



Joint Office of Homeless Services

Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2023

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

[final]

Attendance:

Board Members: Nicki Dardinger, Christine Hermann, Dani Vogel, Nathan Williams,

Absent: Sasha Burchuk

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Joshua Bates, Coby Dixon, Marisa Mize, JR Lilly

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Call to Order / Welcome	Brief welcomes	
Review previous meeting minutes & current agenda	Request to approve the minutes from 4/12/2023 meeting	Approval from all in attendance: Nicki Dardinger, Christine Hermann, Dani Vogel, Nathan Williams
JOHS CBAC Budget Recommendation & Presentation: Final review and edits	<p>Review of Compiled Report (Draft II) Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The CBAC is concerned about not only the ongoing challenges our communities face but an additional scarcity of data and analysis in how JOHS money is being spent necessary to make informed recommendations and decisions.The committee is concerned with the workforce challenges within JOHS and its contracted service providers, as sufficient staff resources and capacity are crucial for timely and efficient support coordination.To address the homelessness crisis the committee recommended maintaining funding for permanent rehousing resources and immediate shelter for homeless community members, continuing to fund hygiene access, and exploring a pilot program for direct cash transfers to homeless individuals.	Committee will send the final draft of the compiled report to JOHS by April 26th, 2023.

	<p>Additionally, the committee recommends the county auditor perform a thorough audit of JOHS to prioritize the responsible use of funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee emphasizes the importance of sharing a clear timeline for budget review, enhancing the understanding and sharing of projected expenses and outcomes, and providing a reasonable stipend for committee work to encourage sustained engagement. • The committee made a request to establish a clear CBAC process that includes training on how to interpret projected expenses and outcomes, as well as more comprehensive training on budget and spending analysis. The committee states there was an insufficiency of the information necessary to make informed recommendations. The committee has reported an inability to provide well-informed recommendations due to lack of available data. The sentiment expressed here reflects the committee's view on all the FY2024 JOHS Program Offers. • The committee supports Program Offer #30902 Expanding Hygiene Access and recognizes the benefits. The PO suggests allocating \$750,000 for hygiene access points. The committee supports the goals of this Program Offer wholeheartedly recognizing its obvious benefits. However, the committee feels insufficiently empowered to advocate for the details of the program without additional data to validate its effectiveness. <p>Q: Where does this \$750,000 allocation, what particular providers and contracts receive the money? The cost concern is the low number of uses, as listed in the Program Offer. The cost of using shelter at the behavioral resources. Generally, the Behavioral Health and Resources Center the cost that gets expressed for one use of the hygiene stations is \$75 per use. The cost that gets expressed to the Health Department and so on. What does it cost the County or JOHS to provide one shower?</p> <p>A: We don't have the details on how the Behavioral Health Resource Center makes a cost estimate about the utilization of their facilities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee recommends that it continues to meet on a 9-12 month cycle for the foreseeable future. 	
Future Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per the Office of Community Involvement: When the budget cycle concludes all CBACs will end. JOHS and OCI checking in 	All committee members

	<p>with the County on the process, there are going to be recommendations that need to be updated when the budget cycle concludes it sunsets for all CBAC committees and when it starts again for the next fiscal year we will be looking to the Chair to make a decision on what improvements will be made next year. Since this is a County committee it is essentially up to the departments when they have staff capacity, when they can start staffing the meeting. If members want to meet as community members that is fine but to be staffed as a county committee that is on the county's decision.</p> <p>Q: Where in the Multnomah County code is the sunsetting of after the budget process occurs? In chapter 13 - PER 3.302C - Committee members are on for 3 years and the committee continues to exist throughout the summer. Currently, JOHS set meetings for convenience sake. There is nothing in the code that necessarily states the committee can't meet without county approval and not clear if the County has authority to prevent the Committee from meeting without staff.</p> <p>A: The executive authority of the committee rests with the Chair. However, it is at the discretion of the county to decide whether to continue holding meetings. As this is a county committee, it is the county's responsibility to determine the functioning of its committees. The Chair holds complete authority over all committees, including the CBAC, and their operations. All committees, including the CBAC, exist at the discretion of the Chair, who makes the final decisions on their functioning. It is worth noting that the sunset date for this committee is expected to be sometime in June, once the budget concludes.</p>	<p>present voted in favor of continuing meetings on May 10th, 2023, and June 14th, 2023. (in favor votes from: Nicki Dardinger, Christine Hermann, Dani Vogel, Nathan Williams)</p> <p>The committee has also reserved dates in July and August for possible future meetings. It was confirmed that these meetings would also be held on the second Wednesday of the month</p>
Timeline of next steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Upcoming Community Budget Advisory Committee meetings: Wednesday, May 10th and June 14th, scheduled 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. ● Committee will send the final draft of the compiled report by April 26th, 2023. ● Draft recommendations will be posted on the website on April 28th, 2023. ● Presentation on May 9th, 2023 starting at 11:00 am (time to be confirmed as the date approaches) 	
Comment from ZOOM Webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● When will the revised draft recommendations be available to the public? 	

Q & A	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The CBAC Letters will be sent to the office and posted on the OCI website on April 28th, 2023.● Is JOHS's PIT (Point-In-Time) Count conducted separately from HUDs (Housing and Urban Development) every-other-year report requirement (submitted to HDX)?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ JOHS conducts the PIT every other year under HUD requirement. In 2022 HUD gave communities permission to delay the 2021 PIT Count due to the pandemic, but with the 2023 PIT count, we'll be back on track. The JOHS does the one-night shelter count annually (and pairs it with the PIT every other year).	
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