



Joint Office of Homeless Services

Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[draft]

Attendance:

Committee Members: Nicki Dardinger, Cameron Foster, Christine Hermann, Daniel DeMelo, Darius Yaw, Anisa Ali, Lisa Drennan (Pending member)

Absent: Nathan Williams

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Antoinette Payne, Sarah Ryan (Chair's Office)

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes	
Rep from County Chair's office	<p>Brief review of County Chair's budget process (see presentation slides)</p> <p>Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is it likely that the State will give the County some funding? A: County government relations team talks to electeds for more funding; requesting \$55M just to fill the gap in our HSD budget. Community members can lobby for this with their representatives. ● Are there funds for new providers? A: Department decides ● Is the County assessing nonprofit organizations that are 100% funded by the County (there's still a lot of lack of accountability)? A: Having one funding source is risky; could lose funding without backfill. County has a regular contract process, but this gives us something to think about as we look at how cuts affect organizations. ● What's the metric the County uses for what to cut? A: every Department is different, so each 12% general fund reduction looks different. HSD has put in a lot of work into its metrics and has a lot more information. The Chair considers Department Directors to be experts in their own budget. 	HSD staff will share out the County's legislative plan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do Department Directors work together on this? A: Yes, a good example is SHS funding, which brings departments together that have been siloed for many years. Directors come together regularly to discuss issues across programs. • There's a scarcity mindset among nonprofits; is it like that in the County? A: It's more like siblings; some departments are not having to cut as much as others. 	
<p>Approve 2/10/2025 meeting minutes</p>	<p>Used fist-to five voting to approve minutes from previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5: Nicki Dardinger, Cameron Foster, Daniel DeMelo, Darius Yaw, Anisa Ali • Abstain: Christine Hermann 	
<p>Review/discuss HSD FT2026 transmittal letter and budget</p>	<p>Reviewed the transmittal letter, including where HRAP and LIP priorities show up and any program or service retractions show up (see FY 2026 Transmittal Letter)</p> <p>Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has HSD already figured out how it will use the \$55M from the State? A: No • How does the budget reduction show up for providers? A: depends on the contract • Does HSD know which day centers will be cut? A: don't have that info • What is the total FTE cut? A: Will get back to CBAC • How does reduction of employment programming tie to the HRAP goals? A: Can expand on letter explanation • Seems like cuts translate across the community, re: provider layoffs; important to communicate that. • Do we have a sense of how many people are on the waiting list for PSH, since we're not funding any new PSH? A: Good question • How did we get in this position? A: 2021 saw a big economic boom with high collections through Metro, and people assumed that boom would carry on, but it was an anomaly. The tax is pretty volatile. FY2025 forecasted revenue was brought down \$22M. • Are we still prioritizing meeting current HRAP goals, or adjusting those goals? A: We're maintaining the plan to align with the goals until further notice. 	<p>HSD staff will provide answers following the meeting if they're not able to answer fully here</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SHS dollars are decreasing and due to go away in 2030; are we forecasting for that sunset? A: 3,300 new beds isn't quite the HRAP goal; we have to diversify our revenue portfolio ● Are other counties experiencing declines and asking the State for money? A: Based on Multnomah County data, Multnomah County has 40% of the homeless population and needs additional dollars to continue services. ● Safety On the Streets is being cut 50% but performance measures are staying the same or increasing. A: Trying to use beds more effectively, and focus on housing out of shelter ● New HMIS on the way? A: Yes, in a program offer; two other counties are contributing ● There's an 8% reduction in HSD FTE but 25% reduction overall, shouldn't it be proportionate? Why not cut FTE further? A: Will get back to CBAC with a response ● PO 30200: Safety Off the Streets - Adult Shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Walked through expenses and request; explained how HSD consolidated POs in 'significant changes' ● Are there any POs with no changes/consolidations? A: FY25 budget had PO-A and PO-B for SHS and other funding, so we consolidated to clean that up. ● PO 30000 - Admin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This PO says \$9.9M, but last year's says \$5M, so where is the number coming from? ● Why are employment services being cut? <p>Seems we cannot get all questions answered in remaining time, and can include that in CBAC letter; can work on getting response from Chair's office (in addition to Department response)</p>	<p>Will provide CBAC with cheat sheet re: consolidations</p> <p>HSD staff to set up more office hours</p>
<p>Review survey tool for CBAC member reflections on the transmittal letter/program offers</p>	<p>CBAC Chair will send survey to CBAC members to review CBAC Chair will send CBAC members an email for collecting questions</p>	

Future Meetings	Next three meetings on the next three Mondays	
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Next Meeting: March 3, 2025 5pm - 7pm. In-person with virtual attendance option on Zoom