



# Joint Office of Homeless Services

Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[draft]

Attendance:

Committee Members: Christine Hermann, Nicki Dardinger, Cameron Foster, Daniel DeMelo, Wendy Lear, Anisa Ali, Nathan Williams, Lisa Drennan

Absent: Darius Mani Yaw, Amanda Garren

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Breanna Flores, Emily Nelson, Antoinette Payne

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes	
Approve 1/13/25 meeting minutes	Minutes approved: through the <a href="#">First to Five decision making tool</a> ; Change to minutes: remove parenthetical about CBAC code change reading dates 5: Daniel, Nicki, Christine, Wendy, Anisa 4: Cameron Abstain: Nathan	
Equity Lens and its use in budget, CBAC decision making	JOHS Equity Manager provided a presentation on equity analysis and equity-mindedness (see slides) Q&A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Does the recent DEI executive order impact JOHS since you receive federal funds? A: Our equity &amp; inclusion will not be abandoned because of a federal mandate; they're essential to get to an authentic solution to homelessness. It's early to say how it will affect local efforts.</li> <li>● The SHS report states a significant increase in culturally specific providers and BIPOC people served; do you have examples and how do you track this? A: Yes, the SHS LIP addresses disparities in the homeless population and the need to increase culturally specific providers. We now have</li> </ul>	

	<p>grant funds for new and/or culturally specific providers. We also track what providers are doing to improve cultural responsiveness and what assistance we provide.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is there an area in JOHS work that needs more attention re: equity? A: We could use more resources, for example, more dollars in that grant program, and increased wages for providers to stabilize their workforce.</li> <li>● How would an organization in need of grants, tools, training access that fund? A: Start by talking with the organization's contract manager at JOHS. JOHS also has trainers on our Equity Team.</li> </ul>	<p>Look at the CBAC doing a training on the RELT</p> <p>Staff will send out the full RELT</p>
<p>Budget Forecast Update</p>	<p>JOHS Finance Director provided the CBAC with updates to revenue projections for general funds and SHS funding in FY26 (see slides)</p> <p>Q&amp;A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● How are you expecting to fill that large of a gap? For FY25 have contingencies and reserves; For FY26 we're asking the state for additional dollars, which has \$700M for housing services.</li> <li>● How does the City's shortfall affect the HRAP? A: will have more info in coming weeks to share.</li> <li>● What's causing the decrease in SHS funding? A: 2021 was an anomaly: an economic boom that didn't hold up; 2024 was the first year of undercollections, and now looks like it won't collect what was initially forecasted.</li> <li>● What about the County? A: Tapering ARPA funds and increased personnel costs</li> <li>● Given these shortfalls, what are strategies for JOHS to eliminate or expand programming? We're prioritizing existing programs and considering the growing need; we need to diversify our revenue and use the medicaid waiver.</li> </ul>	
<p>SHS Local Implementation Plan</p>	<p>JOHS SHS Program Supervisor shared a presentation about the LIP, with a focus on ties to JOHS budget priorities (see slides).</p> <p>Q&amp;A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● \$17M for BIPOC services was 90% increase? For culturally specific services, including LGBTQ2S</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What evidence exists to show that culturally specific providers produce better incomes; does JOHS have data showing they do? Why are we doing it if not seeing a difference in outcomes? A: We do see the outcomes, but we need to look at what numbers mean to their experiences. We look at retention rates as well. We know people who have been underserved historically prefer to go to places where they feel better understood, so it offers more opportunities. With equity, it's ongoing work, not a solved problem.</li> <li>• Re: Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), are SHS funds being used to cover rent? A: Some SHS is paying rent and some SHS is being paid for the supportive services.</li> <li>• Will we have enough funds to cover the costs when we reach the end of the 10 years? A: We need to bring other players to the table, so we can continue to afford those PSH units.</li> <li>• Are there incentives from JOHS to create more culturally-specific services? A: We know there are organizations out there, even grassroots, and that it's hard to get connected to the county at first. Through the system's development grants, we support groups doing the work through the bureaucracy.</li> <li>• Are there areas in SHS we haven't been successful at? A: We should be looking at commitment to serving BIPOC communities longitudinally, and are our programs up to par.</li> <li>• Is there anything you'd like the CBAC to focus on or highlight in our letter? A (SHS): Center the community feedback from our SHS advisory committee, especially re: investments. A (Finance): Ensure JOHS budget aligns with our values addressing disparities and the LIP and HRAP.</li> </ul>	<p>The SHS Advisory Committee recommendations are found on the webpage: <a href="https://johs.us/shs-advisory-committee/">https://johs.us/shs-advisory-committee/</a></p>
Future Meetings	<p>Review overall plan for upcoming meetings (leading up to letter submittal on March 14th), including options for meeting locations (see slides) Q&amp;A:</p>	<p>Formal calendar invites from Zoom coming soon.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How might we further refine letter drafting this year? A: We'll block out some time to discuss what that can look like at the Feb. 10th meeting.</li> <li>• Could a committee be formed to do the drafting, since we're a larger committee now? A: As long as everybody feels appropriately included in the process, that can be considered.</li> </ul>	Staff will send pre-meeting work re: HRAP before Feb, 10th meeting.
Next steps	<p>JOHS staff shared information about pairing, office hours, CBAC code changes, and approval of new CBAC members (see slides).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunity: Live orientation about JOHS structure &amp; CBAC process for new members on Feb, 3rd (Zoom)</li> </ul>	

**Next Meeting:** February 10, 2025 5pm - 7pm. In-person with virtual attendance option.  
Location TBA