

**Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission
Committee Report**

Committee:

- Executive:** Oversees Commission structure organized and moving; provides strategic guidance to staff. Meets monthly.
- Clinical Quality:** Recommends clinical measures to the full Commission; informs medical, dental, mental health, SUD programming. Meets quarterly.
- Budget and Finance:** Monitors HRSA grant budget vs actuals; recommends budgetary actions to the full Commission. Meets quarterly.

Commissioner liaison to the full Commission: Lois Bailey Lindsey	
Last meeting date: October 7, 2022	Current meeting date: January 6, 2023
Commissioners in attendance: Gregory Kats, Lois Bailey Lindsey	
ACHCH staff in attendance: David Modersbach, Alex Martin, Terri Moore, Luella Penserga	
Absent: Commissioner Lynette Lee	

1. Items discussed:

- a. The group reviewed the agenda. Staff mentioned that the meeting would be used to provided updates and answer questions on grant spend-downs. Staff are starting to work on the annual budgeting process, so the next Finance and Budget committee will focus on a global review of the ACHCH budget.
- b. GY 2022 HRSA Base Grant Spend Down Report
- c. ACHCH Health Center Dashboard Report CY2022
- d. HRSA COVID Funding Update – working on spending down the ARPA health center and capital grants.
- e. ACHCH HRSA Budget Period Year review

2. Informational item(s) to report to the full Commission:

- a. ACHCH is working with HR to fill the vacant ACHCH Program Finance Manager, formerly held by Janice Edwards who transferred to a different program in Oct. 2022. The County is in the process of certifying a list of eligible candidates and will notify ACHCH staff when we can start to interview from the list. Estimated timeframe for ACHCH to get the list is February 2023.

- b. David Modersbach reviewed the ACHCH 2022-2024 COVID spending plans. Staff are working on spending down the one-time HRSA ARPA health center and capital funds that are supporting ACHCH's COVID response, primarily through augmentation of existing contracts and one-time purchases of equipment.

Commissioner Kats asked about the deadline for spending. The first deadline to spend out one of the grants is in March 2023; ACHCH previously requested an extension from HRSA and was not approved last year but HRSA is approving some extensions not; ACHCH re-submitted another request for an extension.

Commissioner Bailey-Lindsey asked for the status of plans for ACHCH to acquire an electronic health record system (EHR). Luella Penserga responded that ACHCH is working on developing a contract with OCHIN, a non-profit membership technology organization, which would provide ACHCH with the Epic EHR.

- c. Terri Moore reported on Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA) claiming. Historically HCSA programs are encouraged to track time for MAA claiming purposes. ACHCH paused the time tracking in 2020 and re-started the process as of 2021. ACHCH increased the number of staff overall and the number of staff participating in time studies, and the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries has increased. This is resulting in approximately \$200k in revenue per quarter which ACHCH is able to use to support staffing and services.
- d. Luella Penserga reported on the \$2.9 million in funding from Alameda County Behavioral Health Services (ACBH), a combination of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) funds. MHSA is the state income tax on people earning more than \$1 million, and SAMHSA is federal funds. These funds support the LifeLong Trust Clinic, two street health teams referring into the clinic, and ACHCH mental health staff. The ACBH funds are the second largest source of funding for ACHCH services, after federal HRSA funds.
- e. Alex Martin gave a review of the County budgeting process. All departments have kicked off the annual budgeting process for fiscal year (FY) 2023-23, and staff are gathering the information needed for annual budget planning. The County will be updating numbers on employee salaries and benefits in February. Staff are also reviewing the ACHCH community-based organization (CBO) contracts list. The County does value based budgeting, which is the determination of how much share programs have to pay in the County budget.
- f. David Modersbach reviewed the dashboard. Street health teams is the number one business, providing more visits now than brick-and-mortar primary care. He noted that many teams are supported with non-federal funding. Terri Moore reported that contractors are doing better in getting data and invoices on time.

- 3. Action(s) recommended by the Committee for discussion/action by the full Commission at the next meeting:
None