



Presenters: Karlee Ransom, Eide Bally & Department of Health Services Staff

**Audit:** Karlee Ransom presented the results of the audit of the financial statements of County of Sonoma-Measure O Funds as of June 30, 2023. She shared two different reports – report on internal control over financial reporting and report on compliance in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and Measure O.

**Summary of Audit Results:**

For the financial statements, Eide Bally provided an unmodified opinion on the financial statements. It's a clean audit. There were no audit adjustments or any deficiencies noted. Eide Bally gave the opinion that the financial statements were materially fairly stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards and procedures. For the Government Auditing Standards, Eide Bally did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control or any instances of noncompliance reported.

Karlee then gave a high-level overview of their audit procedures and the auditor communications.

**Review FY 22-23 Expenditures:**

Julie Elliott Gallegos and Kelley Ritter gave an overview of the Draft Measure O – Revenue Account Statement of Fiscal Year 2022/2023 and addressed questions from the committee members.

**Member Comments:**

For the next meeting, Chair Zane requested staff to spend more time on the fiscal narrative and provide more information on the expenditure plan categories. She also requested information on new positions covered vs. existing.

Kevin McDonnell requested to see what funding is being spent on facility improvements, what the 5-year projections are from HdL, and the ways Measure O is leveraging other funding. He also noted the categories are behind in spending.

Vice Chair Chavez requested to include what funding was given in each district, or a geographic representation of where funding is going across the county.

Ed Sheffield shared that Measure O needs to improve communications and marketing, more social media and outreach to get the word out.

**Public Comment:**

Annabelle Nunez, community member, shared that she feels more funding should go towards children and youth programming.

Juan Torres, Humanidad, shared the young BIPOC community feels forgotten and representation matters.

Adriana Arrizon, Health Action Together, shared the expenditure plan categories aren't meeting the needs and we need to be serving more of the BIPOC community.

*Chair Zane requested for DHS staff to respond to a public comment via email regarding a report on how the money was invested. Jan Coboleda-Kegler will address the comment via email.*

**Action Item – Acceptance of FY 22-23 Audit Reports:**

Action: Moved by Gregory Fearon, Seconded by Kevin McDonnell; **Approved**

Aye: Betzy Chavez, Gregory Fearon, Ben Ford, Kevin McDonnell, Shirlee Zane

Absent: Orlando O'Shea

**Action Item – Approval of Expenditures Comporting with Ordinance:**

Action: Moved by Kevin McDonnell, Seconded by Ben Ford; **Approved**

Aye: Betzy Chavez, Gregory Fearon, Ben Ford, Kevin McDonnell, Shirlee Zane

Absent: Orlando O'Shea

**4. Presentation from the Office of the Public Administrator, Guardian, Conservator**

Presenter: Jennifer Hainstock, Chief Deputy, Public Administrator/Guardian/Conservator,  
County of Sonoma

Jennifer Hainstock gave a presentation on Conservatorship and proceeded to address follow-up questions from the group. Chair Zane thanked Jennifer for the presentation.

In summary, the Public Conservator is responsible for the following:

- \* Investigates referrals from acute psychiatric hospitals and the criminal courts;
- \* Coordinates all legal requests with County Counsel;
- \* Drafts Conservatorship Investigation Report;
- \* Obtains annual reappointment documentation from two medical experts to support renewal and if not termination;
- \* Evaluates placement requests;
- \* Evaluates medication consents;
- \* Evaluates pass requests;
- \* Answers client questions;
- \* Attends court; and much more

## 5. Staff Reports

- A Measure O-funded \$5 million Request for Proposals (RFP) is coming out soon that is a result of the feedback from the Mental Health Forum and will focus on peer support, upstream approaches, cultural competence and the staffing crisis.
- Leah will reach out to the committee members to schedule the next meeting which will be held on a Wednesday in January 2024.
- The Measure O Annual Report is scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors December 12, 2023.
- Mobile Support Team Expansion: The State now requires the County to operate the Mobile Support Team 24/7, 365 days a year. The plan will be implemented by the end of this year. A Crisis Collaborative has been created. The team is also developing a crisis hotline number that will be available to everyone in Sonoma County. Measure O is helping to fund this expansion. The plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on October 24, 2023.

## 6. Public Comment on non-agendized items

Public comment: Juan Torres shared information about the Continuum of Care's equity work.

Member comment: Chair Zane commented on how it would be good to discuss how there could be a shift in funding categories to better meet the needs of our community.

Gregory Fearon mentioned that small organizations need lumps sums up-front to launch new programming, and RFPs should be publicized more broadly.

Chair Zane thanked everyone for their input and passion and **adjourned the meeting at 6:33p.m.**