

Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – October 27, 2006

(Approved on December 1, 2006)

Attendance:

Appointed members present:

1. Rich Ambrose
2. Ken Ballard
3. Louis Chicoine
4. Brad Cleveland
5. Kay Eisenhower
6. Jay Garfinkle, M.D.
7. Arthur Geen
8. Beth Pollard
9. Larry Platt, M.D.
10. Don Sheppard
11. Ron Silva
12. Sal Tedesco

Appointed members absent:

1. Adele Amodeo
2. Peter Manoleas
3. Neil Marks
4. Charlie Ridgell
5. Ronald Tauber

Other attendees:

1. Suzanne Barba, League of Women Voters
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
6. Ricky Lau, Alameda County Auditor's Office

II. Review of Minutes

- Mr. Art Geen motioned to adopt the September 15th meeting minutes
- Motion seconded by Mr. Don Sheppard
- Motion passed

III. Announcements

- Ms. Jennifer Chan announced that Adele Amodeo would begin her participation on the Oversight Committee when review of fiscal year 05/06 expenditures begins

IV. Meeting Schedule

- Mr. Geen moved to change the next meeting to Friday, December 1 (instead of meeting on Friday, November 24 and Friday, December 22), motion seconded by Mr. Ken Ballard
- Discussion: the Committee will decide on December 1st whether or not another meeting needs to be scheduled in December in order to move forward with completion of the report
- Motion passed

V. Report Preparation

- Ms. Chan distributed follow-up information as requested by the Committee including:

1. Revised budget slide from the Alameda County Medical Center; Ms. Chan explained that the Medical Center made an error in the original presentation. She will once again request an explanation from the Medical Center as to what caused the error and how the correction was made; Ms. Chan will e-mail the information she receives from the Medical Center when it arrives.
 2. Distribution of funds to providers under Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services
 3. Letter from St. Rose Hospital including demographic information on clients served, definition of “low income”, and clarification on its expansion of services
 4. Demographic information of clients from Children’s Hospital Oakland
- The Oversight Committee went through the draft report documents section by section as a group:

Section 3 – State of Health Care

- Mr. Geen moved to adopt Mr. Cleveland’s rewrite of Section 3, motion seconded by Mr. Sheppard
- Discussion: Revise to include broader issues (in public health, behavioral health care, etc.) that led to the passage of Measure A; also discuss sensitivity to broad geographic target of Measure A
- Motion passed

Section 4 – The Alameda County Board of Supervisors

- Ms. Beth Pollard motioned to adopt Section 4 , motion seconded by Mr. Ballard, motion passed

Section 5 – How the Money was Spent

- The Committee would like to include a map of all providers receiving Measure A funds in this section; Health Care Agency Administration will work on getting this information
- Some “wordsmithing” suggestions and reorganization of sub-sections were made and will be reflected in the next draft; all members were invited to send any such suggestions they may have to Ms. Chan rather than bring them up at the meeting itself.
- The Committee would like to see more narrative on how the money was spent for each funding allocation (including a better explanation on the emergency room physician compensation allocation and a lengthier discussion of the APMC allocation) – the subcommittee will work on this

Section 6 – Highlights

- Mr. Geen motioned to adopt Section 6, motion seconded by Mr. Tedesco
- Discussion:
 - Mr. Dave Kears offered to ask Dr. Tony Iton of the Alameda County Public Health Department to write the section addressing how Measure A helped to address health disparities in the County
- Motion passed

Section 7 – Areas of Concern

- The Committee would like to consider renaming this section and will come up with suggestions for an alternative by the next meeting

- Mr. Sheppard motioned to remove the subsection “Bay Area Consortium for Quality Health Care” and discuss concerns related to this agency under “reporting compliance”, motion seconded by Mr. Tedesco, motion passed
- The Committee decided to defer discussion of concerns related to the Medical Center loan until the report of FY 05/06 expenditures
- The Committee decided to address the issue of supplantation under “reporting compliance”
- Mr. Geen moved to remove issues concerning the composition of the Oversight Committee, motion seconded by Mr. Tedesco

Discussion:

-some members felt a discussion on the composition of the Committee as it relates to conflict of interest and diversity (ethnic and gender) were important to include in the report

Vote:

5 – ayes

6 – nays

Motion fails – a discussion on the composition of the Committee will remain in the report

- Mr. Sheppard moved to include the subsection “role of Committee” in the report to address concerns about whether the role of the Committee extends beyond reviewing expenditures for the conformity of Measure A (as interpreted by County Counsel), motion seconded by Mr. Jay Garfinkle

Discussion:

-some members felt it was not necessary to address these concerns in the report and suggested that the Committee internally refine what they believe their role is prior to reviewing FY 05/06 expenditures

Vote:

5 – ayes

6 – nays – the subsection “role of Committee” will not be included in the final report

- Under “reporting compliance”, Mr. Louis Chicoine moved to include a recommendation that the Alameda County Medical Center present more detailed information on their accounting of Measure A funds, motioned seconded by Mr. Ballard

Discussion:

-some Committee members expressed that improvements could be made in how information was gathered from presenters (that improvements to the methodology of getting information could be made)

-Committee members also requested greater transparency in the way information is presented by the private hospitals (in addition to the Medical Center)

-Committee members also would like to stress the importance of accuracy in the information reported (re: Bay Area Consortium for Quality Health Care)

Vote:

-motion passed

- Mr. Sheppard moved to include a discussion regarding the Committee’s concerns about the County’s Measure A auditing mechanisms, motion seconded by Mr. Tedesco

Discussion:

-The Committee would like the subcommittee to draft this section and defer the vote

Vote:

-Deferred

- Ms. Kay Eisenhower moved that a discussion asking for greater transparency in the process of allocating future funding be included in the subsection “future allocations”, motion seconded by Mr. Sheppard

Discussion

- Mr. Cleveland motioned to amend Ms. Eisenhower’s motion to also encourage a targeted approach in future allocations which include consideration of leveraging abilities, type of service, collaboration, etc., motion seconded by Ms. Eisenhower
- Ms. Pollard further amended the motion and requested that a draft be developed by the subcommittee for further review at the next meeting

Vote

- Motion passed as amended by Ms. Pollard

Next Steps

- The Committee formed a subcommittee including the following members: Brad Cleveland, Don Sheppard, Kay Eisenhower, Sal Tedesco and Larry Platt M.D.
- The subcommittee will work on the unfinished sections so that a complete draft will be ready for the next meeting
- Ms. Chan will contact subcommittee members to develop a time for discussion and process for collaboration

Subcommittee will work on the following:

- Section 3 – include broader issues and geographic thoughtfulness of Measure A
- Section 5 – add more narrative for how the money was spent for each allocation (including a better explanation on the emergency room physician compensation allocation)
- Section 7 – the following sections need to be written:
 - Composition of Committee
 - Reporting Compliance – including discussion on BACQHC, ACMC, and private hospitals; supplantation
 - Quality Control of Auditing Mechanisms
 - Future Allocations
- General review of complete report

VI. Public Comment – no public comment

VII. Next Meeting: December 1, 2006, 9-11:30am