

Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2010 – 9-11:30am

Attendance:

Appointed members present:

1. Suzanne Barba
2. John Becker
3. Leroy Blea
4. Art Chen, M.D.
5. Gloria Crowell
6. Kay Eisenhower via phone
7. Debbie Pitts-Cameron
8. Beth Pollard
9. Stephen Post, MD
10. Don Sheppard
11. Mee Ling Tung

Appointed members absent

1. Ken Ballard
2. Louis Chicoine
3. Art Geen

Other attendees:

1. Barbara S. Anglin, Observer
2. Vana Chavez, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
3. Pauline Keogh, Alameda County Administrator's Office

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves, including Barbara Anglin who announced that she would most likely be nominated by a representing the Central Labor Council and filling one of their two vacant positions on the committee.

II. Review of Minutes

- Art Chen moved to adopt the January 26, 2010 meeting minutes; seconded by Suzanne Barba; motion passed.

III. Review of Materials

- Vana Chavez distributed the Measure A Revenue update which included revenues received through February 18, 2010 (six months of revenue) reflecting a \$1.8 million decline from the receipt of revenues for the same time period in the previous year. She also highlighted that there has been a slight upturn in the last three months' receipts.
- Vana also distributed and presented the Measure A and TMSF proposed reauthorization strategy that HCSA presented to the BOS Health Committee on February 8, 2010. Given the current state of the economy and State budget reductions, coupled with the unprecedented erosion of Health and Mental Health Realignment base allocations, HCSA recommended that the BOS postpone the three-year reauthorization process and approve a one-year reauthorization process for FY 10/11. HCSA feels that hearings could become unmanageable and pit one provider against the other when in reality they are all providing essential services to the same population. HCSA presented 4 potential one-year reauthorization recommendations depicting a worse case scenario of a 27.7% across the board reduction to the current base year allocation of \$29.35 million to the best case scenario of a 20% across the board reduction. Based on the receipt from six months of Measure A revenue in the current fiscal year, HCSA is projecting that an across the Board reduction of 25% would be the most prudent and has requested this level of reduction in the FY 10/11 MOE budget submission. Additionally, an

across the board reduction still allows for flexibility of specific reductions within each major category based on performance, leveraging capabilities, availability of other funding sources, etc. This funding recommendation is scheduled to go before the full Board on March 30, 2010.

IV. Review of HCSA 09/10 Budget Presentation

- Vana gave a presentation of the HCSA FY 09/10 Budget presentation from the June 22, 2009 Board of Supervisors budget hearing. The handout was distributed at the previous Oversight Committee. This was a rather high level overview, but the Committee seemed to appreciate the additional information and asked excellent questions.

V. Signage

- Discussion ensued regarding the potential requirement to have all recipients of Measure A funding post signage. Every committee member present weighed in on the topic. At the end it was decided that a sub committee comprised of LeRoy Blea, Gloria Crowell, Art Chen and Debbie Pitts-Cameron would explore the topic in more detail and possibly develop a broader PR campaign. This sub committee will report back to the full committee at the March 26th meeting.

VI. FY 08/09 Measure A Expenditure Report

- Vana distributed a spreadsheet that showed the reconciled Measure A expenditures for FY 08/09.

VII. Preparation of FY 08/09 Report

Again there was much discussion regarding the preparation of the report. Some of the suggestions were as follows:

- Highlight good performance if you have evaluation data
- Use more out box examples
- Reduce the size by ½ and make the report simpler
- Use a brochure approach
- Define the audience
- Print in a more green manner
- Direct viewers to the web site for the full report
- Clearer statement as to how allocations are made at the beginning of the report
- Making fewer copies does not necessarily equate to savings
- Monitor the number of hits on the web page
- Start working on the report right away – upon receipt of individual provider reports and at the same time of individual provider presentations.
- Develop a survey monkey to determine if the report had value
- Commission someone to write report
- Develop sub-committees to conduct provider site visits and then write reports
- Concerns with the Brown Act--less than 8 members can convene without notice
- Meet with other oversight commissions
- What is the utility of the report

Ultimately it was decided that 6 committees would be established: Behavioral Health, Hospital and Other, Public Health, Primary Care, Board of Supervisors and Executive Writing Committee. A memo would be sent out to all committee members requesting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice for committee representation. Based on the requests, committees would be established to begin the review of provider reports within their specific section. Binders would be developed that contained all provider reports received to date and divided into appropriate sections and mailed out to the entire committee one week in advance of the next Oversight Committee meeting.

The Committee agreed that a formal presentation for ACMC was in order and the date of that presentation will be determined at the next Oversight Committee meeting.

Also to be agendaized for the next meeting would be the issue of hiring a consultant for the writing and printing of the report and the potential for a 2 year report. Additionally it was agreed the committee members would come to the next meeting with questions for additional information.

VIII. Announcements

There were no announcements

IX. Public Comment

There was no public comment

X. Next Meeting: March 26, 2010

XI. Adjourn