

Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2006

(Minutes approved by Oversight Committee on August 25, 2006.)

Attendance:

Appointed members present:

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| 1. Rich Ambrose | 8. Larry Platt, M.D. |
| 2. Ken Ballard | 9. Beth Pollard |
| 3. Louis Chicoine | 10. Charlie Ridgell |
| 4. Kay Eisenhower | 11. Don Sheppard |
| 5. Jay Garfinkle, M.D. | 12. Ronald Tauber |
| 6. Arthur Geen | 13. Sal Tedesco |
| 7. Neil Marks | |

Appointed members absent:

1. Brad Cleveland
2. Peter Manoleas
3. Ron Silva

Other attendees:

1. Dr. David Altman, Alameda County Medical Center
2. Suzanne Barba, League of Women Voters Eden Area
3. Jennifer Chan, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
4. Vana Chavez, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
5. Jeff Davis, Guest
6. Geoff Dottery, Alameda County Medical Center
7. Dorothy Graham, Alameda County Medical Center
8. Dave Kears, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
9. Wright Lassiter, Alameda County Medical Center
10. Steve Manning, Alameda County Auditor's Office
11. Theresa Rude, Alameda County Administrator's Office
12. Ralph Silber, Alameda Health Consortium
13. Lara Sim, Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson's Office
14. Josh Thurman, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's Office
15. Patricia Van Hook, Alameda County Medical Center

II. Review of Minutes

- Mr. Art Geen motioned to adopt the June 23rd meeting minutes with one change (page 4 under "Group Discussion on Presentations and Report Preparation", last bullet: change "writing" to "drafting")
- Motion seconded by Mr. Sal Tedesco
- Motion passed

III. Announcements

- Jennifer Chan announced that Supervisor Keith Carson had appointed Adele Amodeo of the Public Health Institute as Rachel Kaegan's replacement. Unfortunately, Ms. Amodeo will not be able to attend her first Oversight Committee meeting until September due to previous commitments

IV. New Binder Materials

The following materials were distributed:

- Cash Update, (Section 11 of binder)
- Follow-up information from St. Rose Hospital – Low Income Cases (Section 5 of binder)
- Board letter re: Tri-City Homeless Coalition (Section 9 of binder)
- Board letter re: Measure A Oversight Committee Appointment (Section 1 of binder)
- Board letter re: Bay Area Consortium for Quality Health Care (BACQHC) (Section 4 of binder)

Discussion:

- The term “other” funds was clarified as being District 1’s Measure A allocation (see Tri-City Homeless Coalition board letter)
- Dr. Jay Garfinkle asked if mobile health clinics are cost effective in terms of providing health care. Dave Kears explained that the availability of services through mobile health clinics has proven to be a good use of funding to reach populations that would not otherwise be able access health care (i.e. homeless) (see Tri-City Homeless Coalition board letter).
- Dr. Garfinkle sought clarification on the process described in the BACQHC board letter. Dave Kears explained that the three providers listed in the letter would apply for clinic status and would follow with an application to become federally qualified health centers.

V. Presentation: Alameda County Medical Center (*Copy of Power Point Presentation was distributed to meeting attendees and Measure A Oversight Committee members. Copies available upon request.*)

Discussion

- Ms. Kay Eisenhower requested information on payments versus costs for County Medical Services Program (CMSP)
- Ms. Eisenhower also requested information on what the County is charging the Medical Center for rent (with particular interest in the Winton site)
- Mr. Ridgell noted the falloff in “Other Operating Revenue” between FY 2004-05 Actual and FY2005-06 Budgeted and wondered where the 18 plus million dollars went.
- The concern about possible supplantation having been raised , the Committee requested follow-up information on the Medical Center’s operating budget for FY 04/05 (especially as related to debt service and expansion of the “Other Operating Revenue” to explain the large income fall-off between FY 2004-05 and FY 2005-06)
- It was noted that with the closure of primary care clinics in 2003, there followed a large decrease in outpatient visits and a concomitant large increase in emergency room visits. Given the much higher cost of emergency room visits relative to primary care visits, the notion of revisiting the decision to close clinics, perhaps re-opening them, should be explored.

VI. Group Discussion on Presentations and Report Preparation

- The Committee would like to state their role in terms of reviewing expenditures for conformity to the provisions set forth by Measure A; the Committee’s role is not to consider the effectiveness or efficiency in how the funds were spent – the Committee’s role and limitations should be addressed in the final report to the Board of Supervisors

- The Committee would like to highlight Measure A accomplishments
- Concerns the Committee would like to consider further in terms of FY 04/05 expenditures are
 - a. supplantation (Medical Center),
 - b. the Bay Area Consortium for Quality Health Care expenditures and
 - c. the change in % allocation upon approving the FY 05/06 Measure A budget
- The Committee would like to include tables in their report to the Board of Supervisors (i.e. list of fund recipients by type of service and/or geography). Dr. Larry Platt asked the committee to give some thought to what tables the Committee may want to include and to bring specific suggestions to the next meeting.
- The Committee would like to include a statement about the general state of health care and the use of Measure A funds for maintenance of effort versus expansion
- The Committee considered whether the audience for the report to the Board should be targeted towards the community or an elected body – no formal decision was made, though most of those present felt it should be a document that would be useful to the public at large and include materials to assist in their understanding of the Committee’s Role and Measure A, in general.
- Ms. Vana Chavez encouraged members to review materials from all previous presentations and complete the summary feedback form so that Jennifer Chan will have written materials to begin drafting the report.

VII. Public Comment – no public comment

VIII. Next Meeting: August 25, 2006, 9-11:30am

- Dr. Platt informed the Committee that Ms. Chan would be taking a month off beginning September 20 and asked the Committee to tentatively reserve Friday, September 15 for the September meeting (originally scheduled for September 22). The Committee will decide whether or not to meet on September 15th or cancel the September meeting at the next meeting.
- Dr. Platt encouraged members to send substitutes if they would not be able to attend meetings.
- Mr. Neil Marks motioned to adjourn the meeting
- Motion seconded by Mr. Don Sheppard
- Motion passed