



Joint Office of Homeless Services

Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
 February 26, 2024
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Attendance:

Committee Members: Daniel DeMelo, Nathan Williams, Nicki Dardinger, Mallette Faherty, Christine Hermann, Danny Cage

Absent: Sasha Burchuk (on leave)

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Antoinette Payne, Lori Kelley, Malka Geffen

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Welcome / Check-in & Introductions	Brief welcomes Second CBAC meeting for the FY2025 budget process	
Approve 1/25/2024 meeting minutes	Minutes approved after edit to include: CBAC members continued to meet over summer and into fall of 2023	
Overview and discussion of JOHS posted Budget, Program Offers and Transmittal Letter	<p>The Transmittal Letter gives a high-level overview of what is in the JOHS budget. Antoinette Payne, Business & Operations Manager, walked the committee through the document (see CBAC Meeting 2.26.2024 Presentation Slides).</p> <p>Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is the 50% goal in the Community Shelter Strategy based on 50% of unsheltered homeless individuals in January? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It's 50% of the baseline number, which does not include inflow, though shelter strategy will address ● What is the present rate of inflow? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Population A (chronic homeless, extended definition) inflow = outflow, so homeless numbers have stayed the same ● How do 3,498 beds translate into 12,675 served? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Because of shelter throughput; the number of beds required = number of people that can be served per night x turnover rate of the bed and exit to housing 	

- Is the \$700,000 for 3 FTE on the NOND - Chair's Office - HRS Team all for their salaries?
 - Salaries, benefits, and material supplies
 - HRS stands for Homeless Response System
- The almost \$14M Covid-19 Response Fund is going toward what?
 - City of Portland still has response funds, and they're are going to continue operations of safe rest villages that were stood up during the Covid-19 crisis
 - Are there still ARPA (American Rescue Plan) funds?
 - For the County, no; the City still has some.
 - For the programs funded specifically by ARPA funding, can we see which ones sunsetted and what the logic was?
 - They don't have their standalone anymore and are rolled up into existing offers
- Does the remaining \$51.2M of SHS funds sit somewhere making money?
 - Antoinette will follow up
- Is SHS underspending course corrected?
 - Q2 report talks about how JOHS is on track

(SHS stand alone offers are rolled up into one and noted in significant changes)

- How many additional JOHS FTE relative to last year's budget?
 - 19
- But last year's budget shows 101 FTE vs 137 in this budget
 - Antoinette will go back and look at adopted budget for FY24 and follow up
- The agency has grown a lot in a few years; has JOHS looked at the efficiency limitations and impact of adding 20% scale per year?
 - No answer; CBAC will take up in its letter
- Where can CBAC be most helpful to JOHS staff?
 - Make sure the budget speaks to our five priorities
- Question from a public attendee: "Regarding Provider Capacity (p. 14), one challenge small providers face is the long lag time for reimbursement, and having to be reimbursed at all instead of receiving funds in advance. Is this something that may be addressed through this capacity building?"
 - Response: while we don't have a formal response in the moment, JOHS recognizes that this is a big deal

<p>Next steps/ meeting:</p>	<p>As needed, review the primary takeaways/actions steps from today's meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Antoinette to send spreadsheet ● Bill to send member contact info ● Meet virtually on March 4th to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CBAC members review budget and transmittal letter, send their questions to CBAC Chair by March 4th ○ CBAC will review, group and prioritize questions during March 4th meeting 	
<p>Links shared/discussed during the meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● https://www.multco.us/budget/fy-2025-department-submitted-budgets ● Local Implementation Plan and LIP one-pager ● Multnomah County's Workforce Equity Strategic Plan ● Q2 SHS report 	