

Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2010 – 9-11:30am

Attendance:

Appointed members present:

1. Ken Ballard
2. Suzanne Barba
3. Leroy Blea
4. Art Chen, M.D.
5. Louis Chicoine
6. Gloria Crowell
7. Kay Eisenhower via phone
8. Debbie Pitts-Cameron
9. Beth Pollard

Appointed members absent:

1. John Becker
2. Art Geen
3. Sumi Paranjape
4. Stephen Post, M.D.
5. Don Sheppard
6. Mee Ling Tung

Other attendees:

1. Jennifer Chan, Alameda County Clerk of the Board
2. Vana Chavez, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
3. Amy De Reyes, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 5 - Keith Carson
4. Jay Garfinkle, M.D.
5. Larry Platt, M.D.
6. Donna Ziegler, Alameda County Counsel

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves and the new and continuing members gave short bios.

II. County Counsel

Donna Ziegler, Alameda Deputy County Counsel, briefed the committee members regarding their role and purview. The Committee member's primary responsibility is to report back to the Board of Supervisors regarding the appropriateness of the Measure A allocations. Members expressed frustration with this limited scope as their review is always retrospective and they are not involved in the more real time decision making. Donna reiterated that the role of the Committee is not one of contract managers or to evaluate how HCSA managed its contracts. Donna also indicated that it would not be appropriate to recommend what the terms of the capital grants should be and that based on the language of the Measure A Ordinance, it is appropriate for ACMC to use a portion of its Measure A revenue on debt repayment to the County.

III. Swearing-In of New/Re-Appointees

Jennifer Chan, Assistant Clerk of the Board, conducted the swearing in of the following new and re-appointed members:

- Suzanne Barba – League of Women Voters
- Art Chen, M.D. – Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association
- Gloria Crowell – Alameda County Public Health Commission
- Deborah Pitts-Cameron – Hospital Council of Northern California
- Beth Pollard – City Managers' Association

LeRoy Blea representing the City of Berkeley arrived too late to be sworn in at the meeting and he will go the Clerk of the Board's office and request to be sworn in there. Don Sheppard, reappointed member of Supervisor Gail Steele; and new member Stephen Post, representing the Alameda County Mental Health Board, were absent and will need to be sworn in also.

IV. Certificates of Appreciation for all outgoing members

Certificates of appreciation were given to outgoing members Larry Platt and Jay Garfinkle. The certificates for Sal Tedesco, Neil Marks, Brad Cleveland and Ron Tauber were sent out in the mail. Beth Pollard spoke of each individual's contributions and cake was served in appreciation of everyone's hard work.

V. Review of Minutes

- Beth Pollard moved to adopt the November 20, 2009 meeting minutes; seconded by Ken Ballard; motion passed. Kay Eisenhower requested that the minutes go out to committee members prior to the scheduled meeting.

VI. The following materials were distributed for review and comment:

- Alameda County Measure A Citizen Oversight Committee Bylaws (5/13/2009) – Issues of attendance were raised and it was noted that member Sumi Paranjape representing Supervisor Keith Carson has moved out of state and that the two nominees representing the Central Labor Council have not been appointed.
- Form 700 Statement of Economic Interests – Members were asked to complete the forms and return them by the next meeting
- A handout detailing Measure A revenues received to date was distributed – Vana noted that revenues were down almost 28% from what has been allocated. HCSA will be presenting recommendations to the Health Committee on January 25th regarding the reauthorization process and across the board cuts to recipients.
- Distribution list of Measure A reports and brochures – All new members received copies of the reports and accompanied brochures, the broader distribution list was discussed and Deborah introduced a motion that all hospitals in Alameda County should be on the distribution list. The motion was seconded by Art and approved unanimously.
- Text of the oral presentation to the Board of Supervisors Health Committee on January 11, 2010 – Beth's presentation was distributed and it was duly noted that she had done an excellent job with her presentation and Beth thanked Larry for attending the Health Committee meeting.

VII. Preparation of 08/09 Report

- Review prior approaches and lessons learned – The FY 08/09 reporting requirements form was distributed and much discussion ensued and it was agreed that question 9 would be removed and Question 7 was revised to read “What would be the impact if Measure A funds were reduced or not available? Please discuss any specific plans to manage potential funding cuts. Would programs/services be eliminated? If so, describe the impact on specific patient populations (e.g. age, gender, etc.). To the extent possible, quantify the program/services that would be eliminated.” It was also recommended and approved that the reports be completed and submitted to HCSA by February 28, 2010.
- Develop outline for establishing content, format, assignments, and schedule – this item was tabled for discussion at the next Oversight Committee meeting

VIII. Review of HCSA FY 09/10 Budget Presentation

The presentation was distributed and it was decided that an in-depth presentation would be given at the next Oversight Committee meeting.

IX. Signage

Some recommended language for signage was distributed. The Committee selected the following verbiage: **This program is supported by funding from voter-approved Measure A ½ cent sales tax.** However, it was determined that this item should be re-agendized to address issues relative to the actual sign roll-out, burden to providers, oversight, monitoring, etc.

X. Annual Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ken Ballard nominated Beth Pollard to continue as the Chair; it was seconded by Kay, and Beth was unanimously reelected.

Suzanne nominated Louis Chicoine as Vice Chair; it was seconded by Beth, and Louis was unanimously elected.

XI. Announcements

- Vana announced that the Board of Supervisors announced its unanimous appointment of Alex Briscoe as Director of the Alameda County Health Cares Services Agency on January 26, 2010. A copy of the official press release was distributed.

XII. Public Comment

- Larry Platt thanked all of the members for their support during his tenure as a Committee member.
- Jay Garfinkle commended Art Chen on his appointment. He also reiterated his viewpoint that the Oversight Committee members should have more direct input to the Board of Supervisors.

XIII. Next Meeting: February 26, 2010

XIV. Adjourn