



City and County of San Francisco  
**Department on the Status of Women**



London N. Breed  
 Mayor

**Family Violence Council Meeting Minutes**  
 August 21, 2024, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

| Seat No. | Seat Designation  | Member Present                  |
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| 1        | Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or designee   |                                 |
| 2        | Mayor or designee   | Ivy Lee                         |
| 3        | President of the Board of Supervisors or designee   |                                 |
| 4        | District Attorney or designee   | Rebecca Wagner                  |
| 5        | Chief of Police or designee   | Alexa O’Brian                   |
| 6        | Sheriff or designee   | Delia Ginorio, Tanzanika Carter |
| 7        | President of Commission on the Status of Women or designee  | Dr. Joseph Macaluso             |
| 8        | Chief of Adult Probation or designee  | Jeremy Valverde                 |
| 9        | Executive Director of Department of Emergency Management or designee  | Evora Heard                     |
| 10       | Executive Director of Domestic Violence Consortium or designee  | Beverly Upton                   |
| 11       | Director of Human Services Agency or designee   |                                 |
| 12       | Executive Director of Consortium for Elder Abuse Prevention or designee   | Ali Chiu                        |
| 13       | Executive Director of Safe & Sound, which operates the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Council or designee | Jenny Pearlman                  |
| 14       | Director of the Department of Public Health or designee   | Dr. Leigh Kimberg               |
| 15       | Executive Director of the Department of Adult and Aging Services or designee                                    | Akiles Ceron                    |
| 16       | Executive Director of the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families or designee                            | Jasmine Dawson                  |
| 17       | Medical Examiner or designee  | Dr. Ellen Moffatt               |
| 18       | Director of the Department of Child Support Services or designee  | Freda Randolph                  |
| 19       | Chief of Juvenile Probation or designee   | Derek Hom                       |
| 20       | Public Defender or designee   |                                 |
| 21       | Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control or designee   |                                 |
| 22       | Superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District or designee   |                                 |

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| 23 | Human Resources Director or designee  |                     |
| 24 | Chief of the Fire Department or designee                                      |                     |
| 25 | Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing or designee | Elisabet Avalos     |
| 26 | Director of the Department of Early Childhood or designee                     | Shelli Rawling-Fein |
| 27 | Director of the Department of Police Accountability or designee               |                     |
| 28 | Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission or designee                 |                     |

The meeting was called to order at 3:04PM. Quorum was established with 18 members present.

## II. Consent Agenda/Agenda Changes

Action: To approve the Consent Agenda and any Changes to May 22, 2024 Agenda

| Seat No. | Seat Designation  | Member Present      | Vote |
|----------|---|---------------------|------|
| 1        | Presiding Judge of the Superior Court or designee   |                     |      |
| 2        | Mayor or designee   | Bobbi Lopez         | Y    |
| 3        | President of the Board of Supervisors or designee   |                     |      |
| 4        | District Attorney or designee   | Rebecca Wagner      | Y    |
| 5        | Chief of Police or designee   | Alexa O'Brian       | Y    |
| 6        | Sheriff or designee   | Delia Ginorio       | Y    |
| 7        | President of Commission on the Status of Women or designee  | Dr. Joseph Macaluso | Y    |
| 8        | Chief of Adult Probation or designee  | Jeremy Valverde     | Y    |
| 9        | Executive Director of Department of Emergency Management or designee  | Evora Heard         | Y    |
| 10       | Executive Director of Domestic Violence Consortium or designee  | Beverly Upton       | Y    |
| 11       | Director of Human Services Agency or designee   |                     |      |
| 12       | Executive Director of Consortium for Elder Abuse Prevention or designee   | Ali Chiu            | Y    |
| 13       | Executive Director of Safe & Sound, which operates the San Francisco Child Abuse Prevention Council or designee | Jenny Pearlman      | Y    |
| 14       | Director of the Department of Public Health or designee   | Dr. Leigh Kimberg   | Y    |
| 15       | Executive Director of the Department of Adult and Aging Services or designee                                    | Akiles Ceron        | Y    |
| 16       | Executive Director of the Department of Children, Youth & Their Families or designee                            | Jasmine Dawson      | Y    |
| 17       | Medical Examiner or designee  | Dr. Ellen Moffatt   | Y    |
| 18       | Director of the Department of Child Support Services or designee  | Freda Randolph      | Y    |
| 19       | Chief of Juvenile Probation or designee   | Derek Hom           | Y    |
| 20       | Public Defender or designee   |                     |      |
| 21       | Director of the Department of Animal Care and Control or designee   |                     |      |

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| 22 | Superintendent of San Francisco Unified School District or designee           |                     |   |
| 23 | Human Resources Director or designee  |                     |   |
| 24 | Chief of the Fire Department or designee                                      |                     |   |
| 25 | Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing or designee | Elisabet Avalos     | Y |
| 26 | Director of the Department of Early Childhood or designee                     | Shelli Rawling-Fein | Y |
| 27 | Director of the Department of Police Accountability or designee               |                     |   |
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Tony Flores made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Leigh Kimberg seconded. The consent agenda passed with 18 in favor.

### III. Update on Proposition D

- Ivy Lee and Bobby provided updates on the new office location at 49 South Van Ness.
- The Mayor’s Office for Victim and Witness Rights continues to support requests by several victims, and to work with Beverly Upton from the DVC, Dr. Janelle White from SF War and EMBERLY Cross from CROC, and several other organizations to raise policy and system changes.
- They emphasized the importance of establishing best practices for media publications, including providing resource information when publishing articles that cover forms of crime victimization.

### IV. Recommendations from the Annual Family Violence Council Report

- Jenny Pearlman presented five key recommendations for 2024:
  1. Expand family violence data collection and enhance the accessibility of this data to support data-driven, effective, and community-informed decision-making.
  2. Improve access to basic and emergency needs to keep our city’s most vulnerable populations safe and help prevent family violence.
  3. Strengthen collaboration between law enforcement, the Family Violence Council, community groups, and survivors, ensuring the needs and perspectives of survivors are central in the response to family violence.
  4. Provide additional tools for law enforcement to help ensure law enforcement is equipped with the most up-to-date, trauma-informed knowledge and approaches for responding to family violence to effectively support victims and enhance community safety.
  5. Provide adequate resources for the Mayor’s Office for Victim and Witness Rights (OVWR) and grant OVWR the authority to ensure compliance with community-led recommendations on preventing family violence and centering survivors.
- Action: To accept the recommendations from the Annual FVC Report:

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| 3        | President of the Board of Supervisors or designee          |                     |      |
| 4        | District Attorney or designee                              | Rebecca Wagner      | Y    |
| 5        | Chief of Police or designee                                | Alexa O’Brian       | Y    |
| 6        | Sheriff or designee  | Delia Ginorio       | Y    |
| 7        | President of Commission on the Status of Women or designee | Dr. Joseph Macaluso | Y    |

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| 25 | Director of the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing or designee                                   | Elisabet Avalos      | Y       |
| 26 | Director of the Department of Early Childhood or designee   | Shellie Rawling-Fein | Y       |
| 27 | Director of the Department of Police Accountability or designee   |                      |         |
| 28 | Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission or designee   | Dulce Garcia         | No Vote |

Motion to approve recommendations by Beverly Upton, seconded by Tony Flores. The motion passed with 19 in favor.

**V. Report Out from the FVC Representative to Sentencing Commission**

- Jenny Pearlman reports that the previous FVC representative to the Sentencing Commission left Safe & Sound.
- The FVC now needs a new representative and requests that those interested in volunteering reach out to the tri-chairs.
- Beverly Upton emphasizes the great representation the council has had in the past, and that the position is helpful in broadening our perspectives about how San Francisco aims to treat those who are justice involved with humanity and restoration.

**VI. Report Out from SFPD on recent changes to Department General Order Related to Family Violence**

- Presentation by Asja Steves and Hitesh Bussie on the new centralized Policy Development Division and the process of updating DGOs that would most benefit from public review and feedback.

- Emphasis on community engagement and stakeholder feedback, including Domestic Violence Council members, through various outreach efforts including social media outreach and direct community organization outreach.
- Asja Stevens asks which DGOs are most important to the FVC, Jenny Pearlman responds that the FVC and Mayor's Office for Victim and Witness Rights (OVWR) will review and discuss most relevant DGOs to the work. Discussion on the importance of transparency and consistency in policy updates.

## VII. Key Issues in Family Violence

1. Elder Abuse Update – Ali Chiu, Anni Chung
2. Domestic Violence Update – Bev Upton
3. Child Abuse Update – Jenny Pearlman

### Elder Abuse Update – Ali Chiu

- Ali Chiu reported on the World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event that took place on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Almost 200 people attended, including Attorney General Banta and multiple leaders in San Francisco law enforcement.
- Over 1200 people were reached through the “Can the Scams” campaign focused on scam prevention for seniors and people with disabilities in San Francisco.
- Anni Chung thanked Ali and members of the steering committee and added that there will be a full month of presentations, outreach, and media campaigns, focused on senior centers and senior housing.

### Domestic Violence Update – Bev Upton

- Bev Upton highlighted that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and there are many upcoming events from local CBOs.
- The draft calendar of events includes:
  - September**
  - 9.25.24 - Justice & Diversity Center 20th Anniversary Event
  - 9.28.24 - Cameron House's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Connecting Hearts, Transforming Futures
  - October**
  - 10.1.24 - Black Women Revolt Event for DV Awareness Month
  - 10.3.24 - St Vincent de Paul (Riley Center)
  - 10.5.24 - Asian Women's Shelter “Hope and Action” 36 Years
  - 10.17.24 - LaCasa redHOT for Change
  - 10.18.24 - APILO’s 49th Anniversary Gala
- Upton emphasized Ivy Lee’s point about making sure media outlets include resources for readers, while pushing for more press coverage of domestic violence incidents and tragic homicides.
- Pamela Tate from BWRADV added that she and the organization are excited for the opportunity to raise awareness through their event, which will host 4 panels including on reproductive justice and reproductive coercion, on youth and healthy relationships, on youth, and on the LGBTQ community.
- Upton states that Senate Bill SB-989 on crime scene tampering continues to be a priority.

### Child Abuse Update – Jenny Pearlman

- Jenny Pearlman announced that Safe & Sound, SF Casa, and several other child abuse focused partners are hosting a mayoral candidate forum at the Bayview Opera House. The candidates will be asked to discuss their views on the child welfare system, the juvenile justice system, and other ways in which the city can continue to support families.
- The San Francisco Child Care Planning & Advisory Council will also be hosting a 2024 Mayoral Forum on September 10<sup>th</sup>, hosted by GLIDE Foundation CEO Dr. Gina Fromer.
- Pearlman highlighted collaboration with law enforcement through a meeting of about 35 people related to the Children’s Advocacy Center held at the District Attorney’s Office. The meeting raised

productive conversations about how to ensure that children and families are not revictimized, that there is a joint understanding between child welfare and the police department, and that families are aware of the resources available through the Children’s Advocacy Center.

- Safe & Sound recently hosted a webinar on how to best support the process of centering the voices of those with lived experience.
- Pearlman states that they are watching Senate Bill 1799 regarding mandated reporting of general neglect, which is often highly correlated with poverty. Only 11% of reports are substantiated and there is a major issue of bias in reporting instead of concern about how to support families.

#### Department Partner Updates

- Dr. Joe Macaluso announced the upcoming release of the Department of Justice's human trafficking report.

### **VIII. Public Comment**

- Dr. Lee Kimberg discussed new federal requirements from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services that healthcare settings address social determinants of health including housing, transportation, food insecurity, utilities and interpersonal violence.

### **IX. Adjournment**

The meeting concluded at 4:30 PM, with the next session adjourned to November 20, 2024, at 3:00 PM