

**Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – September 23, 2011 – 9am-11:30am**

Attendance:

Appointed Members Present

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| 1. | Barbara Anglin            |    |               |
| 2. | Suzanne Barba             | 7. | John Becker   |
| 3. | Art Chen                  | 8. | Mee Ling Tung |
| 4. | Louis Chicoine            |    |               |
| 5. | Kay Eisenhower (by phone) |    |               |
| 6. | Beth Pollard              |    |               |

Appointed Members Absent

1. LeRoy Blea
2. Art Geen

Other Attendees

1. Jennifer Chan, Health Care Services Agency
2. Ryan Gordon, Health Care Services Agency
3. Josh Thurman, Supervisor Haggerty's Office
4. Pauline Keogh, County Administrator's Office
5. Katherine Gavzyy, League of Women Voters
6. Ursula Rolfe, League of Women Voters
7. Rochelle Elias, Alameda County Mental Health Board
8. Elizabeth Ortega, Alameda Labor Council
9. Doug Jones, Alameda Labor Council, SEIU United Healthcare Workers
10. Patricia Bennett, Resource Development Agency
11. Andy Riesenber, Resource Development Agency
12. Ryan Wythe, Resource Development Agency

**AGENDA**

- I. **Welcome and Introductions**
- II. **Announcements**
  - Jennifer Chan informed the Committee that beginning in October, monthly Health Committee meetings will focus on federal health care reform; check county website for more information.
- III. **Review of Minutes**
  - John Becker moved to approve the minutes, Barbara Anglin seconded the motion; motion passed.
- IV. **Review of Materials**
  - RDA agenda
  - Jennifer reported the Measure A revenues received for July 2011 (the first month of FY 12); yearly projections are typically made after three months of revenue generation

## V. **Consideration of Oversight Committee Seats**

### **Background**

- The Oversight Committee is has had difficulty reaching a quorum; with vacant seats and lack of member attendance have also been ongoing issues of concern.
- According to County Counsel, the Oversight Committee has the authority to change the composition of the Committee.
- Letters were sent at the end of July to the following agencies: Alameda County Tax Payer's Association, Alameda County Mental Health Board, Central Labor Council (1 of 2 currently held seats), City of Berkeley, and the League of Women Voters (1 of 2 currently held seats) informing them that their seat(s) would be considered for elimination at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

### **Discussion**

- Rochelle Elias provided public comment on the Alameda County Mental Health Board seat.
- Josh Thurman from Supervisor Haggerty's office encouraged the Committee to retain the Alameda County Tax Payer's Association seat while he is researching other organizations fitting similar criteria.
- Elizabeth Ortega and Doug Jones provided public comment on the Central Labor Council seat (1 of 2 seats currently held).
- Katherine Gravy provided public comment on the League of Women Voters seat (1 of 2 seats currently held).
- No representative was present from the City of Berkeley.

### **Decision**

- John Becker motioned to retain the Alameda County Mental Health Board, Central Labor Council, and the League of Women Voters seats and recommended the Alameda County Tax Payer's Association and City of Berkeley seats be placed in abeyance or replace them with other organizations; Beth Pollard seconded the motion; motion passed.
- HCSA will follow up with the Alameda County Mental Health Board, Central Labor Council, and League of Women Voters regarding appointment recommendations. These recommendations will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for formal appointment to the Measure A Oversight Committee.

**VI. Resource Development Associates**

- Preparation and Planning for Review of Fiscal Year 10/11 (see RDA agenda for more information)

**Highlights (from minutes prepared by RDA)**

1. The Measure A Oversight Committee (henceforth, referred to as “Committee”) wants to know more about how Measure A funds are being used and what is the impact of those funds.
2. The Committee expressed that the current recipient reporting form is sufficient in collecting pertinent information from recipient Agencies and likes the clarity around expenditures and the year-to-year comparisons made with the current reporting form. However, the Committee noted that there is inconsistency in the way information is reported in the form, and additional guidance in filling out the form is warranted.
3. Distribution and PR around the annual report to the Board of Supervisors are areas of concern for the Committee. Committee members believe that adding the client story to the impact of Measure A funds is really important for showing the public and the Board of Supervisors how important Measure A is. Committee acknowledges tensions over their role in performing oversight, and their interest in evaluation. Oversight is distinct from evaluation, but evaluation was not written into the ballot language. Committee feels legitimacy to conduct evaluation activities are constricted by the language of the ballot measure.
4. Three separate, but related, interests appear to exist within the Committee:  
a) Those who want to conduct monitoring; b) Those who want to conduct monitoring and want more information; c) Those who want to be doing more evaluation of the impact of Measure A funds
5. Committee wants to use this period working with RDA to look at the gaps in their oversight process as they prepare for 2019 when Measure A will go back on the ballot.

**Next Steps (from minutes prepared by RDA)**

- RDA to facilitate the Committee’s next meeting on Friday October 28, 2011 for the 2-2.5 hour duration
- RDA will share those key priorities/objectives with Committee to make sure they agree
- RDA will work with Committee to make improvements to the reporting form so priorities can be better reflected in the report
- RDA will deliver a work plan about what we’ll be doing between now and December, including clear and concise objectives

**VII. Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2011**

**VIII. Public Comment**

None provided.

**IX. Next Meeting – October 28, 2011, 9am**

**X. Adjourn**