Health Care Services *****										
1 Healthcare Detection/Screening Servic	11,851	774	9,584	714	3,540	716	13,124	1,430	111%	185%

Service Measure Definitions: [Hide](#)

Healthcare Detection/Screening Services	Healthcare Detection/Screening Services will equate to one clinical visit which is defined as a documented, face-to-face contacts between a patient and a licensed provider who exercises independent professional judgment in the provision of services to the patients. To be included as a visit, services rendered must be documented in a chart in the possession of the health center. Services will be delivered at LifeLong Over 60 Health Center. Units of services for the hypertension drop-in clinic are defined as encounters provided to Berkeley residents who receive blood pressure screenings by clinic staff. Encounters are face-to-face and documented in a chart.
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1st Half Narrative (click to view)

LifeLong Medical Care provided primary geriatric care to 714 Berkeley seniors during the reporting period. The Over 60 Health Center continues to be an essential safety net health center for low-income Berkeley seniors. We anticipate exceeding our goal for the year.

2nd Half Narrative

LifeLong Medical Care provided primary geriatric care to 716 Berkeley seniors during the reporting period. The Over 60 Health Center has exceed the goal for the year and will continue to to be an essential safety net health center for low-income Berkeley seniors.

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7. OUTCOMES

Outcomes	Annual Goal	1st Half Achieved Outcome	2nd Half Achieved Outcome	Achieved Outcome YTD	% Achieved Outcome of Annual Goal	% Achieved Outcome of Total Served
1 Participants enrolled in necessary treatment	774	998	797	1,795	232%	126%
1 Participants exhibited improved health	350	239	227	466	133%	33%

1st Half Narrative (click to view)

During the reporting period, 239 patients with hypertension exhibited improved health with a recent blood pressure reading of less than or equal to 140/90--which indicates normal blood pressure. We anticipate meeting our goal for the year.

2nd Half Narrative

During the reporting period, 227 patients with hypertension exhibited improved health with a recent blood pressure reading of less than or equal to 140/90--which indicates normal blood pressure. We anticipate meeting our goal for the year.

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Report Submitted by: Smita Dey Date: 07/31/2019

Accepted by: Mary-Claire Katz Date: 10/08/2019

Report modified by:

Initially submitted: Jul 31, 2019 - 16:44:46

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**CITY OF BERKELEY
COMMUNITY AGENCY STATEMENT OF EXPENSE
04/01/2019 TO 06/30/2019**

Note: Any variation from the Approved Budget exceeding ten percent (10%) requires a Budget Modification Form.

Agency Name: [Lifelong Medical Care](#) Contract #: [010586](#)
 Program Name: [Primary Geriatric Care/Hypertension](#) PO #: [115084](#)
 Funding Source : General Fund

Expenditure Category	Staff Name	Approved Budget	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Apr-Jun 2019	Total Expenditure	Budget Balance
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT	SEARLS, GWYNNE	\$32,136.00	\$8,034.00	\$8,034.00	\$8,034.00	\$8,034.00	\$32,136.00	\$0.00
MED RECEPTIONIST	CASTILLO, YESENIA	\$2,442.36	\$611.00	\$611.00	\$611.00	\$609.36	\$2,442.36	\$0.00
MED ASSISTANT 3	GARCIA, JENNIFER	\$2,491.14	\$623.00	\$623.00	\$623.00	\$622.14	\$2,491.14	\$0.00
NEW PT COORDINATOR	SANTOS, JENELYN	\$2,442.36	\$611.00	\$611.00	\$611.00	\$609.36	\$2,442.36	\$0.00
MED RECEPTIONIST 2	PAGE, JAMILAH	\$4,151.90	\$1,038.00	\$1,038.00	\$1,038.00	\$1,037.90	\$4,151.90	\$0.00
CENTER MANAGER 1	ROBERT, STEPHANIE	\$7,519.80	\$1,880.00	\$1,880.00	\$1,880.00	\$1,879.80	\$7,519.80	\$0.00
CENTER MANAGER 2	HARDY, STEVE	\$5,809.91	\$1,452.00	\$1,452.00	\$1,452.00	\$1,453.91	\$5,809.91	\$0.00
CLINICAL CARE ASST	HERNANDEZ, ROSAURO	\$14,322.00	\$3,581.00	\$3,581.00	\$3,581.00	\$3,579.00	\$14,322.00	\$0.00
MED ASSISTANT 4	GONZALES, ROCIO	\$16,219.00	\$4,055.00	\$4,055.00	\$4,055.00	\$4,054.00	\$16,219.00	\$0.00
Taxes/Benefits		\$23,672.53	\$5,917.00	\$5,917.00	\$5,917.00	\$5,921.53	\$23,672.53	\$0.00
TOTAL		\$111,207.00	\$27,802.00	\$27,802.00	\$27,802.00	\$27,801.00	\$111,207.00	\$0.00

Advances Received [\\$111,207.00](#)
 Underspent/(Overspent) [\\$0.00](#)

Explain any staffing changes and/or spending anomalies that do not require a budget modification at this time:

Upload of General Ledger and Summary Income/Expenditure Statement (required):

General Ledger: [Lifelong_Medical_Care- Geriatric_Care_GL_Report_FY18-19.pdf](#)

Summary Income/Expenditure Statement: [Lifelong_Medical_Care- Geriatric_Care_Income_Statement_FY18-19.pdf](#)

Other:

Other:

- Expenditures reported in this statement are in accordance with our contract agreement and are taken from our books of account which are supported by source documentation.
- All federal and state taxes withheld from employees for this reporting period were remitted to the appropriate government agencies. Furthermore, the employer's share or contributions for Social Security, Medicare, Unemployment and State Disability insurance, and any related government contribution required were remitted as well.

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Name of Authorized Signatory with Signature on File

Approved By: Mary-Claire Katz Project Manager	10/08/2019 Date	Examined By: _____ CSA Fiscal Unit	_____ Date	Approved By: _____ CSA Fiscal Unit	_____ Date	ATTACHMENT C
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Initially submitted: Aug 30, 2019 - 13:03:31



Berkeley Homeless Commission

MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2019

1. Roll Call: 7:00 PM

Present: Hill, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Mulligan (absent 8:21-9:05), Hollyman, Hirpara (absent 7:00-7:07), Behm-Steinberg (absent 7:00-7:10)

Absent: None.

Staff: Carnegie, Radu

Public: Three.

2. Public Comment: Three.

3. Approval of minutes from July 10, 2019

Action: M/S/C Kealoha-Blake/ Marasovic to approve the minutes from July 10, 2019 as written.

Vote: Ayes: Hill, Kealoha-Blake, Marasovic, Mulligan, Hirpara, Hollyman.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Behm-Steinberg.

Updates/Action Items:

4. Staff and Chair updates

Discussion; no action taken.

5. Updates from Commission Subcommittees, including possible action by the full Commission

Action: M/S/C Behm-Steinberg/ Marasovic to replace Commissioner's Behm-Steinberg's seat on the Youth Policy Subcommittee with Commissioner Hollyman.

Vote: Ayes: Mulligan, Marasovic, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Hill, Hollyman, Behm-Steinberg.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

6. Discussion, and possible action, on Pathways, outcome and transportation

Action: M/S/C Hill/ Mulligan to approve the report to Council with the following amendments: (i) add "..., as well as public shuttle system coordinated by the City of Berkeley and Alameda County" to the last sentence under the Recommendation section, and (ii) remove the sentence under the Alternative Actions Considered section, and replace it with "We considered changes to the AC Transit bus routes."

Vote: Ayes: Hill, Mulligan, Marasovic, Hirpara, Kealoha-Blake, Hollyman, Behm-Steinberg.

Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* None.

8. Discussion, and possible action, on clarification on numbers of homeless families in Berkeley and outcomes.

Discussion; no action taken. Resume discussion in next meeting.

9. Propose agenda items for next meeting.

Commissioners requested the following items to be agenized for the next meeting:

- clarification on numbers of homeless families in Berkeley and outcomes,
- Source of income discrimination among low-income renters in Berkeley,
- Council recommendation on accessibility to Commission meetings for Commissioners with disabilities
- Tax initiative for landlords who rent to voucher holders
- Updates to municipal code for RV dwellers
- Rights of homeless families
- Homeless resource information for public display
- CalTrans properties

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM

Minutes Approved on: _____

Peter Radu, Commission Secretary: _____



Commission on Disability
AGENDA
Final Regular Meeting Minutes

Commission on Disability	Wednesday
1947 Center St.	9/04/2019
Multipurpose Room	6:30 PM
Berkeley, CA 94704	

A. PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1) Call to Order by Chair Ghenis @6:45 PM
- 2) Roll Call by Secretary: Present Ghenis, Ramirez, Leeder, Smith, Singer, Walsh, Weiss LOA: 0
Absent: 0
- 3) Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda. (Up to 3 minutes per speaker) None
- 4) Approval of Draft Action Minutes of August 21, 2019
* (approved as amended, Smith/Walsh, all ayes)
- 5) Staff Update.
- 6) Approval and Order of Agenda (Leeder/Walsh, all ayes)

B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

The public may speak at the beginning of any item.
(Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

Commission will take a 5 minute break around 8pm

1. Meeting logistics and related concerns.

Clarify that all concerns have been addressed; note if there are any ongoing barriers, and what barriers are; progress as needed. (5 minutes / Ghenis)

Post Agenda on outside

Security guard should be at the bottom of the stairs

2. Service Animals Welcome. (10 minutes/ Weiss)

Motion to pass item. (Walsh/Singer)

3. Aligning Work Plan with Fiscal Year. Discussion. (5 min/COD).

Discussion. No action taken.

4. Access Line Item in Council Templates. Discussion and update. (5 minutes/COD)

Discussion. No action taken.

5. Elevator Ordinance. Discussion and update. (5 minutes/COD) Discussion. No action taken.

6. Town Hall. Disability Town Hall will occur in place of regularly-scheduled October meeting. Discussion and Update (15 minutes / Ghenis)

Motion to hold Town Hall @6 PM, 1947 Center St.

Multipurpose Rm. (Leeder/Smith, all ayes)

7. New Construction and Renovations – Accessibility Guidelines and Regulations (10 minutes/ Ghenis)**

Develop comprehensive framework for accessibility in new construction and/or renovations. Discussion of Council item.

Discussion. No action taken.

8.. Photos for Navigable Cities Item. Discuss photos for Navigable Cities item. (5 minutes/COD)**

Discussion. No action taken.

10. Announcements

C. INFORMATION ITEMS AND SUBCOMMITTEE

REPORTS

1. Peace and Justice Commission Subcommittee on the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities- Update on activity or projects of this subcommittee since last meeting. (5 minutes / Walsh & Weiss)

D. COMMUNICATIONS

1. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (from adopted work plan, referrals, etc.)

Navigable Cities Items

- **Construction issues**
- **Portable signs**
- **Photo survey**

Sidewalk discussion item

Events Calendar

Service Animals Welcome
Elevator ordinance
Access line item in Council templates

E. ADJOURNMENT: no later than 9:30pm

Agenda Posted: TBD


- * Indicates written material included in packet.
- ** Indicates material to be delivered at meeting.
- *** Indicates material previously mailed.

A complete agenda packet is available for public review on the web at:

https://www.cityofberkeley.info/Clerk/Commissions/Commissions_Commission_on_Disability_Homepage.aspx

Available also at the main library, and Public Works, Engineering Division, 1947 Center Street, 4th Floor.

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Taxation Transparency

We understand that the city is currently involved in litigation concerning the calculation of taxes on a property where sq. footage may have been misstated. Our goal is not to comment on the litigation but instead to communicate to council that we think it might be good look into adding more information to the Property tax bill

Changes Requested:

- 1) Show the calculation of each tax item on the bill
- 2) Show the sq. footage being used in the calculation.
- 3) Provide a clear process for residents that have questions in regards to their bill

If items 1 and 2 can't be added to the current bill then a 2nd page could be added with this information or the information should be made available online

Reasoning

This would make it easier for property owners, especially for those that may not have the time or knowledge to work through the tax bill to understand what is being included and how is it being calculated. This would also reduce errors and the potential for future issues.

Costs:

- Printing of Tax Bill details
- Maintenance of website
- Staff time to respond to questions

School Conflict of Interest Transparency

Teachers and coaches have a large influence on a student's experience and can impact their academic career and opportunities in the future.

Recent events have shown that in some cases that influence can be used inappropriately and that opportunities may be presented to students based on personal considerations. Our goal would be to insulate Berkeley schools from this type of liability by recommending that a disclosure rule be put in place where all coaches and teachers at Berkeley High School would need to disclose personal and/or financial or business relationships with any student or parent in any class or team they are responsible for. This would increase transparency and increase the level of trust parents and students have that decisions are based on merit.

Student Feedback Program

Schools are a large investment in our city's youth and in their futures yet these important "customers" are in large part left out of the feedback loop.

We are recommending that a formal system be instituted that provides students the opportunity to provide feedback on school facilities, curriculum, teachers, coaches, and administrators twice in the school year. This would increase transparency, provide students a voice, and increase trust in the school improvement process. This could also provide valuable information that would help government bodies, teachers and administrators improve the function and results of the school system.

Family Homelessness in Berkeley

Our Situation and the Path Forward

In the 2019 Point-In-Time Count¹, 19 homeless² families with a total of 38 children were identified.

*“The PIT count is a one-night count and necessarily misses anyone who, let’s say, lost their housing the day after the count. Over the course of a year, we estimate that on average in Berkeley, the number of people experiencing homelessness over the course of a year is likely 2x the nightly count. For families, however, this “multiplier” is likely to be larger, given that families are less likely to experience long spells of homelessness and less likely to be chronically homeless. We can assume, then, that the multiplier is 3. This implies that **over the course of a year, we actually have up to 19 x 3 = 57 homeless families in Berkeley**”*

*-- Peter Radu,
Homeless Services Coordinator
Health, Housing & Community Services Department of the City of Berkeley*

According to both the 2017 and 2019 PIT Count, the average homeless family in Berkeley has 2 children. Given that over a given year, roughly 57 families experience homelessness, the data suggests that **over the course of a year, we actually have up to 57 x 2 = 114 homeless children annually in Berkeley.**

In summary, in a given year, our best estimates reveal **57 homeless families with 114 children³.**

Too many Berkeley families are homeless.

No family should experience the intense pain, difficulty, and trauma of homelessness.

¹ The PIT Count does not count families who are “doubled up” i.e. living with friends or relatives due to economic hardship or in otherwise unsuitable living situations, in a number of cases related to domestic violence/abuse. In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act of 1978, the Department of Education and the Berkeley Unified School District do count “doubled-up” families.

² Lacking consistent nighttime residence i.e. streets, cars, motels, shelter, or “doubled-up.”

³ Less than one out of four homeless children are expected to graduate high school (National Center on Family Homelessness 2012).

According to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, permanent housing subsidies are the “*most effective intervention to assure housing stability for families experiencing homelessness*” (Family Options Study 2019⁴).

How much would it cost to provide a permanent housing subsidy to every homeless family?

1. The current FMR for a 2 bedroom apartment in Berkeley is \$2,338.
2. Assuming 57 households with 12 months of rent per year at this level, comes out to ~\$1,599,192 per year in rental costs.
3. Families may be asked to pay some portion of their income in rent, so assuming that the average homeless family is living on around 30% AMI -- a generous assumption -- they would pay around \$500 in rent a month -- a contribution of \$342,000 a year.

That drops the cost to \$1,257,192 without accounting for the costs of services and administration.

A new city staff tasked with administering 53 subsidies would roughly cost \$180k annually given salary and benefits. Given that an ideal staff to subsidy ratio would be closer to 20 subsidies per 1 staff, *3 new staff would be needed*. This would cost \$540,000 roughly bringing the total cost to a little less than 2 million dollars.

Cost of permanently housing every homeless family: **2 million dollars annually.**

⁴ The Family Options Study is a multi-site random assignment experiment designed to study the impact of various housing and services interventions for homeless families. HUD launched the *Family Options Study* in 2008 in response to Congressional direction and with the goal of learning more about the effects of different housing and services interventions for homeless families.