



Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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Attendance:

Committee Members: Nicki Dardinger, Daniel DeMelo, Cameron Foster, Anisa Ali, Wendy Lear

Absent: Amanda Garren, Darius Yaw, Christine Hermann, Nathan Williams

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Lori Kelley

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes	
Approve 2/24/2025, 3/3/25 & 3/10/2025 meeting minutes	CBAC used the <a href="#">fist-to-five decision making tool</a> to approve the minutes from the last three CBAC meetings: 2/24/2025 - 5s from Nicki Dardinger, Daniel DeMelo, Cameron Foster, Anisa Ali, Wendy Lear 3/3/25 - 5s from Nicki Dardinger, Daniel DeMelo, Cameron Foster, Anisa Ali, Wendy Lear 3/10/2025 - 5s from Nicki Dardinger, Daniel DeMelo, Cameron Foster, Anisa Ali, Wendy Lear	
Explore options for new meeting day/time	To accommodate participation from more CBAC members, the committee discussed other days/times: - Tuesday or Thursday seem likely	Staff following up with CBAC members to nail down
Responses to CBAC questions	Staff provided updates and next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A few CBAC members sent in prioritized question <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked all members to email by the end of the week which questions are critical for additional recommendations</li> </ul> </li> <li>Chair asked for the timeframe HSD staff has to answer questions.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Depends on demands on top management's time.</li> <li>○ Hoping to get a number of questions answered in three weeks.</li> <li>● Are some of these questions being asked elsewhere? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Leadership would need to identify and share those responses.</li> <li>○ If staff can access what electeds are asking, he will share them.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Next Steps for CBAC: presentation and accompanying document (discussion)	<p>CBAC presentation at beginning of HSD Budget presentation to BOCC on 5/14 (Tentative). Confirm plan to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Support the presentation</li> <li>- Offer recommendations based on member priorities/County chair's proposed budget (Released 4/24)</li> <li>- Create accompanying document to the presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Convey what providers are seeing in the community</li> <li>● We should first be on the same page about the goal of homeless services, for example: reduce number of deaths as reported in Domicile Unknown report</li> <li>● What part of homeless services is HSD responsible for? A: housing people and help them stay housed, connecting to other resources holistically</li> <li>● We can still influence how Chair and Commissioners vote to adopt budget – focus second letter on actionable recommendations re: key changes or out of target requests</li> <li>● We should expand on the seven priorities listed in the first letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Does the budget align or not</li> </ul> </li> <li>● How do we feel about Commissioner Singleton's recommendation to use the funding from HSD to other departments to prevent cuts to the HSD budget? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have to think about the pros and cons</li> <li>○ Committee could request more information</li> <li>○ Seems like we have to see Chair's budget first before we make recommendations about reductions</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Chair asked for agreement about the content of the presentation and letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Challenges with the process, including mistakes made; accuracy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ What CBAC feedback has had an effect on the process? A: We're building and should have increasing evidence of influence regarding what the committee needs to make recommendations</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Focus on issues of the department and recommendations regarding the budget; less on our struggles</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Create plan for CBAC over next few months	<p>Decide the cadence for meetings between today and the 5/14 presentation, the goal for each meeting, and what is needed for HSD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Meet again after April 24 and then meet a couple weeks in a row to have presentation and letter ready for May 15</li> <li>● Meet once virtually before the 24th to work on the non-budget recommendations part of the letter</li> <li>● We are legally allowed to use a shared collaborative document between meetings</li> <li>● A member of HSD leadership will attend the first meeting following the release of the Chair's budget</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting:** HSD staff and will work with the committee members to schedule the next meeting