



Community Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

[draft]

Attendance:

Committee Members: Nicki Dardinger, Daniel DeMelo, Anisa Ali, Darius Yaw, Cameron Foster

Pending members: Lisa Drennan

Absent: Christine Hermann, Nathan Williams

JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Dan Field, Emily Nelson, Antoinette Payne, Lori Kelly

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	
Welcome	Brief welcomes	
Q&A with HSD executive leadership	<p>Emily Nelson, HSD Equity Manager, and Dan Field, Department Director spoke about prioritizations in a constrained budget and appreciation for committee members.</p> <p>Comment: Feels like the budget decision is already made, but I need to stay engaged and speak out and hold the department and county accountable. Would like to hear more about Housing First and what can be done now. What steps is JOHS taking to include voices of people with lived experience?</p> <p>Response: JOHS submitted a draft budget and have prioritized the most vulnerable. This is the time, as it moves into the political arena, to be heard.</p> <p>Q: Are there contingency plans in place around a potential loss of federal funding?</p> <p>A: Yes - there is a County-wide work group tracking the dynamic federal funding environment and building contingency plans. Loss of Medicaid funds in particular would be devastating.</p> <p>Q: Headlines re: additional dollars to fill gaps (i.e., buying back programs)?</p>	<p>Add to list of Qs: Have JOHS/HSD practices/policies changed at all in response to the Students for Fair Admissions decision that changed the "compelling governmental interest" and "narrowly tailored" standards by which government</p>

<p>Approve 2/24/2025 & 3/3/2025 meeting minutes</p>	<p>tabled</p>	
<p>Finalize Draft of JOHS CBAC Recommendations letter</p>	<p>Chair said cmte members received document earlier today with feedback from the survey. Suggested focusing on programmatic recommendations, including if additional resources are attained. Identify 3 or 4 priority recommendations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Themes of feedback include shelter, eviction prevention, PSH, retentions (like employment services), culturally specific/appropriate services ● Include eviction prevention in letter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is it reducing the rate of homelessness? ● Motion to include the sentence: The CBAC would like to spend the next several weeks continuing to review the JOHS budget proposal, ask questions, and submit a second letter following the release of the Chair's budget. ● Include priorities: more access to shelters and shelter beds, rent assistance, eviction prevention and wrap around service for families and singles. ● Include frustrations with mistakes in the draft budget and lack of responses to questions and time. ● Another highlight - preserving services, ensuring efficiency in administration ● Include accountability ● Committee members are making recommendations on budget priorities and not contracts, so not a conflict of interest ● Second letter to include details about recommendations on the following list. ● "Overall, should more funding be made available for JOHS, these are the kinds of programs we would like to see prioritized: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Permanent Supportive Housing - Access to Shelter 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eviction Prevention - Culturally Specific & Responsive Services, - Rent Assistance - Wrap-Around Services to Families and Singles - Accountability, Transparency ● Unclear what "access to shelter" means; hard to prioritize, so remove <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Could we swap "access to shelter" with "safety on the streets programming"? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Not necessarily; will revisit later ● Edit initial statement to emphasize the process is unethical and insulting: "We did not have sufficient time to review the JOHS budget to provide more extensive review. This process was disappointing. To have so little time to review an accurate budget dishonors the memories of the hundreds of people dying on our streets each year and the hundreds more we expect will perish this year." Nicki Dardinger, Daniel DeMelo, Anisa Ali, Darius Yaw, and Cameron Foster voted to approve the content of draft letter; to be seen prior to being sent to the County Chair; with the plan to send a second more thorough letter in coming weeks. 	
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Next Meeting: HSD staff and Chair will discuss scheduling of next meeting