



Homeless Services Department  
 Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
 April 22, 2026  
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

Attendance:

Committee Members: *Katrina Malachowski, Lisa Drennan, William Hodson, Elizabeth Gillingham, Anisa Ali, Wendy Lear, Darius Mani Yaw, Cameron Foster*  
HSD & County Staff: *Bill Boyd, Steven Ohl*

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes and introductions	
Approve the 4/15/2026 CBAC Meeting Minutes	Committee approved the 4/15/26 meeting minutes using Fist to 5 consensus decision making tool: <i>Katrina Malachowski - 5, Lisa Drennan - 5, William Hodson - 5, Anisa Ali -5, Wendy Lear - 5, Elizabeth Gillingham - 5, Darius Mani Yaw - 5, Cameron Foster - abstain</i>	
Review of County Chair's Executive Proposed Budget	[see slide deck for initial details]  Main changes: 1. \$10M OTO for housing placements 2. \$1.8M for shelter closure extensions 3. Add back 70 shelter units 4. Some employment programming re-added Constraint funds restored as SHS funds (not GF) for the employment restorations (some backfilling) \$10M of added from GF for housing placements  Currently do not have information about the specifics for how the restored funds will be used (ex: which 70 units of shelter were restored?)	

	<p>Less changes on HSD budget this year from Chair's executive budget</p> <p>No one is thrilled about reductions; where can we reduce \$67M with least amount of damage</p> <p>Q: Themes in programming cuts? A: no areas untouched, but Safety On &amp; Off the Streets (shelter reductions) was highest in overall dollars</p> <p>Q: impact of cuts on HSD staff? How will it impact how HSD works A: high level messaging is we can't do more with less; HSD will have to change how they work. New leadership may influence how HSD will restructure</p> <p>Q: Reductions to Safety on/off Streets impact supplies? A: supply center now managed by Office of Emergency Management</p> <p>Q: how do budget reductions impact hsg placement from outreach? A: HSD is reimagining outreach, not clear how budget will impact these services</p>	
<p>Timeline reminder</p>	<p>[see slide deck for initial details]</p> <p>HSD seeking to adjust stipend policy to accommodate high level of April meetings</p>	
<p>CBAC recommendations</p>	<p>CBAC members review draft letter, as well as focusing on the presentation slides which need to be completed by today</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Slides being developed so audience don't focus on them vs the audio presentation</li> <li>- Working towards reducing slide messaging to one message per slide ("headlines")</li> <li>- Consider adding statistics to the slides <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using HSD Dashboard as the source</li> <li>- Looking at numbers that call out the level of the crisis our community is in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of how the stats contribute to the presentation core messaging</li> <li>- Focus content of slides/presentation to what is in the budget process (ex: what can be "bought back")</li> <li>- Elevate disconnect between budgeting process and contracting, and how CBAC would like to see final decisions from the budget process (i.e. where the money goes)</li> <li>- Slides include photos to add images</li> <li>- CBAC provides general approval for the direction of the slides, and they will be finalized within a day</li> </ul>	
Next Steps	<p>CBAC members with capacity to flesh out letter for wordsmithing (on "letter draft" tab) on Sunday; will finalize at next meeting</p> <p>Next CBAC meeting is on April 29nd</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Finalize CBAC recommendations</li> </ul>	