

Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – February 27, 2009 – 9-11:30am

Attendance:

Appointed members present:

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| 1. John Becker | 7. Beth Pollard |
| 2. Louis Chicoine | 8. Don Sheppard |
| 3. Brad Cleveland | 9. Sal Tedesco |
| 4. Kay Eisenhower | 10. Mei Ling Tung |
| 5. Neil Marks | |
| 6. Larry Platt, M.D. | |

Appointed members absent:

1. Ken Ballard
2. Jay Garfinkle, M.D.
3. Arthur Geen
4. Ronald Tauber

Other attendees:

1. Suzanne Barba, Observer
2. Alex Briscoe, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
3. Jennifer Chan, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
4. Vana Chavez, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
5. Geoff Dottery, Alameda County Medical Center
6. Dave Kears, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
7. Pauline Keogh, Alameda County Administrator's Office
8. Wright Lassiter, Alameda County Medical Center
9. Patricia Van Hook, Alameda County Medical Center

I. Welcome and Introductions

- Dave Kears introduced Alex Briscoe, Deputy Director of Alameda County Health Care Services Agency, who will be replacing Dave on the Oversight Committee

II. Review of Minutes

- John Becker moved to adopt the January 23rd meeting minutes; motion seconded by Don Sheppard; motion passed

III. Review of Materials

- The most recent handout detailing the Measure A revenues received to date was distributed and Jennifer Chan explained that the County portion (25% portion) of Measure A funds is currently about \$1.09 million less than what the County had received at the same time last fiscal year; based on a straight line projection, the County is estimated to receive \$2.09 million less than last year and \$2.47 million less than budgeted.

IV. Announcements

- The Oversight Committee acknowledged Larry Platt, M.D. and Sal Tedesco for their service as chair and vice-chair of the Oversight Committee; Beth Pollard presented certificates of appreciation;

- Jennifer informed the Committee that Suman Paranjape has been appointed to serve on the Oversight Committee by Supervisor Carson; Jennifer has not yet been able to contact Suman and does not know when she will be attending her first meeting.

V. Review of FY 07/08 Report Preparation Timeline (including finalizing the presentation schedule)

- The Oversight Committee discussed whether or not they wanted to hear a presentation(s) from a selection of fund recipients who received Measure A funds from the Board of Supervisors' allocation; the Committee will decide at the next meeting;
- Jennifer recommended that Committee members submit their follow-up questions no later than the next meeting in order to allow time for a response while keeping on track with the report preparation timeline;
- The Committee asked Jennifer to schedule presentations from Behavioral Health Care and Alameda Health Consortium for the April meeting.

VI. Discussion and Decision on Hiring Report Consultant

- Kay Eisenhower moved to develop a contract to work with Kring Design in the development of the FY 07/08 report with the contract amount not to exceed \$16,000 and to develop a request for proposals following the completion of the FY 07/08 report for a consultant to assist in the development of the next two reports (review of FY 08/09 and 09/10); motion seconded by Sal Tedesco; motion passed;
- Brad Cleveland asked the Committee to consider producing the FY 07/08 in a different format (than previous years) to shorten and make more user friendly; the Committee will send their ideas or other sample reports to Jennifer at least 2 weeks prior to the next meeting so that she may distribute to the rest of the Committee;
- Jennifer suggested the Committee take some time to develop a scope of work for Kring so that they may develop a work proposal; Jennifer stressed the importance of acting in a timely manner as it can take up to one month to execute a contract; the Committee agreed to work on this at the next meeting; Committee members were asked to send or refer report format samples to Jennifer by two weeks prior to the March meeting, when ideas for a possible new format would be discussed.

VII. Preparation for March Meeting with Board of Supervisors

- Jennifer informed the Committee that Supervisor Steele had confirmed her attendance and that the other Supervisors' offices indicated that they would likely send their health aides; the Committee suggested that members appointed by Supervisors contact their nominating Supervisor to encourage their attendance.
- The Committee would like to discuss
 - their report on FY 05/06 and 06/07 with special attention to concerns raised;
 - the Board's feedback on report format (do they like previous year's format, any other preference, etc.)
 - district allocations (how allocation decisions are made, any collective standards against which individual allocations are measured?)
 - the Committee draft by-laws (specifically if they want to be notified if a member is absent more than three consecutive meetings)

VIII. Alameda County Medical Center (ACMC) Presentation

- ACMC presented a power point presentation to the Committee;

- The Committee discussed ACMC’s debt repayment to the County; Wright Lassiter explained that he has asked the Board of Supervisors for a restructuring of the debt payment; some members are concerned that the debt repayment was not envisioned in the Measure A campaign; Louis Chicoine suggested the Committee have a more thoughtful discussion about this issue, because of its relationship to the County budget and services, before taking any further action and formally documenting any concerns in the next report;
- Follow-up items from ACMC include:
 - FY 07/08 “key statistics” as provided with the previous year report;
 - cost percentage (cost versus reimbursement) information for John George;
 - an explanation of the discrepancy in amount of Measure A revenue as reported by ACMC versus the amount reported by the County Auditor’s office

IX. Closing Remarks and Presentation from Dave Kears

- In terms of the Health Care Services Agency (HCSA), this fiscal year we are projecting a \$17 million shortfall which includes a shortfall of ~ \$13 million in State realignment revenue, over \$2 million in Measure A revenue and State program reductions of ~\$2 million;
- For the next fiscal year, HCSA is projecting revenue shortfalls in State realignment revenue and Measure A to continue at same or greater declining rate;”flat is our new growth”; HCSA projected gap will be ~\$25 to \$30 million;
- In terms of the State budget, the largest impact is on MediCal but the Federal Stimulus bill offers financial relief that should restore most of the reductions in optional benefits and reductions in public hospital funding support; May revise, however, may indicate worsening situation and additional reductions; the MediCal waiver renewal and opportunities are probably the most important issues to be faced in next fiscal year from County’s perspective;
- The Federal Stimulus Bill:
 - MediCal is the most significant benefit in health but unclear if it will accomplish anything more than keeping it flat;
 - Medical Technology also key investment but timing for release and focus unclear at this time;
- Dave spoke of his pride in Alameda County and their passage of Measure A;
- The Committee thanked Dave for his service on the Oversight Committee and presented him with a gift.

X. Review and Adoption of Oversight Committee By-Laws

This agenda item tabled to next meeting.

XI. Public Comment

- No comments were heard.

XII. Adjourn