



SHS Advisory Committee Meeting

June 12, 2025 | 3:00-4:30 pm

Attendance: Cheryl, Crystal, Daniel, Jamar, Julia, Melissa, Patrick, Theo, Ty, Xenia, Ria, Lauren, Ed

STAFF: Mack Vohs, Anna Johnson, Breanna Flores

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome Land and Labor Introductions SHS Updates	<p>Quorum = 12 members of 17 We made quorum and will be able to vote today on the items requiring a decision.</p> <p>The Joint Office of Homeless Services is changing its name to the Homeless Services Department (HSD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback—At one point there was a push to use houseless vs homeless<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ If you all have a preference about the term we use in the committee space we can definitely talk about that.• Question—is the name change because the city is pulling out investments from the county?<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ We will still collaborate with the city going forward. The name change was a requirement from the city in order to adopt the most recent city-county intergovernmental agreement (IGA). Who is carrying what in terms of homeless services is still fluctuating to some degree. <p>Starting this fall we will have a committee application that is open yearlong.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feedback—I'm in favor of this. Hopefully we can keep the committees well staffed.	

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Introduce Project Briefs for Collaboration and Access Priorities	<p>Question–Are the project briefs organized by the committee's focus areas?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes, the access one is sorted by common barriers/themes the committee identified in a whiteboard activity. We matched those themes to current efforts in the office that are related . This can help us identify where gaps might still be. The committee hasn't done as much work on collaboration yet but that brief will be organized similarly. 	
Share Updated Draft Definitions and Problem Statements for Collaboration and Access Priorities	<p>Any clarifications? How are these sitting with you?</p> <p>Collaboration definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like it mostly. I think the definition needs to be clarified–communities of color and disabilities have a lot of intersectionality. The whole war on poverty in itself should be acknowledged. It all leads back to racism but needs to be more defined. As a lame and deaf person, it has been hard to access resources in general and within the shelter system. There are no resources out there for folks with my conditions, let alone other disabilities like being in a wheelchair. • This may also tie into access. <p>The committee took a vote on the collaboration definition using the fist to five method and it passed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XG- 3 • CC- 5 • LL- 4 • TS- 3 • PA- 3 • THS- 4 • JD- 4 • JS- 3 • MB- 4 • EJ- 3 • YH-3 • RT- 4 <p>Access definition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only thing it doesn't say is people with families/pregnant people (this is a protected 	

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	<p>class).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Having access to services but also for folks to be treated with respect when they ask for help. • A big part of access is knowing there is a resource there that could help. • Access to respectful and culturally specific services. People need to know that those services will be available. We need to make it obvious and intentional. • It's hard for partner agencies to get through and figure out access. It's like a big hole trying to figure out where to go? Name it clearly. • Are we just saying that people should have access, or are we saying we should give them the ability to get it? • This is what we know is true, and these are our recommendations for how to change it with policy, budgets, etc. This sets us up for recommendations. • It leads us in a good direction on action steps • Now more than ever our voice is so critical. We need lived experience at every table and meeting we can be at—talking about what we see and influencing how money is spent. • This problem statement is reality and we need to speak it into as many ears as possible. <p>The committee took a vote on the access definition using the fist to five method and it passed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • XG- 3 • YH- 3 • THS- 5 • JD- 4 • MB- 4 • RT- 4 • PA- 4 • TS- 4 • JS- 5 • CC- 5 • LL- 4 • DC- 4 <p>What other info do you need to know?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are there any other workgroups working on 	
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	<p>access in the county and city? What are other people talking about?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we have any data or evaluation about access done by people with living experience of homelessness that we can draw upon? Info from service providers about this that is already in existence? • Is there a report that can break down different service providers by population or demographic so we can understand who's serving who? • Shelters/emergency housing—who is being served there and what do those services look like? Can we make recommendations on what we don't know? Who is being served currently / what does that population look like? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not probably as comprehensive, but we do have some folks working on a Pathways to Housing study—connecting with folks who have navigated housing and homelessness services in our county and understanding what that path looked like for them. This is a qualitative study to hear people's stories and understand their trajectories. • Thinking about the system within the scope of this—are outpatient centers included within the homeless services system? • The other thing is around parking—I've been seeing a lot of stickers on abandoned cars in my neighborhood—is parking enforcement within our scope? • Program policies and practices—a lot will be revealed when we know more about who is being served, where, and how. Policies impact access in a massive way. It's more than just curfews, it's other arbitrary rules created by orgs themselves that aren't participant centered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ +1 (which rules are pushing folks out—would be interested to know more about systems policies and practices.) • Is there a list of policies we can start with? • One of the things the SHS team can explore and bring back is what policies do we have with our providers that we can examine? What is out 	
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	<p>there, what are we asking in terms of accessibility to get into programs? We have low barrier language, but how is that being applied? This would be an avenue to explore what we carry within our department and identify which practices have the flexibility to change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion—We could also look at funding streams. There are different requirements and eligibility depending on the funding stream. They're all different. 	
Member Updates/Advocacy Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's Juneteenth next week and there are a lot of fun events planned. • MHAAO—we have rebranded and will be called the Peer Company. We have a new recovery campus on 89th and Powell, which is a pretty resource scarce area. We will be offering nutrition classes, a clothing closet, computers, etc. Currently doing outreach with the community—I'll share our flyer. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Question—Are you hiring peer support specialists? ○ Answer—Would be good to look at the website—we have about 170 peer support specialists. A lot of agencies are getting hit right now with funding cuts, but it would be worth it to take a look. We have a lot of new programs getting ready to launch. 	
Next Steps	<p>The SHS team will incorporate the feedback on the priority problem statements and definitions and return to the committee with updated versions. In our next meeting we will continue the recommendations process for Access.</p>	

Zoom Chat:

15:01:20 From Breanna Flores (she/they) HSD to Hosts and panelists:

Hey Daniel, it doesn't change anything :)

15:02:31 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

I'll be off camera because I'm driving back from another mtg and my service is better with camera off.

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15:03:07 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:

I had dental surgery so I'm off camera and mico thank you Mz Cheryl

15:03:13 From Breanna Flores (she/they) HSD to Hosts and panelists:

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15:04:07 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:

Mz Cheryl she/her repSHS & SHA/OHA

15:07:13 From Jamar Summerfield to Hosts and panelists:

Peace and Blessings my name is Jamar I continue to represent the Black community, individuals with lived experience being formally incarceration, and our elder population.

15:08:38 From Crystal Magaña to Hosts and panelists:

my name is Crystal. I use She/Her Pronouns. I have lived Experience and I'm also on the L.E.A.C commity and PSU' Pathways to Homelessness Committie.

15:11:17 From Daniel Carrillo to Hosts and panelists:

Good afternoon, my name is Daniel Carrillo, (he/him) I represent the Latinx community

15:15:40 From Jamar Summerfield to HSD Community Advisory(direct message):

next time can we have someone doing the chat

15:15:54 From Jamar Summerfield to HSD Community Advisory(direct message):

it feel bad that it gets ignored

15:16:01 From Jamar Summerfield to HSD Community Advisory(direct message):

when its a option

15:18:31 From Ria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

Speaking of which- what are the term commitments/limitations?

15:19:46 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:

What's the new name again thx

15:20:08 From Ria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

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15:20:10 From Ria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

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15:20:20 From Ria Tsinas to Hosts and panelists:

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15:23:31 From Mack Vohs (they/them) to Hosts and panelists:
IGA = intergovernmental agreement

15:24:54 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:
Thx for the updates on this matter

15:25:40 From Ty Schwoeffermann to Hosts and panelists:
Will SHS members be able to participate in any aspects of the recruitment?

15:26:18 From Breanna Flores (she/they) HSD to Hosts and panelists:
My understanding is that is the hope, Ty! We have yet to iron out the full process but we will looking to engage the committee to some degree. More to come soon.

15:27:10 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:
Sounds good

15:27:48 From Ty Schwoeffermann to Hosts and panelists:
Thanks

15:49:35 From xenia to Hosts and panelists:
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15:49:42 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:
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15:49:43 From Lauren Link to Hosts and panelists:
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15:49:43 From Ty Schwoeffermann to Hosts and panelists:
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15:49:50 From PATRICK ALEXANDER to Hosts and panelists:
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15:49:55 From Theo Hathaway Saner to Hosts and panelists:
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15:50:02 From Julia Maria Delgado to Hosts and panelists:
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15:50:09 From Jamar Summerfield to Hosts and panelists:
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15:50:30 From Melissa Bishop MHAAO/ She Her to Hosts and panelists:
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15:50:33 From Ed Johnson to Hosts and panelists:

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15:50:36 From Yvette Hernandez to Hosts and panelists:

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15:51:39 From Breanna Flores (she/they) HSD to Hosts and panelists:

woohoo!

15:54:17 From HSD Community Advisory to Hosts and panelists:

"and there are not enough supportive services to go around" --small typo

16:01:09 From Ria Tsinas she/her to Hosts and panelists:

Agreed

16:01:56 From Ria Tsinas she/her to Hosts and panelists:



16:03:31 From Theo Hathaway Saner to Hosts and panelists:

yes

16:03:42 From xenia to Hosts and panelists:

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16:03:46 From Yvette Hernandez to Hosts and panelists:

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16:03:50 From Theo Hathaway Saner to Hosts and panelists:

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16:03:51 From Julia Maria Delgado to Hosts and panelists:

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16:03:55 From Melissa Bishop MHAAO/ She Her to Hosts and panelists:

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16:03:56 From Ria Tsinas she/her to Hosts and panelists:

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16:03:57 From PATRICK ALEXANDER to Hosts and panelists:

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16:04:04 From Ty Schwoeffermann to Hosts and panelists:

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16:04:35 From Jamar Summerfield to Hosts and panelists:

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16:04:58 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:

5 with all the recommendations made today

16:05:29 From Ria Tsinas she/her to Hosts and panelists:

Also for the last vote my computer was broken so I couldn't vote. For the record im voting 4

16:06:06 From Ty Schwoeffermann to HSD Community Advisory(direct message):

lauren direct messaged me 4.

16:06:12 From Daniel Carrillo to Hosts and panelists:

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16:06:27 From Daniel Carrillo to Hosts and panelists:

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16:07:10 From Cheryl's iPad to Hosts and panelists:



16:07:10 From Breanna Flores (she/they) HSD to Hosts and panelists:

Congrats y'all! Excited to see where this group goes with it

16:08:32 From HSD Community Advisory to Jamar Summerfield(direct message):

Hey Jamar, yes, thank you so much for suggesting that--we'll make sure it gets covered.

16:15:57 From Ria Tsinas she/her to Hosts and panelists:

Yes - are emergency and respite care considered housing or housing access points?

16:24:23 From Mack Vohs (they/them) to Hosts and panelists:



16:24:39 From Breanna Flores (she/they) HSD to Hosts and panelists:

Rebrands appear to be in this summer :) Exciting news, thanks for sharing.

16:26:44 From Mack Vohs (they/them) to Hosts and panelists:

Happy Juneteenth and Happy Pride Month!

16:27:07 From Melissa Bishop MHAAO/ She Her to Hosts and panelists:

I have to drop off. Thank you all for the great conversations today, and look forward to keep doing this work with you all.

16:27:21 From HSD Community Advisory to Everyone:

thank you Melissa!

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16:27:26 From Julia Maria Delgado to Hosts and panelists:
thanks all! bye :-)

16:27:48 From Theo Hathaway Saner to Hosts and panelists:
thank you

16:28:02 From Lauren Link to Hosts and panelists:
Thank you!

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