

Measure A Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2008 – 9-11:30am

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. Neil Marks
8. Larry J. Platt, M.D.
9. Don Sheppard
10. Sal Tedesco

Appointed members absent:

1. Arthur Geen
2. Beth Pollard
3. Ronald Tauber

Other attendees:

1. Suzanne Barba, Observer
2. Jennifer Chan, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
3. Vana Chavez, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
4. Dave Kears, Alameda County Health Care Services Agency
5. Theresa Rude, Alameda County Administrator's Office
6. Josh Thurman, Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty's Office

II. Review of Minutes

- Sal Tedesco motioned to adopt the meeting minutes from January 25, 2008; motion seconded by Don Sheppard; motion passed.
- Ken Ballard motioned to adopt the meeting minutes from February 22, 2008; motion seconded by Sal Tedesco; Kay Eisenhower requested that the last note of the second bullet of item VI be changed to read "Brad Cleveland will revise"; motion passed.

III. Review of Materials

- Jennifer Chan reviewed the materials provided, which included:
 1. Measure A Revenue Received to Date: Thus far this fiscal year, total accumulative revenues exceed the previous year's revenues through the first seven months by about \$935,000.
 2. Report Consultant Information;
 3. Draft of Measure A Report.

IV. Announcements

- Jennifer Chan informed the Committee of Phil Haye's resignation from the Oversight Committee; currently, there are 3 vacancies on the Committee – the nominating parties are Supervisors Lai-Bitker and Carson and the Central Labor Council;
- Jennifer reminded committee that their completed 2007/2008 Statement of Economic Interest forms are due on April 1;
- Jennifer reminded the Committee that this would be her last meeting before her maternity leave and that Linda Truong of the Health Care Services Agency (HCSA) office would assist in staffing the Committee in her absence;
- Dave Kears announced that HCSA is currently working on its fiscal year 08/09 budget and that HCSA will likely implement a 3% cost of living increase;
- Kay Eisenhower announced that Dr. Tony Iton of the Alameda County Public Health Department was featured on a four-part PBS series that explores why social factors - economic status, race,

neighborhood conditions - can be more powerful predictors of health and life expectancy than biology or even some behaviors.

V. Update / Discussion on Consultant

- Jennifer informed the Committee she and Beth Pollard decided to offer the contract for report consultant services to Kring Design Studio to assist the Oversight Committee in the development of their report;
- Kring personnel will attend the April meeting to introduce themselves to the Committee;
- Ken Ballard, Kay Eisenhower and Don Sheppard volunteered to serve on an ad hoc subcommittee to work with Kring Designs in preparation of the report; Jennifer will send contact information to both parties (ad hoc subcommittee members and Kring)

VI. Report Planning and Preparation

The Committee reviewed the draft report and suggested changes and/or edits including:

- Brad Cleveland moved to include a list of concerns in the executive summary; motion seconded by Sal Tedesco; motion passed;
- Kay Eisenhower moved to change the second sentence of the first paragraph of the executive summary to: “The Committee found the Alameda County Medical Center and most other recipients of sales tax revenue spent the funds in compliance with the strictures of Measure A, the Essential Health Care Services Initiative, which was adopted by Alameda County voters in March 2004. The Committee’s concerns are highlighted below and are discussed in greater detail in the body of the report”; motion seconded by Don Sheppard, motion passed;
- Include Medicare Part D highlight in executive summary (Larry Platt, M.D. will write);
- Create 2 separate bullet items for St. Rose and Children’s Hospital under highlights in executive summary;
- Change “van” to “mobile health clinic” for Tri-City Homeless Coalition bullet under highlights in executive summary;
- The figures that are transposed in the table on page 8 (Section 3 – How the Money Was Spent) will be placed in the correct columns/rows.
- Make sure that references to amount of Measure A revenues generated are consistent throughout report;
- Kay Eisenhower and consultant will work on revising the State of Health Care Funding section;
- Jennifer Chan and Vana Chavez need to revise figures in section 3 – How the Money was Spent;
- The last paragraph of the Alameda County Medical Center section will be rewritten as follows:

ACMC was able to fulfill its mission as one of the county's primary health safety-net provider and continues to offer a full continuum of care to the county's indigent and low-income residents. APMC accounts for over half of all indigent, uncompensated and charity care provided in the county.

Outpatient clinic visits declined in FY2007 as compared to FY 2006 despite increased overall funding, which is only partially explained by the loss of the Juvenile Hall clinic. Fiscal year 2007 showed a reduction of 16,458 clinic visits (total 252,234 visits) from fiscal year 2006 (total 268,692 visits). The loss of the Juvenile Hall clinic resulted in 6,313 fewer visits in 2007, with the other outpatient clinics accounting for a reduction of more than 10,000 visits. APMC was unable to provide a full explanation for the decrease. The unexplained decline as well as the inability to account for it are both of concern to the Oversight Committee.

- Larry Platt, M.D. will revise the Medicare Part D section;
- The subcommittee will add more detail under the priorities listed under the Alameda County Public Health Department section; Vana will check allocation totals;
- Show breakdown of funds in graph of leveraging funds in the highlights section;
- The Committee agreed to release the final report by June 30, 2008.

VII. Discussion on Supplantation

- Brad Cleveland presented County and Alameda County Medical Center budget information as it potentially relates to supplantation;
- Dave Kears requested that an agenda item be placed on the April meeting agenda to allow Health Care Services Agency to present their budget analysis of the relative awards to APMC and other health and County funding levels.

VIII. Public Comment

No comment was heard.

IX. Next Meeting – April 25, 2008, 9-11:30am

- Agenda items to include (but not be limited to): supplantation; discussion on site visits with HCSA;
- Continued review of report