

Mental Health Treatment Act Citizen's Oversight Committee

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December 19, 2018 Minutes

AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 – CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL (1:00 P.M.)

Committee Members Present: Mr. Thomas Allman; Ms. Carmel J. Angelo; Dr. Ace Barash; Mr. Jed Diamond; Mr. Ross Liberty; Ms. Jan McGourty; Dr. Jenine Miller; Ms. Donna Moschetti; Ms. Shannon Riley; and Mr. Lloyd Weer.

COMMITTEE MEMBER MERTLE PRESENT: 1:02 P.M.

2) APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 28, 2018, MINUTES

Presenter/s: Chair Allman.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member Diamond, seconded by Member Angelo, and carried unanimously, IT IS ORDERED that the November 28, 2018, minutes are hereby approved (with minor administrative corrections including page 9 change from "Cost Value Analysis" to "Cost Benefit Analysis;" page 4 staffing costs should state that \$40,000 was "in addition" to the original amount submitted; and page 1, last paragraph corrected to "Darca".)

3) COMMUNICATIONS FILED AND RECEIVED

Presenter/s: Member Allman; and Ms. Katharine Elliott, County Counsel.

The Committee discussed the need to have legal counsel present at Committee meetings; and if the Committee could utilize current County Counsel Staff. It was determined that the Board of Supervisors would need to authorize legal representation, whether through the County Counsel office, or outside legal services.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE to request that the Board of Supervisors approve a request for legal services for the Committee to address legal questions and issues.

4) PUBLIC EXPRESSION

Presenter/s: Ms. Meeka Ferretta.

5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS**5a) REPORT ON MEASURE B TAX FUNDS; EXPENDITURE REPORT WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

Presenter/s: Mr. Lloyd Weer, Auditor-Controller:

Member Weer provided a monthly expenditure update to the Committee, and noted that it did not contain the additional tax proceeds for the month of November. He continued by stating that there has been a significant increase to the proceeds recently, but was not currently aware of the reason for that, but would confer with sales tax consultant at next quarterly meeting for clarity. To date the current balance is \$3, 863,213.

Public Comment: Ms. Carole Hester.

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE that a request be made to the Board of Supervisors that the Committee be provided a report of tax proceeds statistics.

5b) USE OF OLD HOWARD HOSPITAL WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Presenter/s: Chair Allman.

Chair Allman requested that the Committee make a decision regarding utilization of the Old Howard Hospital as a Psychiatric Health Facility (PFH). The committee discussed the need for the following: an in-depth review the Kemper report and recommendations; a Request for Proposal (RFP) for either a new wing or rehabilitation of the current facility from both Adventist Health and Old Howard Hospital respectively; adopt a strategic plan prior to determining priorities as to which direction to pursue; and the need for a clear understanding of the Committee's role and responsibilities.

Public Comment: Mr. Richard Matins; Ms. Josephine Silva; Mr. John McCowen; Mr. Bear Kamaroff; Mr. Arnie Mello; Ms. Tammy Moss Chandler; and Mr. Gerry Gonzalez.

Committee Action: No action taken.

5c) ADVISE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR BIDS FOR A PSYCHIATRIC HEALTH FACILITY (PHF), CRISIS STABILIZATION UNIT (CSU) AND CRISIS RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITY (CRT) FOR MENDOCINO COUNTY WITH DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Presenter/s: Member Barash

Committee Action: ~~Upon motion by Member Barash, Seconded by Jed Diamond to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to release a Request for Proposal (if necessary) for a Crisis Stabilization Unit and Crisis Residential Treatment for the design and cost to construct.~~ Motion was subsequently withdrawn by the maker and seconder.

Public Comment: Ms. Tammy Moss Chandler; and Ms. Camille Schraeder.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion regarding the County's current Agreement with Redwood Community Services in the amount of \$500,000 which was used to purchase property on Orchard Avenue for a Crisis Residential Treatment Facility. The members discussed the possibility of recommending that the County move forward with Redwood Community Services for a Crisis Stabilization Unit, Crisis Access, and Crisis Residential Treatment Facility.

Committee Action: ~~Upon motion by Member Barash, the Committee shall encourage the Board of Supervisors to move forward with the current plan with Redwood Community Services for a Crisis Stabilization Unit, Crisis Access and Crisis Residential Treatment Facility on the Orchard Street property; and state that this Committee supports and encourages them to move forward with their plan.~~ Motion was subsequently withdrawn by the maker.

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE that this item be continued to a future Committee agenda for continued discussion and Brown Act compliance.

5D) RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXPLORE THE USE OF MEASURE B FUNDS FOR REMODELING UKIAH ADVENTIST HOSPITAL VACANT ER/ICU FOR A PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY

Presenter/s: Chair Allman.

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE that this item be continued to a future agenda in order to have legal counsel present to address outstanding legal issues pertaining to this topic.

Public Comment: None.

5E) RECEIVE DATA ON CURRENT MOBILE OUTREACH PROGRAM SERVICES (MOPS); WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Presenter/s: Chair Allman.

Chair Allman provided brief overview on emergency involuntary psychiatric commitment of individuals who present a danger to themselves or others due to signs of mental illness. (5150) within the County, as well as data that may support that this reduction is due to Mobile Outreach Program Services (MOPS) teams.

Public Comment: Mr. Bill Keller.

Committee Action: No action taken.

5F) DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING THE PROCUREMENT OF A DEDICATED STAFF PERSON FOR THE MEASURE B COMMITTEE WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Presenter/s: Chair Allman, Member McGourty; Member Riley; and Ms. Katharine Elliot, County Counsel.

The Committee discussed the potential need, as well as related costs, for a dedicated staff person for the Committee. Options discussed included potentially appointing an Ad Hoc Committee to determine responsibilities and necessary skillset; obtaining a Personal Services Contract; utilizing County Staff from either Health of Human Services or Clerk of the Board staff and if the Committee had the authority to expend funds for personnel.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Directive: GENERAL CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE to defer a hiring decision until a comprehensive needs analysis can take place; and to utilize Deputy Clerk of the Board staff or Health and Human Services support staff to support the clerking responsibilities of the Committee.

5G) RECOMMENDED MEASURE B BUDGET SUMMARY TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Presenter/s: Mr. Lloyd Weer, Auditor-Controller.

Mr. Weer provided a budget summary as well as provided information on both current and future Measure B expenditures, such as a Kemper invoice. Discussion ensued regarding the proposed budget to be presented to the Board of Supervisors which could include a line item for professional services; staff, potential appropriation of funds for MOPS teams, and/or facilities and services. Member Weer advised that the proposed budget can be adjusted as needed.

COMMITTEE MEMBER DIAMOND ABSENT: 3:10 P.M.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: Upon motion by Member McGourty, seconded by Member Angelo, and carried (10/0/1, with Member Diamond absent) IT IS ORDERED that the Committee accepts Budget Recommendation and authorizes it be presented to the Board of Supervisors as a tentative cost.

5H) CHANGING MEASURE B MINUTES TO ACTION ONLY MINUTES WITH DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Presenter/s: Chair Allman; and Member Moschetti.

The Committee discussed a possible change to the meeting Minutes style (from narrative to summary) for staff cost/time savings. It was determined that Member Moschetti will research alternatives including software that could provide a meeting narrative transcript and will report back at the January Committee meeting.

Committee Action: No action taken.

6) COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS

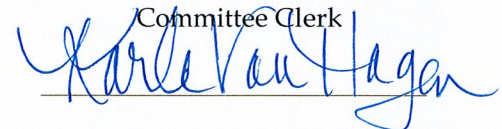
Presenter/s: Member McGourty; Member Angelo; Member Mertle; and Chair Allman.

Public Comment: None.

Committee Action: No action taken.

THERE BEING NOTHING FURTHER, THE MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT ACT CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ADJOURNED AT 3:20 P.M.

Attest: KARLA VAN HAGEN
Committee Clerk



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