



OFFICE OF MAYOR DONNA DEEGAN

HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVES COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, September 5, 2025.

Time: 1:02 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Members

PRESENT:

Christopher Crothers (Vice Chair)
Jolita Wainwright
Jitan Kuverji (Secretary)

Dr. Megan Allyse
John Trevathan
Rev. Kate Moorehead Carroll

ABSENT:

Shantel Davis (Chair)

COJ Support Staff:

Kenny Logsdon (HCDD)
Shannon MacGillis (OGC)

Neolita Maharaj (HCDD)
Kaylee Jones (HCDD)

Guests Present:

Will Evans (Changing Homelessness)
Brian Snow (Sulzbacher)
Cindy Funkhouser (Sulzbacher)
Dawn Gilman (Changing Homelessness)
Earnest Smith (CPAC)
John J. Nooney (Community at Large)
Mike White (CF Media)
Heather Moore (Gateway)
Chenaught Bryce (COJ HCDD)

Major Keith Biggers (Salvation Army)
Brenda Boydston (Salvation Army)
Jeremiah Stokes (City Rescue Mission)
Monique Elton (Changing Homelessness)
Jeremy Stokes (City Rescue Mission)
Justin Gravatt (Gateway JAX)
Gene Sellers (Alumni House)
Edward Mendoza (COJ HCDD)
Dr. Tracye Polson, COJ (Zoom)

Board Meeting called to order by C. Crothers at 1:02 p.m.

Section I.- Public Comments (Limit 3 Minutes)-J. Nooney spoke about spoke about the public park in District 4 and inspection fund for electric vehicles and chargers.

Section II.- 1-Year Action Plan-this Special Meeting is for HIC. C. Crothers thanked all providers and contacts for their presence and support, especially during the past weeks of budget hearings. He continued with the budget update and the \$1.844M allocated for HIC for 2025-2026. He stressed that this was a 'high level meeting with no weeds.' He prepared a PowerPoint for the needs of the community.



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Conversations during this Section:

- Total cost of the Consultant and what the Scope of Work needs to be.
- Differences in cost for nightly rates, flat rate or to elevate nightly rates, current rate is \$31.00.
- Know the capacity for Women's Emergency Beds, Emergency Bed Parity, and Expansion of Day Programming.
- Relocation of past funds.
- Understanding, the Special Revenue Funds are in two parts, the \$1.844M allocation and the other through gifts and grants. Spend what is given. It may be unlikely to get additional funds.
- Return on Investment (ROI) is the best tool to demonstrate the need for the use of funds.
- Data is required to increase future funds.
- Priority should be for nightly beds and daytime programming.
- City Council and HIC vision must be aligned.
- Use the remaining \$588,745 as a leverage to attract private and public partnerships
- Need information on the Voucher Program (Keeping Individuals in Home) and Transitional Housing Pilot Program.
- Expanding beds for the CHOP Program.
- Understanding the data collected from Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) form City contracts and opportunities to collect data for HIC.

Interaction with Other Organizations during this Section:

- C. Funkhouser spoke about the hotel program for families and explained the spectrum for prevention dollars for rent money vs prevention strategies. She explained that staffing is a crucial part of the puzzle for wraparound services.
- C. Crothers asked about the number of rooms available for families-response- 40 rooms and 2 Case Managers.
- D. Gilman advised HIC to wait for the federal responses before using the \$588,745, which is after October 1, 2025.
- D. Gilman spoke about the RUSH dollars through HUD from the last Hurricane season for \$1M.

HIC Members' comments/thoughts during this Section:

- Dr. Allyse asked what the mayor's office wants (addressed to Dr. Polson and J. Hicks).
- C. Crothers will review the San Jose Housing Program.
- J. Trevathan inquired about public/private partnerships and adding HMIS data with budgetary contracts.
- J. Wainwright requests the monthly numbers for the PATHS Program and a working HMIS dashboard.
- Rev. Kate is concerned that the need is greater than the supplies (beds).
- J. Kuverji requested to see the HMIS data from D. Gilman.



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Section III.- Unfinished Business-C. Crothers recommended adding Commission Bottom Line of Negotiations for September 8, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda. Dr. Allyse wanted to add the final answer on barriers to the process.

Section IV.- J. Kuverji said that the City ^{could} ~~should~~ use tax dollars used by local hotels to fund homeless initiatives. J. Wainwright inquired about the City's Homeless Village.

After this, the Commissioners left, except for C. Crothers, Dr. Allyse and J. Trevathan. They reviewed the budget until the allocated 3:00 p.m. time.

Meeting Adjourned- Meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting (Board) is scheduled for September 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., 8th Floor, Ed Ball Building.



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CERTIFICATION

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