



# Joint Office of Homeless Services

Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[draft]

Attendance:

Committee Members: Nicki Dardinger, Nathan Williams, Cameron Foster, Daniel DeMelo, Darius Yaw, Anisa Ali; Pending members: Lisa Drennan, Amanda Garren, Wendy Lear

Absent: Christine Hermann

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd and Malka Geffen, Jillian Schoene and Robyn Johnson (HRS)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes	
Homelessness Response System	<p>Presentation by staff from HRS, focusing on ties to HSD budget priorities (see CBAC_HRS Orientation Slides_February 10 2025)</p> <p>Q&amp;A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Does the overall, two-year goal of adding 1000 beds include the 555 beds from FY 2024? A: Yes, and the number actually opened was 429 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Was the restoration of the safe park spaces at Sunderland considered 'new' or additional shelter units? A: No</li> <li>○ Moving people at Greyhound to Bybee Lakes does not count as new beds either <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Will Greyhound be looked at for future shelter use by City or County? A: No decision has been made about that at this time.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Does case management engagement stop at the 25th month? Extending case management would be helpful; important to see what happens after the subsidy ends. A: HSD can come back with that data and more info about case management.</li> </ul>	HRAP Dashboard will be updated with current data by 2/17

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regarding the transition to housing from shelter... What are the barriers and what's needed to meet that goal? A: We're using resources planned for a pre-COVID &amp; pre-Fentanyl world for increasing shelter need; we're going to the state to advocate for more funds</li> <li>● Putting people in shelter and spending money there, but deprioritizing housing people is a misuse of resources, even if its limited and becoming more limited; the by-name list and new priority tool helps with placement, focusing on PSH vs RRH A: Reach out with any further questions about how HRAP contextualizes budget effort</li> <li>● LGBT+ isn't included in goals? A: the population is still prioritized in the plan, even though there are limitations in demographic data A: as with culturally specific services... if you build safe service spaces, they will come <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Shouldn't we focus on collecting the data? How can we know we're better serving that population A: need equitable access to/provision of service before it can be measured <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Example of Marie Equi Center; can't measure before the doors are open</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Confirmation of current quorum	<p>HSD staff gave an update about CBAC membership after 2/6/25 appointments (see CBAC.2.10.25-meeting presentations slides for current membership and dates of appointment)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● CBAC member is official once appointed by the Board of Commissioners; first term is 3 years, and can serve an additional 3 years</li> <li>● Several members first term ends October 2025</li> </ul>	
Re-confirmation of Nicki as CBAC Chair	<p>Unanimous vote of present members re-confirmed that Nicki has been selected as CBAC Chair: Nicki Dardinger, Nathan Williams, Cameron Foster, Daniel DeMelo, Darius Yaw, Anisa Ali</p>	
Approve 1/27/25 meeting minutes	<p>Minutes approved: through the <a href="#">First to Five decision making tool</a>: 5: all present members, Nicki Dardinger, Nathan Williams, Cameron Foster, Daniel DeMelo, Darius Yaw, Anisa Ali</p>	

<p>Committee Brainstorm/Discussion: How to co-create our CBAC's letter to the County Chair</p>	<p>Committee members think through ways to work together on drafting and finalizing a collaboratively written recommendations letter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Program offers will be posted on 2/21 and cmte meets 2/24</li> </ul> <p>Questions &amp; Recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Balance shelter investments with investments into placement out of shelter; need diversity of investment for placement (ex, RRH used for households with greater need)</li> <li>● Submit (unrestricted) recommendations via Google Form after reviewing program offers, and then review all together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ rank?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Not necessary to chase unanimity on everything since timeline is so constrained (ex, can state that 8 out of 10 of us agree)</li> <li>● Working document to catch all input for draft</li> <li>● Letter needs to include solutions</li> <li>● Is there a character or page limit? A: No</li> <li>● Have letters ever been tied to budgetary improvement? A: In the past, CBAC letters come out after the Chair's proposed budget; this year the Chair will see the letters before <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CBACs had effect back when they collectively could meet with the Chair</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The CIC involved this year? A: No</li> <li>● The Central CBAC is working with OCI on process improvement, not budget recommendations</li> <li>● What to prioritize given looming budget cuts? A: Antoinette can speak to at next mtg; and can address in the letter</li> <li>● Previously, every individual wrote a draft, and chair assembled into one that the group went through together to edit paragraph by paragraph; will be hard to do with 10 people</li> <li>● Can we do a drafting subcommittee? A: Possibly, calling it a group below quorum, but we want everyone to feel included</li> <li>● Staff explained that cmte can't use Google Doc because of public meeting laws</li> </ul>	<p>Committee can read the department transmittal letter, which will be posted to the County website 2/21; staff will email to committee members</p>
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Next Steps/Misc	See CBAC.2.10.25-meeting presentations slides	

**Next Meeting:** February 24, 2025 5pm - 7pm. In-person with virtual attendance option.  
Location TBA