



Measure O Citizen's Oversight Committee Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Recording: <https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/9876543210>

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Present: Shirlee Zane (Chair), Betzy Chavez (Vice Chair), Gregory Fearon, Ben Ford, Ernesto Olivares, and Orlando O'Shea.

Absent: Kevin McDonnell

Department of Health Services Staff Present:

Leah Benz, Health Program Manager
Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Behavioral Health Division Director
Roy Dajalos, Assistant Director
Julie Elliott Gallegos, Accounting Technician
David Hiett, Program, Planning and Evaluation Analyst
Dave Kiff, Homelessness Services Division Director
Sid McColley, Acute & Forensic Services Section Manager
Kelley Ritter, Chief Financial Officer
Tina Rivera, Director
Wendy Sanders, Assistant Director

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call

Chair Zane called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and a roll call was conducted. Chair Zane clarified to the public that Zoom formatting was being used to create the safest space for community members and partners. Public comment is always welcome.

2. Approve Minutes of 1/25/23 Meeting (Action Item)

Attachment: Draft 1/25/23 Minutes

Action: Moved by Gregory Fearon, Seconded by Ben Ford; Approved.

Comments: None.

Aye: Shirlee Zane (Chair), Betzy Chavez (Vice Chair), Gregory Fearon, Ben Ford, Ernesto Olivares, and Orlando O'Shea.

Absent: Kevin McDonnell

3. Fiscal Reporting

Attachments: FY22-23 Q3 Financial Statements; HdL District Tax Update 4Q 2022

Presenter: Kelley Ritter, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Health Services

- Review FY 22-23 Q3 Expenditures: Kelley Ritter gave an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 3rd quarter financial statements and answered questions from the committee members.
- Tax Performance Update 4Q 2022: The Department of Health Services has met with their contractor, HDL, and they provided the department with a calendar year 2022 Quarter 4 (October-December) update. Kelley went over the document. There were no comments from the committee members or public.

4. Presentation on Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) & the Connection to Measure O Funding

Presenter: Melissa Ladrech, Mental Health Services Act Coordinator for Behavioral Health Division, Department of Health Services

Melissa highlighted the Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Plan and Expenditure Plan for 2023-2026. She gave an MHSA overview and comparison with Measure O and how they work together. She then spoke about mental health funding and how it's an unusual source of funding that is very difficult to predict. Melissa then shared the Draft Budget Expansion and gave an overview of the Expenditure Plan for 2023-2026. Finally, she gave an update on No Place Like Home Housing Projects and shared some highlights of the MHSA Annual Program Report for 2021-2022. If you would like to receive the MHSA Newsletter, you can sign up here: <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/health-and-human-services/health-services/divisions/behavioral-health/about-us/mental-health-services-act>.

The MHSA newsletter is published every two to three months by the County of Sonoma Department of Health Services Behavioral Health Division.

Questions/Comments: Shirlee, Gregory.

Public Comment: None.

Melissa Ladrech also shared about an upcoming *May is Mental Health Month* community event on May 30th from 3-6pm at the Finley Community Center: [Creating Safe Space for Mental Health through Connection](#).

5. Staff Reports

- Select next Oversight Committee meeting; September 27 or October 6, 2023, and determine in-person location, Leah Benz: Leah will reach out to committee members to select next meeting date and determine in-person location.
- Update on Mental Health Forum 5/2, Tina Rivera: Over 270 individuals attended the in-person and virtual forum. There were four enriching panels with discussion and feedback. The panels centered around substance use disorder, mental health and wellness needs, crisis services and suicide prevention, workforce challenges and solutions. The Board of Supervisors participated in assisting and facilitating the panels. The department is in the process of collecting feedback and has sent out materials from the forum. Once this feedback is captured, the department intends to send out a couple of NOFAs (Notice of Funding Availability) towards the end of the summer. You can email funding requests to MeasureO@sonoma-county.org. Regarding the Mobile Support Team fund balance, this funding will help fund the upcoming, county-wide, 24/7 Crisis Response Mobile Teams model that is now a State-mandated MediCal-required benefit.
- Behavioral Health Staffing recruitment and retention update, Tina Rivera: The Board of Supervisors passed the hiring incentive package a few weeks ago. The Department of Health Services has hired a Behavioral Health Medical Director with this new hiring incentive.
- Awardees of Measure O Housing- Focused Homelessness Interventions Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), Dave Kiff: Dave reported out on a recent \$3 million NOFA and described nine different projects that were recommended for funding.

6. Public Comment on non-agendized items

Public comment: Jennifer Hainstock, Chief Deputy Public Conservator for Sonoma County

Comments from committee members: Orlando O'Shea, Gregory Fearon.

Chair Zane thanked the committee members and staff and adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.