

Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2006

Attendance:

Appointed members present:

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| 1. Rich Ambrose | 10. Neil Marks |
| 2. Ken Ballard | 11. Larry Platt |
| 3. Louis Chicoine | 12. Charlie Ridgell |
| 4. Brad Cleveland | 13. Don Sheppard |
| 5. Kay Eisenhower | 14. Ralph Silber |
| 6. Jay Garfinkle | 15. Ron Silva |
| 7. Arthur Geen | 16. Ronald Tauber |
| 8. Emmett Jones | 17. Sal Tedesco |
| 9. Rachael Kagan | |

Appointed members absent:

1. Beth Pollard

Other attendees:

1. Suzanne Barba, League of Women Voters Eden Area
2. Jennifer Chan, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
3. Vana Chavez, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
4. Ken Gross, Alameda County Administrator's Office
5. Dave Kears, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency

II. Announcements

Review of 1/27/05 Meeting Minutes

- a request was made to distinguish between appointed members and staff or observers in future minutes
- Jennifer Chan confirmed that County Counsel reviewed the minutes; Charlie Ridgell felt that the role of the Oversight Committee should be viewed as being broader than what was recommended by County Counsel
- Art Geen motioned to adopt the minutes as amended, motion seconded by Rich Ambrose, motion passed

Other

Capital RFP

Dave Kears announced that Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) Administration is currently working on the Measure A (non-ACMC) CBO Capital Fund RFP. The deadline for CBOs to submit proposals was February 17th. HCSA received a total of 50 proposals from 48 agencies.

The committee inquired about how the RFP was distributed. Dave Kears explained that a mail list was generated through a County database of County Health Contractors. Jennifer Chan informed the group that the proposal was mailed to approximately 120 CBOs. News of the RFP was also printed in local newspapers. Ron Silva requested a copy of the list of news outlets where Board approved actions are posted. Lara Sim agreed to send the list to Mr. Silva.

Brown Act

Kay Eisenhower asked if County Counsel would be available to answer questions regarding the Brown Act. Specifically, Ms. Eisenhower wanted additional information on formal and informal meetings and/or discussions pertaining to Measure A. Jennifer Chan explained that County Counsel had a schedule conflict and would not be in attendance but that a request was made for a representative from County Counsel to attend the March meeting.

Jay Garfinkle requested that the relevant parts of the Brown Act be sent out to the Committee for review prior to the next meeting.

III. New Binder Materials

Jennifer Chan presented 3 new binder materials including:

1. Most recent Cash Update – Section 11
2. Minute Order to 11/29/04 Board meeting – Section 3
3. Updated provider maps – Section 14

IV. Presentation of Alameda County Health Care Information

Dave Kears reviewed the materials distributed at the January meeting. Mr. Kears pointed out that the organizational chart gives the best overall picture of what Alameda County Health Care Services includes.

Related to the organizational chart are a number of provider maps (distributed at the January and February meetings). These were provided to members so they could get a sense of the network of health care providers contracting with Alameda County. Mr. Kears explained that no mapping is done for Environmental Health because they are predominantly a regulatory agency.

Mr. Kears explained the term “maintenance of effort” (MOE) as the reinstatement of funding for the maintenance of service at its current level accounting for cost of living expenses and other such expenses (but no increase in services or new programs). MOE applies to the Medical Center, alcohol, drug, mental health and primary care programs.

V. Measure A Financing Structure

Vana Chavez presented a PowerPoint presentation on the financing structure of Measure A.

Points of Clarification from presentation

- Pg. 4 “Detailed Allocation of non-ACMC Funds”- Non-County Hospitals include Children’s Hospital Oakland and St. Rose, funding divided equally; both hospitals

are “DSH” (pronounced “dish”) hospitals which means they serve a disproportionate share of low-income, indigent and/or Medi-Cal patients; DSH status is determined annually by the State based on Federal criteria; both hospitals were able to realize an additional 80% of funding through fiscal leveraging (SB1255)

- Pg. 4 “FY 04/05 Expenditures” –
 - “Savings” are rolled into a general “pot” and the Board decides on how these funds will be spent
 - \$.21M for School-Based Health Clinics will be used for capital
 - Insurance Expansion – Healthy Kids was implemented in 05-06
 - Detox / Sober Station funds will likely be spent in FY 06-07
 - Term “Administration” refers to the name of the Health Care Department, not administration costs
- Pg. 5 “Allocation of Excess Funds and Savings”
 - \$2.4 M of Measure A funds were used for the HCSA reduction target* – total reduction target was \$18 M
 - Valley Care Hospital contract not yet complete
 - Medicare Part D used for dual eligible (persons on Medi-Cal and Medicare) population
 - Axis and Bay Area Consortium contracts almost complete
 - Alameda Hospital contract not yet complete
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*The reduction target is the amount by which County agencies (Health Care Services Agency, Social Services Agency, General Government and Public Protection) must reduce their annual budget. The reduction target is based on the budget shortfall or gap between the available funding County-wide and each agency’s maintenance of effort budget. Once this gap is determined, the shortfall or gap is divided on an approved process between the County agencies (Health Care Services Agency, Social Services Agency, General Government and Public Protection).

Ms. Chavez explained that the monthly cash updates represent total remittance 2 months in arrears. For the total FY 04/05 remittance add the 7/20/05 and 8/19/05 figures under “County 25%” to the FY 04/05, \$20,039,121 (see 2/16/06 cash update, Section 11 of binder), plus interest earned. Ms. Chavez informed the group that HCSA could develop a spreadsheet that reflects what was actually earned.

Mr. Garfinkle expressed his opinion that the committee not spend too much time on the accounting method of Measure A funds.

The committee requested an explanation of how determinations were made for organizations to receive Measure A funding. Ms. Chavez recommended that committee members refer to the Board letters in their binders. Mr. Kears also explained that many of the funding decisions were based on testimony given at the public hearings in November 2004.

The committee also requested an explanation on how funded agencies are held accountable for the use of Measure A funds. Mr. Kears and Ms. Chavez explained that contracts are written between Alameda County and each agency which specifically states how funding will be used. Reporting and invoicing requirements are also included in contracts whereby continued funding is contingent about adherence to the stipulations outlined in the contracts. Mr. Kears explained that Ms. Chavez and Ms. Chan oversee these contracts.

VI. Statement of Economic Interest

Agenda item tabled until the March meeting. County Counsel was not able to attend the meeting.

VII. Planning for Presentations at Future Meeting

The committee agreed to begin with the simple and more straightforward organizations. The committee recommended starting with presentations from Primary Care and the School-Based Health Coalition, with a time limit of 45 minutes per presentation.

Agreement was reached to defer discussion on the capital funds, board discretionary accounts, and insurance expansion until next fiscal year.

The committee agreed that a standard presentation format was preferred. The format should include guidelines and time limits on presentations.

Larry Platt distributed a draft outline for the Report of the Oversight Committee and asked committee members to review and provide feedback at the next meeting. Lara Sim recommended looking at the template that was used for reviewing the Tobacco Master Settlement Funds as a starting point in developing the Oversight Committee report that will go to the Board of Supervisors. The committee requested that HCSA send this template to all committee members within 2 weeks for review and input.

The committee requested that a list be generated in advance of the next meeting listing all agencies funded by Measure A, the funding amount and #s served.

The committee recommended that the next meeting include presentations from County Counsel, Primary Care providers and School-based health centers.