



Homeless Services Department  
 Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
 April 8, 2026  
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

Attendance:

Committee Members: Elizabeth Gillingham, Nicki Dardinger, Cameron Foster, Lisa Drennan  
 [online:] Darius Mani Yaw, Wendy Lear, Katrina Malachowski, Anisa Ali  
HSD & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Antoinette Payne

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes and introductions	
Approve the 3/18/2026 CBAC Meeting Minutes	Committee approved the 3/18/26 meeting minutes using Fist to 5 consensus decision making tool: Katrina Malachowski - 5, Nicki Dardinger - 5, Darius Mani Yaw - 5, Cameron Foster - 5, Wendy Lear - 5, Elizabeth Gillingham - 5, Lisa Drennan - abstain	
Report back on Q&A session earlier in the day	CBAC member shared experience meeting with Anna Plumb and Antionette Payne <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Answered questions or explained why they couldn't or where in the process they were in getting the answer               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ex: # of provider staff that will lose jobs, plans for people in shelters that are closing, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Transparent that some sharing is limited until County Chair's budget comes out next week 4/16/26               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Can uplift to the County that specific info (cuts) is needed for CBAC work</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Will share notes from the meeting with the CBAC</li> </ul>	
Updating CBAC meeting cadence	HSD staff proposed an updated CBAC timeline (see presentation slide), and the CBAC added meetings on 4/15 and 4/22	
Needs for May 5th Presentation	CBAC Chair will be out of town on 5/5; need another member to present	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nicki, Darius and Cameron will present</li> </ul>	
<p>CBAC's work towards additional recommendations</p>	<p>CBAC Chair suggested dividing letter up by main points and folks working on a specific one</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Humanization</li> <li>• Prevention is key</li> <li>• Too much response, not enough anticipation</li> <li>• Encourage creative, effective, sustainable planning</li> <li>• Not rely on one-time-only funding</li> <li>• Instability is preventing efficiency</li> </ul> <p>CBAC member asked about the progress of closure of shelters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Antoinette said the HSD recommendations could be what the Chair decides to go with, but we won't know until the Chair's budget is released <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Should include in letter/testimony what CBAC expects of HSD if shelters do close</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>CBAC members discussed use of quotes from or photos of people in the shelters that are closing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreement to use the CBAC's voices to elevate the community's voices, without exploiting anybody.</li> </ul> <p>CBAC member shared the following ideas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. reminder that these decisions impact real people who are our neighbors;</li> <li>2. demand that the county and city work out their roles/responsibilities and reduce the politicalization of these decisions - given that the ever changing political whims make it extremely difficult to do this work; mention use of one-time funds</li> <li>3. demand for county transparency on how funds are spent and what programs are being cut. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Antoinette asked for more detail about transparency <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. For each program offer, list the contracts included or cut</li> <li>ii. Get the information before the decision is made or wait with the rest of the public</li> <li>iii. History of CIC (Community Involvement Committee), which is an advisory group that makes recommendations on how the County</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	

	<p>engages with the community. They've had some "rocky" years (pre-pandemic)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Need to get back to more trust</li> <li>iv. Data dashboard needs to be known about in the community</li> <li>v. Highlight what is going well in the County</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. affirm that we support HSD's priorities;</li> <li>5. emphasize that it is critical to ensure that folks currently in shelter are moved to housing;</li> <li>6. statement that currently - there is a lot of distrust in the community for government - and that we need to do better</li> <li>7. something about accountability and outcomes</li> <li>8. demand that people with lived experience are closely involved with decision making process <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Advisory bodies are different than actual decision making</li> </ol> </li> <li>9. Anticipate/plan for the future instead of responding to current issues</li> </ol> <p>CBAC member created and shared a Google doc that CBAC members can add to to develop the letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● HSD staff will draft slides based on the letter</li> </ul> <p>CBAC member requested a chance for the entire membership of the CBAC to meet each other in person</p>	
Next Steps	<p>Next CBAC meeting is on April 15th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CBAC members should try to bring laptops</li> </ul>	