

Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless Commission

Executive 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: Lynette Lee, Commissioner	
Last meeting date: May 6, 2022	Current meeting date: July 29, 2022
Commissioners in attendance: Lynette Lee, Gregory Kats	
ACHCH staff in attendance: Lucy Kasdin, ACHCH, Luella Penserga, ACHCH, Janice Edwards, ACHCH, Gregory, Janice Talley, ACHCH	
Absent: Lois Bailey Lindsey, Commissioner, David Modersbach, ACHCH, Alex Martin, HCSA, Terri Moore, ACHCH	

1. Items discussed:

- a. The Committee primarily discussed the CY 2023 budget and organizational chart, and had the following questions:
 - i. Q: Source of MHSA funds? A: [Mental Health Services Act](#) is a California voter-approved state tax on millionaires (income in excess of \$1 million) to fund county mental health services. After HRSA funding, MHSA represents the second largest revenue source in the ACHCH budget, \$2.9m. Additionally, ACHCH oversees regional coordinator positions, bringing the total MHSA amount in the budget to more than \$3 million.
 - ii. Q: Benefit structure of contracted community organizations on par with the County? A: Benefits are lower than the County and contributes to staff turnover. ACHCH has explored different ways to incentivize ACHCH funded sites/teams in order to reduce turnover, but CBO providers have responded that salary structures cannot be easily changed due to equity considerations across clinic sites.
 - iii. Q: Have COVID activities gone down significantly? Covid supplies dropped? A: Lucy explained that early on in the pandemic, ACHCH warehoused a large number of supplies and was a distribution center to community partners. Now community organizations are procuring their

own supplies, so ACHCH mostly distributes self-testing kits and masks. ACHCH continues to conduct vaccine clinics at homeless-serving organization sites in the community.

- iv. Q: Medi-Cal billing is increasing? ACHCH contractors are reporting more Medi-Cal billable income. More people are covered by Medi-Cal and more services are billable. This was especially true at the Trust Clinic, where LifeLong's Medi-Cal billing rate increased, bringing in more revenue; therefore, ACHCH reduced funding to account for services that were already paid for. Street health teams are also starting to bill Medi-Cal and/or health plans.
- v. Q: Indirect costs dropped quite a bit? Janice explained that the indirect cost shown is ACHCH's share of HCSA administrative overhead (i.e., finance, admin). The drop is an artifact of reporting, and the overhead is now included elsewhere in the budget; it is not a true drop.
- vi. Q: Can you carry the funds over to another year? Generally, no.
- vii. Q: Purchasing mobile vans out of the funding and retiring the older mobile vans? The AHS van is still owned by the County and AHS continues to operate it.
- viii. Comment: services have grown but the ACHCH FTEs appear lean.

- b. Janice Edwards provided a spending report. ACHCH is a little less than half spent out on the ACHCH \$4.4 million of authorized funding. Spending looks pretty stable, pretty consistent with the prior quarter, about 400,000 on salary employee benefits. The largest line item in what the County calls the "discretionary services and supplies" category is CBO contracts. The category called "non-discretionary" is not under ACHCH control; it is the required share of certain overhead costs, i.e., IT, finance, etc.

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

- a. The GY 2023 Budget Period Renewal was presented by staff and discussed by the Budget/Finance committee.

3. Action(s) recommended by the Committee for discussion/action by the full Commission at the next meeting:

- a. Committee requested a hard-copy of the organizational chart.
- b. Next meeting is on October 7, 2022.