



Measure O Citizen's Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Members Present:

Shirlee Zane (Chair), Ben Ford, Kevin McDonnell, Ed Sheffield

Not present: Gregory Fearon, Shannon McEntee

DHS Staff Present:

Nolan Sullivan, Director, Department of Health Services

James Alexander, Homelessness Division Director

David Evans, Section Manager, Acute and Forensic Services

Julie Elliot Gallegos, Fiscal Department Analyst

David Hiett, Program Planning and Evaluation Analyst

April Hurd Mattos, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

Gabriel Kaplan, Assistant Director, DHS

Lynnea Mann, Chief Financial Officer

Alea Tantarelli, Health Program Manager

Liz Treacy, Administrative Aide

1. Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call

Chair Zane called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm and welcomed everyone.

2. Opening Comments from Chair

Chair Zane expressed interest in doing as much as possible to support this committee and our community.

3. Approve Minutes of 2.5.25 (Action Item)

Attachment: Oversight Committee Minutes, 2.5.25

Action: Ben Ford moved that the minutes be approved and Ed Sheffield seconded.

4. Substance Use Disorder Expansion

Presenter: Will Gayowski, Behavioral Health Substance Use Disorder Services Section Manager, DHS

Presentation: Measure O: Oversight Committee Meeting Substance Use Disorder Expansion 5-14-25

Gayowski explained that the County has received \$18M in Opioid Settlement Funds (OSF) and \$5M has been earmarked for a NOFA that has since closed. Some \$6M is set aside for expansion. A Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant recently awarded to DHS included a \$5M match using OSF funds. OSF funds are anticipated for approximately 15 years. Gayowski explained that Measure O, OSF and BHSA are helping the County's SUD population.

A Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMS ODS) went live on December 1, 2024. It provides a full continuum of mandated treatment services, which includes data gathering and reporting. The County receives Block Grant funds to bolster Measure O. A Measure O match of \$750,000 will help fund life-saving treatments for the community.

Over the next year, there will be a treatment network expansion. DHS is proposing a 2-year contract with Muir Wood for an 8-bed facility. Three outpatient providers -- Siyan Care Corporation, Pura Vida Recovery Services and West County Health Centers -- when added to Drug Abuse Alternative Center's (DAAC) services, will also provide greater member choice and a variety of services. DAAC and the Orenda Center are expected to be available next FY with 97 beds available. A new youth residential treatment facility, expected in 2027, will offer SUD residential, mental health crisis residential, and outpatient services. The project is in its early stages, including an RFP for design and build using Measure O funding.

5. Fiscal Update for Measure O

Presenters: Nolan Sullivan, Director, DHS

Gabriel Kaplan, Assistant Director, DHS

Packet items: Introduction to New Measure O Fiscal Documents

The county, city and elsewhere are seeing unprecedented financial challenges. Expanded funding, known as the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is now gone. Federal claw backs of grants have been \$6M-\$7M in Behavioral Health and Public Health. In a separate grant round, the CoC saw a 17.5% year over year reduction caused by federal reductions. Due to Proposition 1, the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) will transition to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) in FY 25-26 and call back funds to the state. Simultaneously, this change will shift \$9.5M from MHSA programs to homelessness because the state governor is moving funds from mental health to housing. The state of CA has a \$12B deficit and federal budget changes are still expected. Change is coming, but Measure O can be a lifeline. There are 58.33 FTEs funded by Measure O. Chair Zane offered to reach out to the Board of Supervisors for help, given that its spend of General Fund dollars on health services was previously found to be low compared to other counties.

DHS is planning to push out a \$10M Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

DHS Fiscal created a tool to outline projected, estimated and actual spending, by year, for Measure O. In the documents presented, tax revenue and interest earned are shown as "special revenue" that is added to the fund balance. The administrative fee and operating expenditures create "special revenue expenses." DHS presented a FY 24-25 Revised Budget, which shows actual spending to organizations. An understanding of BHSA cuts may become clearer as we move forward. Additionally, Federal Financial Participation (FFP) will be reduced and DHS anticipates local impacts. The \$10M NOFA described will get funds out locally. It will be announced in the coming months.

6. Staff Reports: Update on Measure O Projects

Presenters: James Alexander, Homelessness Division Director &

David Evans, Section Manager for Acute and Forensic Services

Alexander is collecting stories about Mickey Zane clients. Fifty-five percent of its clients are over 60 and 80% of clients are over 50 years old. This older population has medical needs, security needs and food needs. Since January, DHS has placed 12 people in housing. Clients are also getting case management. Director Sullivan explained that evaluating homeless services and city partnerships is important. Measure O funding is an important funding source for this work.

Evans explained that the Mobile Support Team (MST) expansion has enabled the County to offer 24/7 services with its call center and response teams. Its partners are the City of Santa Rosa, Petaluma People Services, the City of Cotati, and the City of Rohnert Park. MST calls have increased 1000% and deployments have increased 200%.

The Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is up and running. The Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) at Crestwood is

operating at 95% of its capacity. Evans noted that creating a second PHF would be worthwhile. DHS received \$67M from a BHCIP grant, which will add four Mental Health Rehabilitation Centers (MHRCs) in Sonoma County and 20 SUD beds. These facilities will help people who have been conserved outside of Sonoma County find care closer to home and loved ones.

Measure O Business Seat

Presenter: Alea Tantarelli, Health Program Manager

There is an open business seat and the committee is recommending Colleen O’Neal for appointment to the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2025.

Measure O Communications

Presenter: Alea Tantarelli, Health Program Manager

A communications consultant may be hired to help promote Measure O news. The Measure O County of Sonoma Mental Health, Addiction and Homeless Services Annual Report for FY 23-24 has also been published.

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The next meeting of the Committee will be Wednesday, August 20, 2025.

7. Public Comment on Non-agendized Items: No comments were offered at this juncture.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.