

Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2006

Attendance:

Appointed members present:

1. Rich Ambrose
2. Ken Ballard
3. Louis Chicoine
4. Brad Cleveland
5. Kay Eisenhower
6. Arthur Geen
7. Rachael Kagan
8. Neil Marks
9. Larry Platt
10. Beth Pollard
11. Charlie Ridgell
12. Don Sheppard
13. Ronald Tauber
14. Sal Tedesco

Appointed members absent:

1. Jay Garfinkle, M.D.
2. Emmett Jones
3. Ralph Silber
4. Ron Silva

Other attendees:

1. Suzanne Barba, League of Women Voters Eden Area
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. Steve Manning, Alameda County Auditor Controller's Office
7. Lara Sim, Supervisor Keith Carson's Office
8. Josh Thurman, Supervisor Scott Haggerty's Office

II. Review of Minutes (February 24, 2006 Minutes)

- Art Geen motioned to adopt the minutes, motion seconded by Neil Marks, motion passed

III. Announcements

- Jennifer Chan announced that minutes, agendas and other documents related to the Measure A Oversight Committee could be found on the Alameda County Health Care website at: acgov.org/health/index.htm
- Dave Kears announced that funding recommendations on the Capital RFP have been made by the review panel and that the draft Board letter will be presented at the Health Committee meeting on April 10th
- Art Geen announced that he brought hard copies of the brochure for the Citizen's Watchdog Committee's (CWC) report for their FY03/04 audit of Measure B expenditures

IV. New Binder Materials

Jennifer Chan presented 4 new binder materials including:

1. Power Point Presentation – The Ralph M. Brown Act, Section 1
2. Power Point Presentation – Closed Sessions, Section 1
3. Conflict of Interest Code, Section 1 – Jennifer Chan asked the committee to review this document in preparation of the next meeting when Jason Lauren (County Counsel) will facilitate the development of a Conflict on Interest Code for the committee
4. Measure A Revenues Received to Date, Section 11 – At the request of the committee, a revised version of the cash update was distributed to the committee which more clearly illustrates the Measure A revenue received for FY 04/05 and FY 05/06

V. Brown Act – Donna Ziegler

- Ms. Ziegler presented a Power Point presentation on the Brown Act
- Ms. Ziegler explained that the Brown Act allows the opportunity for the public to impact deliberations and promotes the transparency of government
- The Oversight Committee is considered a “subsidiary body” (per the Power Point presentation)
- An Oversight Committee meeting is only considered a “meeting” if at least a majority of members meet to hear, discuss and/or deliberate on matters related to the role of the Oversight Committee – all meetings must be noticed at least 72 hours before the meeting is to occur
- If a majority of members attend a meeting or social event that is not a Measure A Oversight Committee event, they should not discuss Measure A business within the jurisdiction of the body
- Website, blog or e-mail communication that pertains to the subject matter of the work to be performed by the committee is prohibited because it does not allow for public comment; only communications regarding scheduling of meetings and setting the agenda are allowed; reports may be sent via electronic communication but comments are not allowed until the group convenes in a public meeting
- An ad hoc committee of less than a majority can be established to do work in between public meetings
- If members of the public are present at a public meeting, an opportunity for public comment must be allowed; the Oversight Committee is under no obligation, however, to respond to public comment; if public comment is off-topic (not pertaining to the agenda item), then the item should not be discussed
- Certain violations of the Brown Act can be prosecuted as a misdemeanor; civil actions can be brought against the Committee for any violations of the Brown Act, but a would be plaintiff must first give notice to the Committee and provide an opportunity to cure the error

VI. Statement of Economic Interest – Donna Ziegler

- Ms. Ziegler explained that Statement of Economic forms must be disclosed upon request (the public has the right to see any Statement of Economic forms upon request); the forms will be kept at the Health Care Services Agency Administration Office
- The forms currently being completed reflect economic interests for 2005; forms for the year 2006 will have to be completed early next year
- Ms. Ziegler encouraged members to call the Fair Political Practices Commission for help with completing the form
- Jennifer Chan reminded the Committee that forms were due April 3, 2006

VII. Presentation: School Based Health Clinics

- The School-Based Health Center (SBHC) Coalition made a presentation to the Measure A Oversight Committee on their accomplishments in FY04-05 under their three grant components (Maintenance of Effort (MOE) for the existing 11 SBHCs, Service Expansion to reach Fremont and the Tri-Valley region, and Service System Coordination).
- MOE: SBHCs provided core medical, mental health and health education services to over 5,577 unduplicated students who visited the clinic for appointments on average for 3.6 visits last year. Measure A funding helped increase the SBHCs' ability to see more needy students, increasing clinic visits by 18%.
- Service Expansion focused on planning efforts with the City of Fremont and the TriValley region and the expansion to 4 Coordinated School Health Programs. Staff spent time to secure political will and buy-in from key stakeholders but were not able to spend their allocation of Measure A funds in the brief four month period.
- The accomplishments under the Service System Coordination Objective included efforts to maximize third party revenue for all SBHC's, advocacy and development of school wellness policies, SBHC facility improvement and leveraging \$7.5 million in funding. (The SBHC budget totals \$8.1 million comprised of \$.6 million from Measure A funds in FY04-05. The rest of the funding is made up of Tobacco Master Settlement Funds, Behavioral Health Care mental health funds as well as third party revenue, school district, and private funding.)
- In summary, the Measure A investment resulted in an increase in the SBHCs' capacity to serve more uninsured, underinsured adolescents seeking health care in school.
- Vana Chavez distributed a spreadsheet reflecting FY04/05 expenditures for the School Based Health Centers; the spreadsheet reflected \$541,608 expended, \$248,392 in savings (rolled into general savings) and \$210,000 to be rolled over into the following fiscal year for the School Based Health Center Program
- The school based clinics serve all children in the school; Measure A specifies using funds for low income or uninsured; the question was raised about the mechanism for sorting out the percent of funding for the SBHC's that is measure A in relation to the percent of population served that are low income or uninsured.

- Questions were raised concerning plans, if any, for reaching younger (Middle and Elementary School) children and provision of oral health services.
- It was noted that now that Nurse Practitioners can be reimbursed, additional funds will be available for expansion in the future.

VIII. Planning for Presentations at Future Meeting

- The Committee agreed to use the same presentation format as the one used by the School Based Health Centers – program information with specific information on FY 04/05 expenditures (Jennifer will send questions to presenters in advance of meetings)
- The Committee wanted to allow more time for the presentation, 45 minutes for the presentation and at least 15 minutes for questions and answers
- The next presentation will be from Primary Care Clinics

IX. Next Meeting

- Art Geen motioned to extend future meeting times to 2.5 hours, instead of 2 hours, motion seconded by Kay Eisenhower, motion passed; the next meeting will be from 9-11:30am