

Attendees:

In-person: Angie Garcia, Carlyne Holcomb, Christine Walter, Jens Knudsen, Susan Lindsay, Mike Zupan, Peter Fry, Richard Harrison, Rick Johnson, Hayden Miller, Alicia Temple, Chris Lenn

Virtual: Marc Harris, Commissioner Sharon Meieran, Cristina Nieves, Anthony Jordan, Bernard Foster, Kisun Peters, Deandre Kenyanjui, Heather Mirasol, Maud Ayree, Mayra Diaz

- Introductions were held and everyone in the room and online introduced themselves and shared how they were feeling coming into the meeting.
- Hayden Miller shared remarks acknowledging the announced delay of the Deflection Center opening and the frustration that GNAC members have felt around the process and timeline. Hayden expressed hope that this pause would allow for a reset of the GNAC process.
- The group shifted into a discussion about how they would like to move forward.
 - Commissioner Meieran expressed that the deflection center program needed to accomplish two main goals: serving the people intended to be served by deflection in the most effective and cost effective way possible; and protecting the safety of the surrounding neighborhood.
 - Members of the GNAC expressed that they felt there were policy topics that they needed more clarity around before a conversation about the necessary components of the GNA could be held.
 - Some members expressed that it was a priority to them that a GNA be finalized before the center opens.
 - Transportation was discussed and multiple members expressed that they felt that understanding the plan for transporting individuals from the Center was key to developing a GNA. Members expressed a hope that transportation from the facility would be mandated and that the commitment to that transportation be codified in the GNA with accountability metrics.
 - Commissioner Meieran asked whether Tuerk House has opened programs without a GNA in place at opening.
 - Tuerk House said that when they opened their Crisis Stabilization Center they did not have a formal GNA, but they had a long history in the community and had been engaging neighbors throughout their process, including through a joint visit to San Francisco to learn about a similar program.
 - The question of mandating transportation was revisited. PPB representatives indicated they saw potential issues with that, and that individuals would need to consent.
 - Discussion was held about the specific language in HB 4002.
 - Additional policy questions such as: how individuals would be positively identified prior to arriving at the center, the plan for security around the center, and the possibility of incentivizing individuals to accept transportation were also raised.
 - A member of the committee suggested that staff create a form where members of the committee can submit questions they have and then have answers be provided on a shared google document. Staff agreed that this was a good idea.

- A member of the committee recommended conducting an area assessment similar to the one conducted for the Clinton Street Triangle TASS site GNA process.
- The committee discussed meeting frequency moving forward, and it was agreed that we would strive for a weekly meeting cadence.
- Next steps identified:
 - Staff to create a new google form and document for GNAC members to submit questions and staff to provide answers.
 - Staff to schedule a meeting next week and send a scheduling survey out to establish a regular meeting cadence.
 - Staff to send a summary email including next steps to the GNAC by EOD Wednesday.

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