



Measure O Citizen's Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Shirlee Zane (Chair), Gregory Fearon, Kevin McDonnell, Ernesto Olivares, Orlando O'Shea.

Members Absent: Betzy Chavez (Vice Chair), Ben Ford.

Department of Health
Services Staff:

Leah Benz (Health Program Manager), Jan Cobaleda-Kegler (Behavioral Health Division Director), Roy Dajalos (Assistant Director), Julie Elliott Gallegos (Accounting Technician), Sid McColley (Acute & Forensic Services Section Manager), Tim Outman (Legislative Policy and External Affairs Officer), Kelley Ritter (Deputy Chief Financial Officer), Tina Rivera (Director).

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call

Chair Zane called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. and a roll call was conducted. Members of the public were directed to reach out to Leah.Benz@sonoma-county.org for any technical difficulties they might encounter during the meeting.

2. Approve Minutes of 9/14 Meeting

Packet Item: DRAFT 9/14/22 Minutes

Chair Zane requested to have her comments be included on agenda item 6 regarding the new logo. Zane had a verbal complaint about the new logo and wished members had been able to give input before the new logo was decided.

Action item: Approve 9/14/22 meeting minutes

Kevin McDonnell motioned to approve the 9/14/22 meeting minutes, with the addition that Chair Zane requested, and Orlando O'Shea seconded.

Discussion: None.

Aye: Kevin McDonnell, Orlando O'Shea, Shirlee Zane.

Abstained: Gregory Fearon, Ernesto Olivares.

Absent: Betzy Chavez, Ben Ford.

Minutes approved.

3. Measure O Forecasting

HdL Companies provides the following services: data analysis, reporting, forecasting and audit recovery work. Ken Nordhoff, Principal of HdL Companies, gave a presentation on: Overview of services; Breakdown of Sonoma County Tax Rate; Sales and Use Tax; District Taxes (Transactions & Use Taxes); Sonoma County Measure O Results for Fiscal Year 2021-2022; Sales/Use Tax vs. Measure O Comparisons; Recapture, Recovery and Compliance; Sonoma County Measure O Forecast.

Comments:

- Forecast vs. Inflation: What's the value of our money? There's a lot of inflation embedded in the cost of these projections. In a real dollar sense, you are losing money.
- DHSCFO is monitoring salary increases and will report back once percentages are known.
- This committee will receive forecasting updates in the next two quarters – January/February 2023 and then April/May 2023.

Public Comment:

- Lisa Ehrlich shared about her family's struggles with mental health resources.

Additional Comments:

- Families and advocates can also get mental health support and share their stories at the Mental Health Board that meets monthly.
- The public can also help guide mental health funds and participate in Sonoma County's Continuum of Care. The City of Santa Rosa and Petaluma are also adopting master plans for homeless programs which contain a heavy emphasis on mental health services. Members of the public could also participate on those planning efforts.

4. Measure O Fiscal Reporting for FY 21-22

Packet Item: FY 21-22 Fiscal Reporting

Kelley Ritter gave a finance presentation on the Measure O fiscal reporting for fiscal year 2021-2022 and highlighted the following: 2021 (April-June) draft Finance Statements; Revenues and Expenditures for 2021; Draft Expenditure Plan Category, Revenues & Expenditures; Summary of Anticipated Expenditures and Actual Expenditures by Category/Sub-Category.

Comments/Discussion:

- Chair Zane requested a Glossary of Terms of what these actual services provide (IMDT, HNH-HEART).
- Tina Rivera clarified that it is the Board of Supervisors' role to review and approve Notices of Funding Availabilities (NOFA) around Measure O. The underspending has everything to do with the late startup of these programs. Once the Board approves the NOFA information, Health Services will present on what would be available.
- Staff is proposing that the unallocated surplus dollars be released as NOFAs.
- Will this body be putting out a review comment letter assessment of the oversight? Chair Zane recommended to add this as a discussion item during the next meeting and include the following questions: What do we want to highlight? Overestimate of receipts? Have you seen an impact on these dollars? Are we able to treat more people that go through the Crisis Stabilization Unit?
- The Measure O newsletter, that is shared with the public, includes information on the following: What the impacts are of these dollars; What the measure is doing with respect to how the programs are operating; How lives are being changed; How many individuals are being reached.

Public Comment: None.

5. Annual Report DRAFT Review

Leah Benz explained how this report is a draft and will be finalized by January 4, 2023. Leah gave a preview of the report and will email the draft annual report to all the committee members.

Committee members were encouraged to provide feedback via email to Leah. The committee will

reconvene on January 4, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. to review and approve the audited numbers and approve the annual report.

Comments: None.

6. Public Comment on non-agendized items

There was no public comment.

- Chair Zane would like staff to find out how much more is Sonoma County spending on mental health services versus Solano/Contra Costa County.
- At the next meeting, Sid McColley will bring back data on walk-in traffic and hospitalizations at the Crisis Stabilization Unit.
- Tina Rivera shared that the Health Services Epidemiology Team has been working on a community dashboard that will be presented to the Board of Supervisors next year. The dashboard will be in a user-friendly form and feature information around preventative care and local, current data on behavioral health, opioid, death, suicide, physical health, cardiovascular health and more. The department will be seeking community input and will include all those things that are of concern around the social determinants of health. It was suggested to involve community members through a Mental Health Public Forum.

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Chair Zane adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.