



COH Policy Committee

May 27th from 1:00-2:00pm

Meeting Recording:

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Policy Committee Members: Jo Bruno, Lynn Peralta, Lindy Lavender, Margaret Schiltz, Deanne Pearn, Doug Leich, Lavonna Martin/Erica McWhorter (H3 designee)

Staff- Cassie Hourlland, Jaime Jenett

Present Attendees: Doug Leich, Lynn Peralta, Margaret Schiltz, Lindy Lavender, Jo Bruno, Erica McWhorter, Deanne Pearn, Jaime Jenett, Cassie Hourlland

MINUTES

1. Welcome

A. Doug welcomed all policy committee members and facilitated introductions.

2. Public Comment

A. There was no public comment.

3. Measure X

- A. Doug introduced the Measure X topic and opened the floor for discussion around specific recommendations that can be brought to the COH.
- B. Lindy provided an update on the Measure X Committee activities announcing that housing will be discussed at Measure X committee on June 30th. H3, Housing Authority, and DCD will be presenting. Lavonna Martin will present to the Measure X Committee on June 30th.
- C. The Policy committee's role is to lift recommendations related to Measure X to the COH for action. The recommendations from the COH can be provided in written form to the Measure X committee. Erica stated a few COH members might be able to participate in the scheduled presentation to the Measure X Committee.
- D. Lynn shared that EHSD presented to the Measure X committee and shared their experience and shared tips for developing the presentation, including preparing many questions and determining whether or not to include a financial ask in the slides.
- E. There was discussion on how the COH can act as an Advisory body. It was determined that the COH can advise the Measure X Committee and the BOS in their capacity as Advisory Body to the BOS.

- F. Erica explained the complex role of H3 and the potential conflicts of interest with all roles. H3 is the Health Services department, CoC collaborative applicant, and staff to the COH. The Measure X committee allowed for H3 to present separate from Health Services as an agency. H3's perspective will be more targeted in the presentation.
- G. Erica mentioned the BOS Quarterly Report as another opportunity to lift recommendations. Jaime provided an overview of the presentation to the Board of Supervisors of the Quarterly Report.
- H. Doug suggested the two recommendations below from the Q1 BOS report to be part of the recommendations for the Measure X Committee.
 - i. The COH recommends the Board of Supervisors consider directing funding towards Prevention and Permanent Housing including Permanent Supportive Housing to increase outflow by housing people and reduce inflow by supporting individuals before they enter the homeless system of care.
 - ii. The COH recommends the Board of Supervisors consider investing in specific funding for additional PSH when dedicating funding to meet the County homeless system of care's greatest needs.
- I. Jo raised concerns on her own role as she also wears multiple hats because she is on the COH and is being invited to present at the Measure X committee as part of H3's presentation. She was looking for a way to make sense of where she is an advocate and an advisor. Doug provided guidance stating she should speak for herself unless the COH has approved a specific message for when she is authorized to speak on behalf of the COH. Erica stated she would be connecting with Jo and will support her in this. Schedule a call to connect Jo to other resident empowerment groups to help her become active with her voice.
- J. Margaret asked about incorporating behavioral health into the recommendations. Behavioral health support or awareness should be included in the solutions.
- K. Suggestion to propose written comments from the COH to the Measure X community advisor board. At least the two recommendations from the Quarterly report be included in recs. Doug asked for thoughts from COH. Lynn, Erica, and Deanne support this.
 - i. Committee members expressed interest in also including a recommendation that the Measure X funds promote multi-disciplinary partnerships across systems. The discussion was specifically focused on Behavioral Health. H3 will try to link this in the presentation.
- L. Written comment from COH to Measure X Advisory Board to include two recommendations from quarterly report.

- M. The group decided to use the rest of the time to draft the written comments that would be submitted to the Measure X Committee from the COH.
- N. Reviewing recommendations in list
 - i. #1- approved
 - ii. #2 reduce jargon (i.e., inflow/outflow)
 - iii. #4 took term “seed” out
 - iv. Lindy wants to see system build capacity through the utilization of a housing/land trust
 - v. #6 is too specific (Deanne). We want Measure X to fill gaps, leverage state/fed funding like community land trust that allow us to max leverage funding. Measure X should fill gaps that aren’t being covered by fed/state (eg, TAY who aren’t chronic). Don’t want it to be a redundant funding source.
 - vi. Jo: expressed confusion about this document and what the purpose is and who audience is. Doug: this doc intended to be a one-time doc that goes to Measure X meeting.
 - vii. Deanne: how is this different from H3’s presentation to the BOS every quarter? JJ clarified that Quarterly Report is from COH, not H3.
- 4. Doug asked if Cassie could support drafting the letter with the recommendations and send it out to the group prior to posting with the COH packet.
- 5. Doug asking for a vote whether we approve of going forward with the plan to approve draft to go to the council.
 - A. Deanne in favor of some version of the doc
 - B. Margaret yes
 - C. Lindy yes, hope to help
 - D. Lynn yes
 - E. Jo yes in hopes that can review
 - F. Doug, yes
- 6. Adjourn**
 - A. 3:58 adjourned
 - B. Don’t have next meeting officially scheduled- will pause meeting for summer months and pick back up in September or October.
 - C. Deanne, proposed have another meeting after state budget is signed. Doug agreed
 - D. H3 to send out a doodle poll for meeting in July. Also explore state/federal policy items at that meeting?

- E. Jo wants to track policy too. Deanne to connect Jo to REP team.
- F. Deanne proposed setting a regular time/date and don't use it if don't need it. Policy does have a June meeting- June 24th. Looks like last Thursday of the month from 2-4. Hold it as regular meeting.