

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

Attendance:

Appointed members present:

1. Ken Ballard
2. Louis Chicoine
3. Kay Eisenhower
4. Jay Garfinkle, M.D.
5. Larry Platt, M.D.
6. Don Sheppard
7. Ronald Tauber
8. Sal Tedesco
9. Mei Ling Tung

Appointed members absent:

1. John Becker
2. Brad Cleveland
3. Arthur Geen
4. Neil Marks
5. Beth Pollard

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. Amy De Reyes, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 5 - Keith Carson
6. Jean Fong, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 3 – Alice Lai-Bitker
7. Seth Kaplan, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 4 – Nate Miley
8. Pauline Keogh, Alameda County Administrator's Office
9. Nedra Shawler, Alameda County Counsel
10. Supervisor Gail Steele, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 2
11. Josh Thurman, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, District 1 – Scott Haggerty
12. Donna Ziegler, Alameda County Counsel

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Review of Minutes

- Sal Tedesco moved to adopt the February 27th meeting minutes; motion seconded by Mei Ling Tung; motion passed

III. Review of Materials

- A list of FY 0/708 Measure A allocations by the Board of Supervisors was distributed.

IV. Announcements

- Jennifer Chan reminded the Committee that Statement of Economic Interest forms are due no later than April 1, 2009;
- Jennifer informed the Committee that LeRoy Blea has been appointed to serve on the Oversight Committee by City of Berkeley Mayor Tom Bates; Jennifer will work with LeRoy to formalize his appointment through the Board of Supervisors;
- Kay Eisenhower informed the Committee that she has followed up with the Central Labor Council regarding their appointment;

V. Report Consultant Scope of Work

- Kay Eisenhower moved to adopt the same report consultant scope of work that was used last year; motion seconded by Louis Chicoine; motion passed with 6 members in favor and 2 opposed;
- Louis moved to have Beth Pollard and Ron Tauber review and approve Kring's work proposal so that Jennifer can execute a contract; motion seconded by Kay; motion passed

VI. Review Timeline and Appoint Writing Assignments for Next Meeting

- Kay moved that writing assignments be made in subcommittees; motion seconded by Louis; motion passed

VII. Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS)

- The Committee asked Board members and/or their staff to discuss their process in allocating Measure A funds (as there is no collective process among the 5 Districts);
- District 1 – Josh Thurman of Supervisor Haggerty's office explained that there is no formal process in how their District's Measure A funds are allocated; specific to District 1, the BOS discretionary accounts have helped to ensure that some funding is designated for their district since there are fewer community-based organizations (CBOs) as compared to the other districts; Supervisor Haggerty has generally supported senior programs and is interested in funding agencies that can leverage funds;
- District 2 – Supervisor Gail Steele's focus has been on children's services; she is more interested in supporting direct service programs versus prevention programs; Supervisor Steele admits that she does not scrutinize the programs to which she has allocated funds but trusts Health Care Services Agency to monitor contracts and keep her informed of any issues; in terms of reports, Supervisor Steele is particularly interested in data and seeing how many clients are being served and also looking at unmet needs; Supervisor Steele offered to bring any issues of concern or questions from the Oversight Committee back to the full Board;
- District 3 – Jean Fong of Supervisor Alice Lai-Bitker's office explained that District 3's strategy with respect to their Measure A funds has been to fill small gaps where the larger Measure A expenditures cannot; their focus has been on addressing health disparities and increasing access (often through language services); Jean pointed out that the Center for Early Intervention on Deafness was able to leverage additional funds using their Measure A funds;
- District 4 – Seth Kaplan of Supervisor Nate Miley's office explained that District 4's focus has been on public health and prevention; of particular interest has been investing in Ashland and Cherryland; Supervisor Miley has also has an interest in supporting senior programs; Seth believes District 4 has been learning how to spend their funds more wisely and is currently trying to build their reserve so that they can put more of an investment into Cherryland;
- District 5 – Amy De Reyes of Supervisor Keith Carson's office explained that their District generally has not spent their Measure A funds with the hopes of being able to fund a larger, more significant project; however, District 5 has been getting increasing pressure to spend their Measure A money so they may forego their original plan and begin to disburse their funds in the near future; Amy is currently working on determining what their overall goal and priorities will be if the money is spent on smaller projects;
- The Committee discussed the limitation of their role (to review past expenditures to the conformity of the Measure) and some expressed interest in expanding its role to include program evaluation; County Counsel reiterated the narrow scope as defined by the Measure and explained that program evaluation is not within the purview;

- The Committee expressed an interest in having more participation and feedback from the BOS with respect to the work of the Committee; Kay reminded that they used to have regular representation from the Board at all the Committee meetings; as noted earlier, Supervisor Steele offered to bring ideas and/or concerns to the Board; Seth (of District 4) indicated that his office would be open to having more regular conversations with the Committee;
- Seth acknowledged the Committee’s work on previous year reports and addressed the concerns around the administrative time it takes to process smaller allocations as well as how the BOS allocations sometimes come off as being allocated sporadically and in a patchwork fashion; Seth explained that small allocations can have a large impact on small organizations and that what may appear to be a “patchwork” system is actually a very thoughtful system which helps to address funding gaps;
- Follow-up:
 - Jennifer will follow up with Seth regarding Legal Assistance for Seniors;
 - Alex Briscoe will provide information on a expedited contract system (per the Stimulus package);
 - Each BOS will provide a brief statement and highlights describing the value of Measure A, especially how the discretionary accounts have helped their respective districts;

VIII. Review and Adoption of Oversight Committee By-Laws

- Kay moved to table this agenda item to the next meeting; motion seconded by Don Sheppard; Jennifer will e-mail by-laws to the Committee for review at the next meeting; motion passed.

IX. Public Comment

- Suzanne Barba announced that Dave Kears will be presenting to the League of Women Voters at the San Lorenzo Homes Association next Friday, April 3 from 12-2pm.

X. Adjourn