



Homeless Services Department  
 Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
 May 13, 2026  
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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

Attendance:

Committee Members: [online] Katrina Malachowski, Nicki Dardinger, Amanda Garren, Lisa Drennan, Elizabeth Gillingham, William Hodson, Anisa Ali, Cameron Foster, Darius Yaw  
HSD & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen

Agenda Item	Discussion Points
Welcome	Brief welcomes and introductions
OCI Survey	HSD staff shared the link for OCI's FY27 CBAC Participant Evaluation Survey for CBAC members to complete during meeting time.
Approve or Postpone Approval of 4/22/2026 & 4/29/2026 CBAC Minutes	CBAC have not had a chance to review the minutes and chose to postpone approval.
Reflect on Recommendations process	<p>HSD staff shared the video of the CBAC presentation to the Board of Commissioners.</p> <p>The CBAC members who presented first shared their reflections about the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Have heard appreciation to the CBAC for speaking to multi-year budgeting and programming inclusiveness, and the impact of HSD staffing reduction to culturally responsive services</li> <li>● Felt great to speak on behalf of the community, as a united voice.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Wish there had been Q&amp;A</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Felt like we brought the humans/our neighbors into the room (not modeling and statistics). Grateful to have multiple presenters to</li> </ul>

reflect our committee. Content was strong and meaningful. Got several texts from people with appreciation.

- Wish there was more engagement with the Commissioners, for the amount of work and time the CBAC gives to the process.
  - HSD staff responded by saying we need to give more time for reports from the Central CBAC representative in the future.

CBAC members then had an opportunity to share their thoughts about how the recommendations generation process went. CBAC members spoke to the following:

#### Strengths

- Dynamic group unafraid of trying new things
- We got an earlier start this time
- Our feedback was received from previous years as leadership showed up to meetings
- Letter drafting process
- Stronger communication and collaboration of CBAC, and with HSD (this year better than last)
- Not forgetting why we're here and who we're speaking for
- Having a second letter
- Full group engagement this year

#### Weaknesses

- Wish we had younger and older members, especially as people on the street are aging
- Meeting times in conflict with Central CBAC
- The timeline doesn't allow for full breadth of analysis
- Disconnect with other CBACs
- Is the letter ceremonial? Are decisions already made?
- Not many CBAC members asked questions of HSD
- Didn't have protocol/etiquette for writing and editing the letter

#### Opportunities

- How we communicate with the County to keep pushing for our demands
- Could learn about other CBACs' processes
- Continued transparency and collaboration with HSD and the Commission
- Realistic timelines from the Commission; more time

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More lived experience on the CBAC</li> <li>- More veterans; more representation through improved recruitment</li> <li>- Spend more time on full process of consensus decision making</li> <li>- Writing down agreements ahead of time for how we compose and edit the letter; have an ongoing Google doc during the process</li> <li>- Helpful to rewatch the presentation with new CBAC members in the future</li> <li>- See more outcomes data</li> <li>- More transparency from the Commission to HSD about funding and what's funded in other departments, so HSD can be more proactive</li> </ul> <p><u>Threats</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compassion fatigue and overwhelm</li> <li>- We were ignored; Commission or HSD don't consider or understand CBAC recommendations</li> <li>- Silencing of our community</li> <li>- New HSD Director and County Chair could make different decisions or treat CBAC differently</li> </ul>
Next steps	<p>Upcoming Events (see presentation slide 13):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 5/19/26: State of the County <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 4:30p, reception to follow</li> <li>b. East County Library</li> <li>c. RSVP required (link provided)</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. 6/17/26: HSD CBAC Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 5p-7p</li> <li>b. In person upon request</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. 6/24/26 All-CBAC Budget Reflection &amp; Community Building Event <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 5:30p-7:30p</li> <li>b. Holgate Library</li> <li>c. RSVP by 5/19/26 (link provided)</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>HSD staff will request follow-up about HSD's plans and resources, the Chair's proposals, and budget amendments about people in the programs slated to close.</p>