



Joint Office of Homeless Services

Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2024

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

[draft]

Attendance:

Committee Members: Christine Hermann, Nathan Williams, Daniel DeMelo, Mallette Faherty, Nicki Dardinger

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Anna Plumb, Antoinette Payne, Stephan Herrera, Cathy Sherick

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/ Action
Welcome	Brief welcomes	
Approve 8/26/24 meeting minutes	Minutes approved	
Discussion/Q&A with JOHS Deputy Director	<p>Anna Plumb's first visit to the CBAC meeting!</p> <p>Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is the barrier that has prevented the CBAC from getting data re: equity measures? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently, Program Offers just list yes/no if the offer meets our equity goals ○ JOHS is trying to ensure our outcomes are a better match to services and metrics ○ Data was in most of the program offers; we're creating a data mart that will better monitor outcomes ● Commit to reducing unsheltered: couldn't conduct analysis of inflow for FY25; surprised JOHS don't have that info since working on this for 8 years and Built for Zero. Where does this stand? 	<p>Confirm with CBAC interest in presentations /discussion on the SHS LIP and HRAP</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We're tracking inflow, but hesitate to predict inflow over time because causes of homelessness is complex ○ Discussion with HRS and federal partners about how to better analyze inflow data to be able to make predictions ○ JOHS current outcomes will be presented in new dashboards coming online this winter; will show real-time inflow and outflow (not future prediction) ● CBAC suggested a direct cash pilot for two years, but haven't received a response since it's not a budget question; confused since county code has us participate in policy development and review as well. What is or isn't a budget question? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Guidance from OCI and Chair guided CBACs to look at program offers this year; if CBAC wants to discuss, we can put on an agenda ○ Within this set of program offers, CBACs are traditionally asked what questions do you have, what do you support, etc. ○ CBAC member expresses that it feels restrictive that we can't offer, representing the community, ideas. ● CBAC's timeline is very compressed; the JOHS response letter says we didn't address program offer specifics, but we need them earlier in order to respond. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It's compressed for JOHS too. ● Feels CBAC's work isn't that valuable; so much work has already been done by the time program offers get to us; not a lot of space for impact. Is the work we do going to matter this third year? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It's important to have eyes on JOHS budget and whether it aligns with SHS LIP and HRAP, and given alignment what CBAC prioritizes 	
<p>Discussion/Q&A with OCI staff</p>	<p>Stephan Herrera and Cathy Sherick first visit to the CBAC meeting!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Amara Perez is new OCI Director ● OCI is organizing process to improve functioning and impact of CBACs countywide 	<p>Context - existing County Code: 3.300 - 3.306 https://multco-web7-psh-files-usw2.s3-us-wes</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In listening sessions with community and staff, we collected set of issues we presented to the board of county of commission (including clarity and consistency, with feedback loops) ● Practices and staff changed quickly during the pandemic, which affected communication ● Central CBAC will pull together Winter to Spring 2025 ● Hope to provide inflection points where info from the Budget office aligns with CBAC calendar and start earlier going forward ● This CBAC improvement process to take two fiscal years ● Need to make sure OCI has organizational capacity to support CBACs <p>Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Would value communication between JOHS community advisory bodies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That's an internal department decision; may be more effective to have other department teams bring the budget to the CBAC ○ Look at how are CBACs onboarding for context ○ OCI is encouraging best practices, not directives ● How are you looking at CBAC process prior to the pandemic, and how diverged from code; how do we know code needs changing if we haven't followed it? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All county CBAC members were once onboarded all at the same time, so calendar was more consistent ○ Code was followed, but there wasn't a lot of it; so each dept. was following code as they saw it ○ Updating code will help us clarify consistency for shared understanding ○ Role of OCI would be to create guideline that would complement code ● Anticipating recommended changes to size or terms of CBAC? There'd be value in more representation and how to pass the torch. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Diversity is huge concern ○ Orientation to include pairing current with new CBAC members 	<p>t-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/county-attorney/documents/ch3.pdf</p> <p>Proposed code changes: https://multnomah.granicus.com/GeneratedAgeNdaViewer.php?view_id=3&clip_id=3027</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently membership is 7, but 8 would help with quorum, maybe 7-10 ○ No discussion about length of terms yet ● Minimum, flexible membership would be ideal ● Important to be thoughtful and clear with members about role of what CBAC is and is not; clear boundaries would help keep us focused; we want our work to be relevant and helpful <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Please look at proposed code changes and tell us what you think ● Right now, code doesn't provide procedure for resigning; would be an easy fix to allow written resignation to OCI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We need to see if it goes into code or guidelines ● Has an attorney reviewed the not about 3 members be from BIPOC communities given the re: Harvard v. SFFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legal review after we merge the calendars ● Is there somewhere in code that lists county departments? Is this a CBAC? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Language will include non-departmental offices 	<p>Will talk with Heather Lyons</p>
<p>CBAC Values (discussion and exercise)</p>	<p>Review of JOHS Mission and Values and County Values JOHS staff shared slides to set discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do these apply to CBAC and committee's work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help guide the process ● What are the values that bring you as CBAC members to this work? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ bold/forward thinking (having a lot of resources), being human centered, curiosity (opposed to judgment/skepticism), dignity and respect, social justice, equity, community-focused, transparency ○ Contributing to making something better ○ Is our job to represent the community broadly? Weary of establishing these values because curiosity, etc. is not 100% what the community is valuing, even if they're CBAC members' personal values and the majority of Multco. Residents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ We're here to offer community input, with personal experience 	<p>CBAC will return to this discussion in future meetings - before the budget process begins</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ We can keep the broad community in mind, but these can be our values as current members working together on the CBAC ■ CBAC member notes are group of white presenting people without lived experience of homelessness, so still weary of setting values as we are; maybe one of our values is seeking to be representational <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JOHS has other advisory committees ● Reviewing budgets is not everyone's cup of tea 	
Next CBAC meetings	<p>May still be waiting for County CBAC guidance and timelines</p> <p>October topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● JOHS Programs and Outcomes overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ "What we fund and what we see as success" <p>November topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● pending 	
Next Meeting	<p>JOHS staff to schedule in October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only on 21st or 28th ● Not 10, 14, Or 17 	