



Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[These minutes are subject to adjustment and approval by the CBAC]

Attendance:

Committee Members: Lisa Drennan, Nicki Dardinger, Nathan Williams, Daniel DeMelo, Wendy Lear, Cameron Foster, Darius Yaw

Absent: Anisa Ali, Amanda Garren

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes	
Membership Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Hermann has stepped off the CBAC CBAC now has 9 members; quorum (50% +1) is now 5 End of first three-year term folks is October 2025 County Code currently says a term is three years with option to re-up for a second term 	
Approve 3/31/25 meeting minutes	<p>CBAC used the fist-to-five decision making tool to approve the minutes from the previous CBAC meeting:</p> <p>5s from Lisa Drennan, Nicki Dardinger, Daniel DeMelo, Wendy Lear, Cameron Foster, Darius Yaw</p> <p>Nathan Williams abstained</p>	
Collaboration: develop process content for CBAC supplemental recommendations letter	<p>Chair led the committee in collecting and confirming what committee members think should be included in the section of the supplemental recommendations letter that addresses the CBAC's process this fiscal year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CBAC Chair put process- and emerging issues-related comments from the letter content survey into a shared document. Disparity in funding for culturally specific services needs to be highlighted; \$17M is still not enough. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement of local political landscape and difference in this year's budget and how it impacts our ability to provide feedback in a meaningful way • We haven't seen Keith Wilson's plans with regard to Housing First in our process, and we'd like to hear Housing First perspective from the County chair and commissioners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Reasonable to comment on challenges we face in our process since we don't have insight into or influence on the City's budget • County should address armed nature of Rapid Response Team • Disappointed/missed opportunity that no County officials came to CBAC about shortfall and cuts and getting additional revenue • In another CBAC, members ranked program offers, and focused on things that had to be cut and prioritized what could be added back • Central CBAC looking at updating program offer template, asking what kind of additional info would be helpful to have when reviewing program offers: information shared via spreadsheet, list of top contractors, show more years of financial data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ That's outside of the department's control; set by Central Budget Office ◦ Hard when department combines program offers to compare year to year • Timeline concern is the critical process issue • Q: Does HSD have a list of prioritized programs they would add back in? A: We know employment services is one, but will know more once we have Chair's budget <p>CBAC Chair asked what committee wants to highlight in emerging issues section</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Even with different funding streams, the City's services affect people in the County; so can County provide alternatives to problematic ones? Just seeing sweeping and shelters, but this budget doesn't address that 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do we continue to bring in current lived experience voices into the process/to the table now? • Highlight that when there's a disconnect among system parts (City, County, Metro, etc) and things are super politicized, it makes it more difficult to do good work • Shelter agencies are not being held accountable for their contract funding • It's okay to include in the feedback that there was not consensus on some recommendations • CBAC members can work in shared doc between meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Final letter to be decided by majority vote 	
Next Steps	<p>Meet 4/29 and 5/6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSD staff plan to be at 4/29 meeting for questions and discussion <p>HSD Budget presentation still set for 5/14</p>	