



Berkeley Homeless
Services Panel of Experts

MEETING AGENDA June 2, 2021 – 7:00 PM

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Commission Secretary: Josh Jacobs (jjacobs@cityofberkeley.info; 510-225-8035)

1. Roll Call.
2. Public Comment on non-agenda items.
3. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2021. [Attachment 1].

Updates/Action Items:

4. Agenda Approval.
5. Chair update.
6. Vice-Chair Election.
7. Review Recommendations for Measure P Funding to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee.
8. Begin Discussion of Homeless Services Panel of Experts' Work to be conducted between Budget Recommendations.
9. Adjourn.

Attachments:

1. Minutes from special meeting of May 19, 2021.
2. Summary of Measure P Recommendations. [Attachment 2].
3. Responses to Questions from Chair on Family Homelessness. [Attachment 3].

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Commissioner Carrasco's participation was not official and his vote is not counted for official purposes.

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2021

1. Roll Call: 6:00 PM
Present: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Carrasco, Bookstein (absent until 6:22 PM).
Absent: None.
Staff: Lee, Jacobs, Warhuus, McCormick.
Council: None.
Public: 2.
2. Comments from the Public: None.

Update/Action Items

3. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2021.
Action: M/S/C Carrasco/Scheider to approve the minutes of April 28, 2021 as amended.
Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Carrasco.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* None. *Absent:* Bookstein.
4. Agenda Approval.
Action: M/S/C Scheider/Whitson to approve the agenda as written.
Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson.
Noes: None. *Abstain:* Carrasco. *Absent:* Bookstein.
5. Chair update.
Discussion; no action taken.
6. Review Recommendations for Measure P Funding to be submitted to the Budget and Finance Subcommittee.
Action: M/S/C Scheider/Marasovic move to approve the following Measure P recommendation:

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“We strongly support the purchase of hotels to provide housing for persons experiencing homelessness. However, due to limited amount of Measure P funding, we recommend pursuing other sources of funding for the Home Key Project if possible, including the \$2.7 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and other funding that can be leveraged.”

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Bookstein, Carrasco.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Action: M/S/C Scheider/Bookstein move to approve the following Measure P recommendation:

“We understand that council has already approved funding for the Downtown Streets Team in the amount of \$920,304 from Measure P. We believe that Council should have referred this item to HSPE to consider. While the DTST is an excellent program, it is not consistent with the HSPE primary priority recommendation which focuses on providing housing for persons experiencing homelessness. We recommend that the DTST funding come from the General Fund.”

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Bookstein, Carrasco.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Action: M/S/C Carrasco/Bookstein move to approve the following Measure P recommendation:

“While we do not recommend Measure P funding for evaluation of service providers, we acknowledge the importance of the gathering of this information and encourage the City to conduct comprehensive evaluation.”

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Bookstein, Carrasco.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

Action: M/S/C Scheider/Carrasco move to extend the meeting to 8:15 PM

Vote: Ayes: Marasovic, Scheider, Whitson, Bookstein, Carrasco.
Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

7. Begin Discussion of Homeless Services Panel of Experts’ Work to be conducted between Budget Recommendations.

Discussion; no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes Approved on: _____

Josh Jacobs, Commission Secretary: _____

HSPE 2021 recommendations – April meetings

April 21, 2021 Meeting Motions:

Motion #1: HSPE strongly recommends that the City Council allocate a substantial amount of Measure P funding to purchase a hotel or hotels to house persons experiencing homelessness, in alignment with other available funding opportunities.

Motion #2: HSPE recommends that Council allocate some Measure P monies to fund shallow subsidies to prevent homelessness for persons at risk and also to support persons experiencing homelessness.

Motion #3: HSPE recognizes there are important opportunities that M. P \$ can leverage to secure hotels and that we strongly believe that MP \$ should be used to provide housing and to help prevent homelessness.

Therefore, the HSPE recommends that no Measure P funding be used to fund 5150 transports and encourages the City to explore alternative funding sources including the potential for insurance & MediCal reimbursements.

April 28, 2021 Meeting Motions:

Motion #1: The HSPE strongly supports the 1367 University Ave project to provide needed housing for persons experience homelessness. The HSPE recommends that 25% of the needed operating expenses (\$ ---) for this project be allocated for FY 2022 in the event that the facility opens in spring 2022. If the facility does not open until FY 23, we recommend rolling this allocation over to FY 23.

Motion #2: HSPE recommends that the Coordinated Entry program be funded at \$1 million based on actual expenses from FY 20 and FY 21.

Motion #3: HSPE recommends that Pathways be funded \$1.5 million to take advantage of the match from the State PLHA program. For FY 2022.

Motion #4: HSPE recommends continuing funding for DBA Homeless Outreach Worker at current level of \$40,000.

Motion #5: HSPE recommends funding Lifelong Medical \$525,000 based.

Motion #6: HSPE recommends funding BDIC Locker Program \$50,000.

Report: concern that lockers are underutilized.

Motion #7: Due to the difficulty of implementing PHS and the time limits of Measure P, HSPE recommends moving \$1,600,000 funding from PHS to shallow subsidies.

Motion #8: HSPE strongly recognizes the importance of racial equity training and urges the City of Berkeley to use City funds to provide such training to City staff and non-profit contractors including those serving persons who are experiencing homelessness.

Motion #9: HSPE recommends funding \$30,000 to conduct deep, comprehensive evaluation of homeless services in the city of Berkeley to supplement current evaluation practices. **No quorum.**

Motion #10: \$920,000 for Downtown Streets Team was approved on 4/27/21 Council Consent calendar without referring to the HSPE. HSPE recommends that Council support this program and encourage Council to look for alternative funding sources so that Measure P funding can be directed towards housing.

Motion #11: HSPE recommends funding Dorothy Day for \$566,000 for the Shelter and and \$182,000 for Drop-In services.

Motion #12: HSPE recommends \$78,000 for YSA Tiny Houses.

Motion #13: HSPE recommends that at least \$3 million of Measure P funding be leveraged with other sources of funding towards the purchase of hotels.

May 19, 2021:

Motion #1:

We strongly support the purchase of hotels to provide housing for persons experiencing homelessness. However, due to the limited amount of Measure P funding, we recommend pursuing other sources of funding for the Homekey Project if possible, including the \$2.7 million from the American Rescue Plan Act and other funding that can be leveraged.

Motion #2:

We understand that Council has already approved funding for the Downtown Streets Team in the amount of \$925,000 (or 928K) from Measure P. We believe that Council should have referred this item to the HSPE to consider. While the DST is an excellent program, it is not consistent with the HSPE primary priority recommendation which is providing housing for persons experiencing homelessness. We recommend that the DST funding come from the General Fund.

Motion #3:

While we do not recommend Measure P funding for evaluation of service providers, we acknowledge the importance of the gathering of this information and encourage the City to conduct comprehensive evaluation.

Motion #4: Not voted on because not relate to Measure P

Because research shows that children who experience homelessness are at high risk for significant psychiatric problems and homelessness later in life, the HSPE recommends that the City provides significant services for children that are at risk for homelessness or experiencing homelessness. We encourage the City to vigorously pursue resources and funding from the State to achieve California's goal to end homelessness for children and families in the next 5 years.

Options for HSPE to move forward:

1. Pass on the entire package of recommendations & budget and let the City cut if needed.
2. Prioritize where to fund or where cut if needed. Should the cut be by programs or a % across the board.

Report:

- Concerned that Pathways is not accessible to persons with physical disability.
- Report needs to note that this is only for next year and is not an indication of future funding recommendations.

Responses to Questions from Chair on Family Homelessness

Point-in-Time Count

1. What is the percentage of families as opposed to singles in the PIT count?
 - In 2019, single adults age 25 years and older (975 individuals) comprised 88% of the population experiencing homelessness in the city of Berkeley.
 - There were 19 families consisting of 51 individuals counted in the city of Berkeley in 2019. The number of people in families with children represented 5% of the city's overall population experiencing homelessness, and 10% of all family households experiencing homelessness across Alameda County. Children under 18 represented 57% of those in families.

Coordinated Entry

2. What is the number of singles served through Berkeley's CES?
 - 1,324 adults are currently in the Coordinated Entry Queue
3. What is the number of Berkeley families served through Family Front Door?
 - 80 families are currently in the Coordinated Entry Queue

Shelter+Care

4. How many Shelter Plus certificates are provided to families?
 - In January 2021, 40 Households were receiving S+C Rental Assistance
5. How many to singles?
 - In January 2021, 264 Households were receiving S+C Rental Assistance

Proportionality

6. Are we not, in fact, proportionately addressing a higher percentage of the family population than the single population with placement?
 - During the 2019 PIT Count, Unsheltered single adults 25 years and older (755 individuals) represented 93% of the total unsheltered population in the city of Berkeley. Whereas, all persons in families (100%) were residing in emergency shelter or transitional housing programs on the night of the count. This indicates that you are correct that a higher percentage of the unsheltered family

population is being matched to a placement than the unsheltered single adult population.

Family Housing

7. What is the total number of families served by Bridget House, Sankofa House and WDDC?
 - Bridget House: 10 households served over the last year
 - Sankofa House: 21 households served over the last year
 - Women's Daytime Drop-in Center: 936 clients served over the last year