



INFORMATIONAL REPORT

DATE ISSUED: July 13, 2023

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ATTENTION: Chair and Members of the San Diego Housing Commission
For the Agenda of July 21, 2023

SUBJECT: March 2023 Reporting Update for City of San Diego's
Storage Connect Center I

NO ACTION IS REQUIRED ON THE PART OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION

BACKGROUND

The San Diego Housing Commission (Housing Commission) administers agreements for the City of San Diego's (City) Homeless Shelters and Services Programs based on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Housing Commission and the City that first took effect on July 1, 2010. The Housing Commission and City entered into a separate MOU to administer the City's Transitional Storage Programs, which was approved by the Housing Authority and City Council on June 16, 2020. The MOU between the Housing Commission and the City for the Transitional Storage Programs expires on June 30, 2023. On June 26, 2023, the San Diego City Council and Housing Authority of the City of San Diego authorized the execution of a Master MOU for oversight and administration of the City's homelessness shelters and services programs, including Transitional Storage Programs

The Storage Connect Center I (SCCI) helps keep homeless San Diegans' belongings off downtown streets, sidewalks and storefronts by providing a safe place for individuals to keep their belongings as they attend to their personal needs. These may include working on housing options, looking for work, attending classes, meeting with service providers, seeking medical care, or other activities such as accessing cleaning or washing facilities.

SCCI is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Pursuant to the Housing Authority's approval of the operating Agreement (Resolution No. HA-1777), SCCI provides a maximum of 500 storage bins¹ that can be utilized at any given time, and the Housing Commission is required to "provide written reports on the number of Clients served, utilization rate, any changes to operation, outreach activity, connections to other services and housing, at least monthly and upon request by the Council President/Chair of the Housing Authority."

SCCI's operator, Mental Health Systems (MHS), informed the Housing Commission that the organization's name changed to "Mental Health Systems (MHS) dba TURN Behavioral Health Services," starting July 1, 2022.

¹ The Housing Authority and the City Council mandated a maximum of 500 storage units in the March 2018 approval for operation of the Center.

HOUSING COMMISSION STRATEGIC PLAN

This item relates to Strategic Priority Area No. 4 in the Housing Commission’s Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 – FY 2024: Advancing Homelessness Solutions – Supporting the City of San Diego Community Action Plan on Homelessness.

MONTHLY REPORTING SUMMARY – March 2023

The tables below provide an overview of data for SCCI in March 2023. SCCI enrolled 70 new clients and served 517 total clients throughout the month of March. Of the 517 clients served, 448 of them returned to SCCI to access their storage bins, and the total number of return check-ins was 2,221. Forty-four clients exited SCCI in March.

Table One: New Client Enrollments March 2023

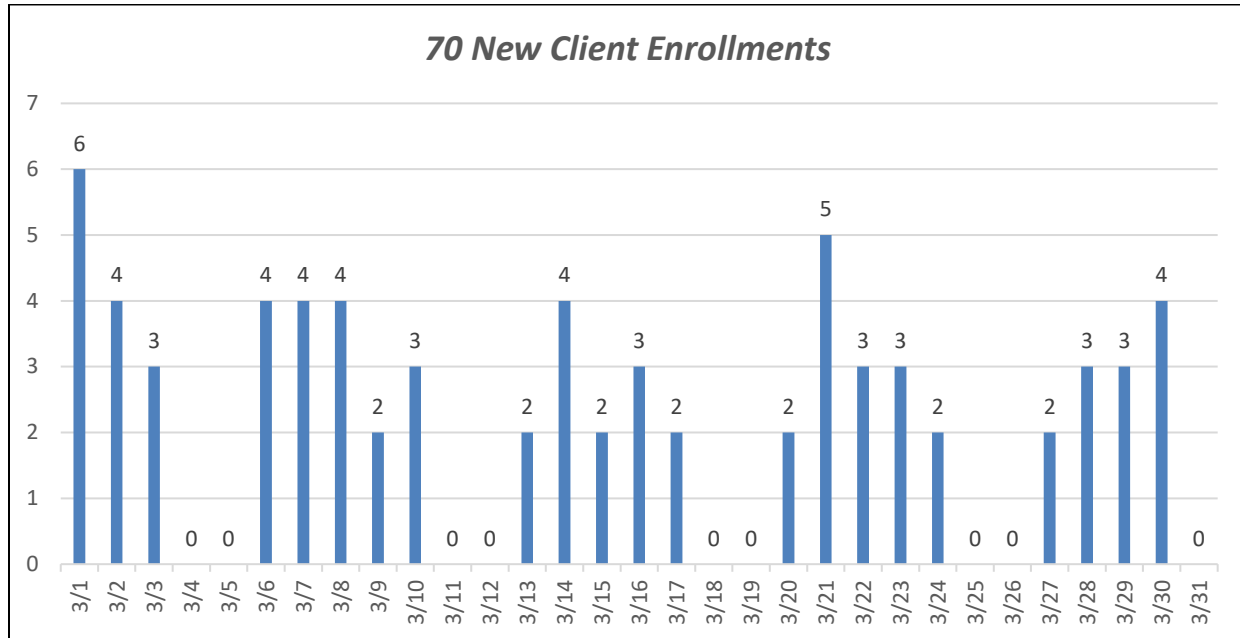


Table Two: Client Return Visits (Check-ins) to Access Belongings March 2023

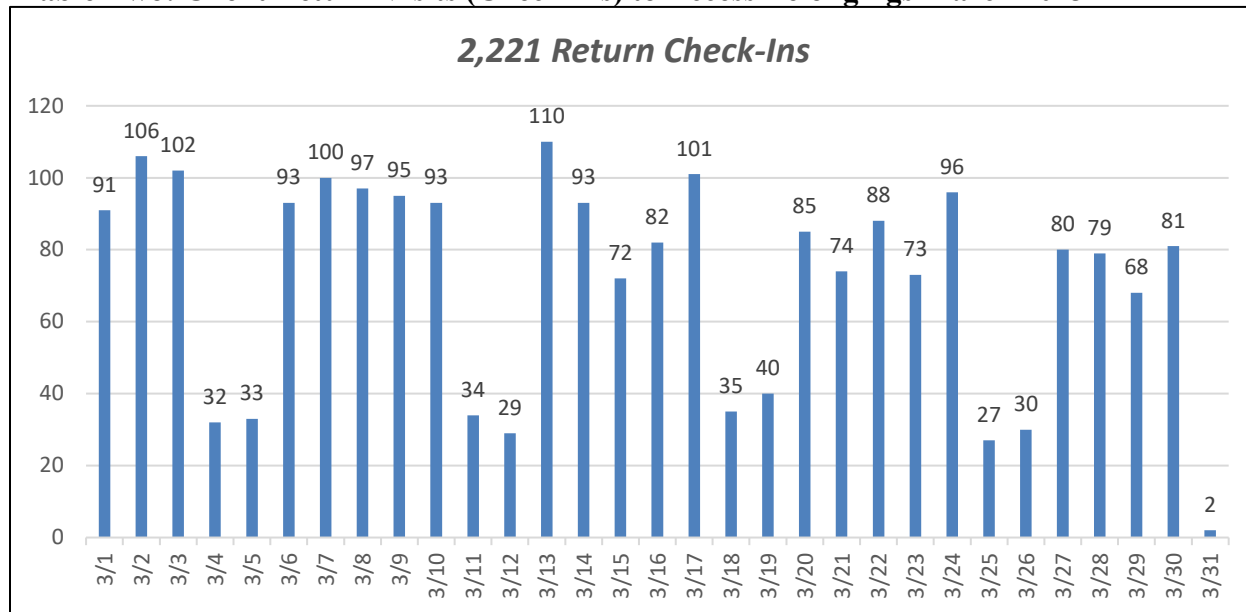


Table Three: Resource Referrals for Enrolled Clients

RESOURCE TYPE	TOTAL REFERRALS IN MARCH
Basic Needs	9
Food Assistance	8
Transportation	7
Health Care	4
Income Support and Employment	8
Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services	5
Homeless Shelter	12
Homeless Housing-Related Assistance Programs	7
Housing Search and Information	20
TOTAL RESOURCE REFERRALS	80

Table Four: Summary of Weekday and Weekend Check-ins Fiscal Year 2023

	Weekday Total	Weekend Total	Monthly Total
	7am-7pm	8am-11am	
July 2022	2,103	393	2,496
August 2022	2,270	303	2,573
September 2022	2,131	295	2,426
October 2022	2,386	328	2,714
November 2022	2,379	323	2,702
December 2022	2,011	732	2,743
January 2023	1,863	301	2,164
February 2023	1,756	280	2,036
March 2023	1,961	260	2,221

Table Five: Special Populations Served in Fiscal Year 2023

SPECIAL POPULATIONS SERVED* July 1, 2022 –March 31, 2023	
Total Persons Served	853
Transition-Age Youth (18-24)	5%
Individuals Age 55+	35%
Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness	44%
Veterans	6%
Persons with One or More Disabling Conditions	67%

*Program Participant may indicate more than one special population category.

For more demographic information on persons served by the City’s three storage center programs, visit the Housing Commission’s Homeless Programs Reporting Dashboards (<https://www.sdhc.org/homelessness-solutions/city-homeless-shelters-services/dashboard/>).

Table Six: Client Exits in Fiscal Year 2023

CLIENT EXIT SUMMARY July 1, 2022 – March 31, 2023	
Total Persons Who Have Exited the Program	380
Total Persons Who Have Exited to a Permanent Housing Destination*	28 (7%)

*Data is self-reported by Program Participants. Housing case management services are not offered at the storage facilities. Exits to permanent housing data is not a performance outcome required in the contract between the Housing Commission and MHS for SCCI and is included in this report for informational purposes only.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Prior to the opening of SCCI, the operator, MHS, sought the input of residents in the neighborhoods surrounding SCCI to ensure a successful partnership with the community. A Community Advisory Committee was formed, and a meeting is held quarterly in July, October, January, and April, with representatives from MHS, the Housing Commission, San Diego Police Department, the City's Environmental Services Department, City Council District 8, and San Diego County Behavioral Health Services in attendance. Community members from the neighborhood surrounding Storage Connect Center II, located in the Chollas Creek area, also attend the meetings.

The meetings provide space for community members to share their concerns and allow the project's affiliated partners to share information and update the community on new initiatives that will serve or benefit unhoused persons living in the area. In addition, a summary of the meeting is provided to the Community Advisory Committee as well as City Councilmembers.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Homeless shelters and services providers are responsible for implementing business practices in compliance with state and/or local public health guidelines to prevent the spread of communicable diseases. The service providers are responsible for notifying clients to follow all public health guidelines of the program and any public health orders in effect while clients are accessing program services.

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