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R1 **Room 140** 7:50
Folks, can you hear me?

JB **Jaclyn Baucum** 7:55
Yes, we can now.

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Yes.

KB **Karen Buehler** 7:56
Yes.

AG **Allen Gomez** 7:56
Yes.

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Thank you so much.
Technical difficulties.
My apologies for the technical difficulties there.
I'll start it over again.
Good morning, everyone.
I'm Jack Cartuna with the chief executive office and I'll call the meeting to order now.
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Now start with introductions.
This room with the board offices going first.
District from the 4th one from the first district, paragraph second district, Elizabeth 2nd district.
3rd District Alexandra Paz, 4th district.
You please introduce yourselves.

Susan Ochoa, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department sustainability unit.

Stephanie Martinez with sustainability as well.

It could be dmh.

I mean, itala's DPH, when was in dmh?

County Council. Thank you.

Do we have representatives from the first district on the call?

We have representatives from the 2nd district on the call.

SL **Sofiani, Lily** 9:13

Everyone. Sorry. Lily Sofiani with the 2nd district.

JT **Jackson, Tanyesha** 9:14

Yeah.

SL **Sofiani, Lily** 9:18

I'm sick, so I'm sorry.

I'm off camera.

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The person from the 2nd district on the call.

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Yes, Bernie Robinson YWCA Greater Los Angeles, 2nd district.

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We have representatives from supervisorial Third District on the call.

FW **Fox, Aaron William** 9:42

This is Aaron Fox, third district.

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We have representatives from the 4th district on the call.

Me, we can't speak.

It picks up all of them. We have representatives from the 5th district on the call.

See, we have CEO budget on the call.

Do we have any other CEO staff that on the call that would like to introduce themselves?

We have representatives from County Council on the call.

Have representatives from public health on the call.

JB **Joshua Bobrowsky** 10:16
Morning, Joshua bebruski.

AW **Andrea Welsing** 10:19
Good morning Andrea Welsing from DPH.

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We have our.

MG **Michelle Gibson** 10:25
Michelle Gibson from Sabse.

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We have representatives from mental health on the call.

JB **Jaclyn Baucum** 10:36
Good morning.
This is Jacqueline back from the Department of Mental Health.

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Representatives from health services on the call.

OT **Ovsanna Thomas** 10:46
Good morning, Thomas it.

AG **Allen Gomez** 10:48
Good morning, Helen Gomez.

NB **Natalie Betlachin** 10:52
Morning, Natalie.

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That represented.

We have representatives from any associations or organizations on the call that would like to introduce themselves.

Have any members of the public on the call that like to introduce themselves?

We'll now proceed with today's meeting. As noted on the agenda, we have three board.

The first board motion is for the 2nd district.

Angeles County gender based violence prevention services. I'd also like to add that the the third, third.

Has the two coauthor of the motion as well.

Everyone. I'm Victoria Gomez, health deputy for the 2nd district. The first item we have on the agenda is the LA County gender based violence prevention Services Motion Co-op authored our Office and co-authored by SD3. This motion is scheduled for the February 4th board meeting both our.

Office and SD3 are deeply committed and equitable gender based violence prevention services in the county and also.

Collecting data to better inform the county and our work.

Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention is working to address this gap by.

You could go for second slide.

Investing \$2,055,000 in preventing services over 15 months across 4 categories.

Versus the healthy relationship, education and training. Second, is engaging men and boys.

3rd is innovative programs to engage LGBTQ plus youth or this economic empowerment strategies for girls.

Southern California grant makers has been selected as a third party administrator to lead solicitation efforts in OVP is developing scopes of work to fund local Cpos in each district.

Each plans to contract with Southern California grant makers by March, April.

And award grants to selected CP OS in each district by April May.

The three directives that are outlined here is.

The first one is to execute the contract with Southern.

On your grant makers for the gender based violence prevention services for 15 months with an administration fee of 10% and not exceed 2,000,265 hundred \$1000.

This will be 100% paid for by DPH budget using Office of Violence Prevention NCC funds.

2nd Directive is a delegate authority to DPH to amend the contract as needed.

Because of the next slide.

Then the last directive is to instruct DPA to collect data and report on targeted outcomes for prevention services using the antithesis, diversing included initiatives, equity analysis tool to examine disproportionate impacts.

Andrea Wellesley from OBP, the director of OB PS Online, and we're happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your presentation.

Do we have kind of an idea of what kind of data that you're planning on collecting and also provide your report and target outcomes?

What the target outcomes would be and how frequent the reports would be, if it be a one time report or often.

AW **Andrea Welsing** 15:16

Good morning.

If I may jump in here.

So the data that we'll collect for each of the four components will look a little bit different, right?

I think it's most clearly defined for the teen healthy dating relationship, education and training.

And I imagine the agencies that we contract with have methods and ability to collect data on how many people received training and education.

And using pre and post test surveys to understand any shifts in knowledge, attitude and behaviour.

And So what we really want to look out for all four components and because the others are more innovative and we will be working with CB OS to implement those innovative strategies in each of those areas. I think those are yet to be defined.

But what we ultimately want to understand, and what we will.

Work rigorously to do is to.

Understand the impact of the funding and the interventions that are implemented as a result of this funding.

So I think some of that is to be defined.

We are happy to report, collect and report data.

We will be standing these up as soon as possible, as much that we can do.
You know, within a time period, once the contracts are executed, we will work with the agencies to set up a mechanism to collect the data and then?

Happy to report.

At least quarterly.

But open to other ideas and suggestions, so I hope that answers some of your question, and I think we're happy to update as this evolves and we move forward with the funding. And those metrics are defined, identified and defined.

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And this motion is for 15 month period.

Profession. Thanks, Vic.

What types of services are you envisioning and how are you applying to prioritize them just given the extra county landscape analysis is not.

I'm curious to know how you're gonna go about that process.

AW Andrea Welsing 17:31

I I heard the beginning part, but I'm I think you trailed off a little bit at the end I heard.

How are you know what services and and how are we going to prioritize?

Was there something more that you?

Was there something more to the question?

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Yeah, I just had given the landscape analysis has not been complete.

AW Andrea Welsing 17:49

So the landscape analysis is in process.

We are still in process.

We did collect some data and information from county departments.

There was a previous survey by WGI that contains some information.

We did.

We did get some information in a 2 hour session with county departments where we asked about services that are being provided.

We want to go deeper.

We're still in process of completing the landscape analysis.

It is limited funding.

And the the two million overall is broken down by category and there are specific amounts for each category.

We will prioritize teen dating violence.

Once CBO funded in every supervised oral district and and go to a through a process to bid for that, I think that the other components we're looking at really agencies who may work county wide and those.

Strategies are yet to be defined in concert with community based organizations that are doing this work.

We know the populations that we want to reach, we know that there are community based organizations that are working with those populations and we will further define what those strategies look like as we talk with Community partners to really understand what that can look like with a very.

Limited budget.

But again, hoping that the teen healthy dating relationships, one in each supervised oral district.

For the other strategies, engaging men and boys engaging LG.

Btq plus youth and.

Economic empowerment strategies for girls.

We hope those are count working with agencies who work county wide, but we will use data to inform where there is highest need given that those are really limited resources.

So we will be doing that and we will be working with our D and looking at the equity. Analysis Tool as we move this work forward to really prioritize communities most in need are where there's the greatest impact of gender based violence that we currently know.

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Andrea and Jasmine. If I know for last last week's gender based violence cluster, they did breakdown the budget of this contract, but I could just share for the good of the Group for healthy relationships, training, education, it'd be \$1 million for community based solutions to engage.

Men and boys, if need be \$350,000, innovative voice engage LGBTQ plus youth peers.

It would be \$500,000.

And for economic empowerment for girls, it'll be 250.

\$5000.

There questions or comments. Hi. Thanks.

How was Stokal grant makers identified as the TPA in this?

AW **Andrea Welsing** 21:03

So we worked with Kate Anderson with the Center for Strategic Partnerships.

I I think we also talked to other.

We talked to multiple possible third party administrators in terms of this.

But there is an existing contract that for the DV platform that Southern California and and initially we thought we would do both of them together and and and do that.

But I think it was the quickest mechanism and because there is a pathway there and.

That this was the.

That this third party administrator could help us get the dollars out the door the quickest, and that there was an established pathway and partnership with that organization. And so they that that was the deciding factor.

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This doesn't have to go through an RFP process, are they?

They're already on master services agreement list.

You already have a contract with them, so that's why you're able to identify them and kind of expand on that contract.

AW **Andrea Welsing** 22:23

Yes, I think so and I know.

Karen Buehler's on I think in this meeting as well. So I don't know if she has anything further to add, but I think for all those reasons, it makes it the quickest to to work with them.

KB **Karen Buehler** 22:41

This is Karen Buehler.

Just to clarify, we do not have an existing agreement with Southern California grant makers.

This is a board motion supported by the board offices and there is internal

discussions around how to determine which agency. But I think that also has to do with. Again, as Andrea already mentioned about the time frame on how quickly.

They can get the dollars out.

As existing.

Network and relationships.

That was determined.

They were the best choice.

No solicitation was conducted.

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Concerns.

Any public comment on this item?

Very much.

Second Board motion is for the 4th district, continuing to incentivize and expedite hiring for Los Angeles County's alternative pricing response programs.

I'll now turn it over to Steve.

Hi everyone.

Thank you.

I'm Kyla, and I'm gonna be presenting the next two board motions.

So the first one, we're gonna start with is continuing to incentivize and expedite hiring for LA County's alternative crisis response programs.

You all know LA County has spent the last few years building up its alternative crisis Response Network, the Department of Mental Health Now has field intervention teams colloquially referred to as fit teams that can respond in person to people experiencing a mental health crisis.

The teams can be accessed by calling the Dmh helpline or even 988. And thanks to Geo routing which has been implemented, if you call from anywhere within LA County you can access our LA county fittings.

It's been a huge effort to increase these teams and make them available 24/7.

When we first started the effort in 2021, we only had thirty teams and they only operated during business hours.

Now we have 72 teams and they're available 24/7 across the entire county.

Been working on decreasing the response time because that's still long.

It takes an average of two hours from a phone call to the teams arriving in person to the person experiencing a crisis. This has been a priority of the board. We've passed

previous motions directing the Department of Mental Health to work on reducing. Times and one of the major ways to do that is to increase the number of bit teams available across the county.

So DMH has allocated more positions to hire more teams to get faster response times.

But hiring is a challenge for field based positions that are difficult to hire for, especially in nationwide mental health clinician shortage.

And it's especially hard to hire for overnight shifts, which are when we have our longest response time.

2023 DMH implemented a series of incentives like signing bonuses, retention bonuses, field based bonuses, and shift differentials.

These incentives were successful and they are what helped them actually staff up to where they are today for the future of some of these bonuses are uncertain because the department was using one time ARPA funding and that funding is running out and we still have more vacancies and.

More positions that we need to fill.

So this motion is asking for two things.

1st, it's asking the department to report back to us on funding options to maintain and maintain the existing bonuses that were implemented in 2023. Once the ARPA funding runs out.

And 2nd it's asking the department to report back to us with a plan to further incentivize and expedite the hiring process for ACR positions.

We're currently just over 40 vacancies in our fit teams that could add an additional 20 teams to the 72 that we already have.

Many of those vacancies are also trying to hire overnight positions, so we need to make sure that we're doing everything we can to fill those positions.

This motion lists a variety of different strategies that dmh can consider in their plan and report back and ask that they report back so I can 60 days with the plan I have Reuben here from the Department of Mental Health Alternative Crisis Response program to answer any quest.

You have any?

In terms of just.

Based off, just like the increased bonus implemented signing bonus, do you know approximately like how much all of that would probably cost?

That would be probably in the report back, correct?

Yeah. Well, we we should have a pretty good idea of it because we did implement those, right?

So they were all implemented two years ago. So in order to maintain them, we should know how much it would cost. I don't.

We have it right here, OK?

We'll have it in the report now, but it should be.

It shouldn't be hard to find, OK?

Thank you.

Thank you so much for this, I think.

So in terms of how employees volunteering for overnight shift receive payments, how do they currently?

How are they currently receiving payments and why do we need to fix this?

Yes, OK.

I could try to answer that, but I might mess up Reuben.

Do you want to take this down? Sure.

So currently IT staff volunteers for overtime position.

They get paid a call back amount so they give I mean a standby amount which is a nominal amount, and if they're called to respond to a crisis.

Then they receive a callback pay, which is their regular overtime rate.

So then they get paid.

For at least four hours.

Just how long it takes to respond to the call. So what?

What happens sometimes overnight is it's hard to get staff to sign up for overtime shifts overnight unless they're guaranteed that they're gonna get a call.

Otherwise, it's not really worth their time to stay up overnight waiting for a call that might not come.

We don't get very many calls overnight, but we do need some presence we need.

We do need teams available to respond and so.

That typically has been the harder times to to get staff to do fill over time positions.

And helicopter question is, would there be a way to maybe have an increased standby rate so that people could be guaranteed to at least make some money while they're on standby overnight instead of it depending on a call coming or not 'cause then more people might sign up.

For those overnight shifts, yeah.

And that's kind of to my question, like how much more quickly are we gonna be

hiring people?

We have those 40 positions are already like allocated in the budget.

They're ready to go.

We just need to fill them and one thing that did happen that Dmh has done a really great job of is expediting the hiring process. They're using their homeless emergency authority to expedite the process.

They have these one stop shop hiring fairs where people can come and on the same day they can do their interview. They can get their background check.

They can kind of get an offer all in one.

Shot what we need is to increase the number of people that are applying to those because once they get in the door it.

Can be a very quick process.

Do we have data on how well this works?

Well, we used to have all those vacancies in now and then they were filled so.

And so it was during supplemental budget that we added these additional vacancies.

So they're new.

But data, I mean we can tell you the vacancies that were there before.

The incentives were implemented and then all filled after that.

Yeah, I mean, those bonuses were implemented in around September 2023 and right after that, we had a series of hiring fairs and we filled about 50 vacancies.

You know, within months just, you know, a few months folks don't go to the hiring fairs.

How, on average, how long does it take to get hired?

Well, so we we still review the list.

So as soon as people apply to list, we will reach out to them to interview them. The the hiring fair just makes it a little bit easier for them to, you know, come in and and be interviewed on the spot book. You know, as soon as people are.

Being added to those lists, we're actively to schedule.

The problem is the pipeline.

We just need more people to apply.

And my other question was just clarification.

Yeah, I understand this.

So strategies to increase the number of applicants to the dmh hiring fairs.

So are you referring to applicants that are coming to the fairs or is it more about applicants that are at the fairs and applying for DMA?

So it's before the fairs happen.

So it's kind of what Ruben was just saying we need.

There's the list, right?

So the hiring fairs are only for people who are already on the list, who have applied to the list.

So we wanna increase the number of people applying to the list so we can then have these hiring cares with that.

Oh, she raised it, lowered her hand.

Any questions from the other board offices?

Any public comment on this item?

We will move on to the third motion, which is also with the 4th district preparing for behavioral Health Infrastructure program, round two funding.

Thank you so much.

So I'm Kyle again.

This is the preparing for the BHS zip round two funding.

This is a Han Barger emotion.

Barger is coauthor? As you all know, California voters approved BOP 1, which includes a \$6.38 billion bond for behavioral health treatment and housing.

\$4.4 billion of that bond is specifically for the behavioral health Continuum Infrastructure Program brand, which we call the BH SIP grants that are going to be awarded in two rounds.

So the first round already happened.

Well, the application process already closed. They were due in December.

They were for shovel ready projects. The Department of Mental Health in La County applied for two projects as part of that round. The second round is coming up.

We expect the state to open and release the applications for that in May and that categ.

It's called unmet needs.

So although we don't yet know all the specifics of the grant and the requirements, it's important that the department and the county start to prepare to apply, as we saw in round one, this was a very quick turnover.

I know, Angelica. Our offices both were involved in submitting the application.

It was very intense.

It was very quick. If we hadn't already been in the process of.

You know, starting to plan for those projects, it would have been incredibly

challenging to do so. This second round is the last round of Bhcip grant. It is an opportunity for us as a county to look at our unmet needs across the county and terms of behavioral health.

Infrastructure.

We know that the county has many unmet needs.

We have quarterly public reports where our department heads come in front of the board and the public and talk about the need for more beds, substance use beds and mental health beds.

So we need to take advantage of this grant opportunity.

This motion is directing dmh to collaborate with DPH sapsee to come up with a plan to manage and apply for BH ZIP Round 2 grant funds. The plan should take into account the current unmet behavioral health care facility and housing needs in the county. The department should we?

Asking in this motion that the department.

Prepare a list of potential projects that would help address those needs and likely meet the needs of qualifications, and then to prioritize those projects so that when the state releases the applications in May, we are ready to apply for the projects that we believe to be the highest.

Priority and that need the qualifications.

You will notice that there is no public report back required in this motion. That is because this is a competitive grant process.

And so there is not just the county that applies.

Cities apply our nonprofit partners, providers all apply.

And so, because of the confidential nature of the grant process, there is not going to be a public facing report back.

But we are still directing our departments to prepare for this and you know, we as deputies can meet with them to look at the list and talk about the list. And I have, Jacqueline, I believe is online. And Lauren is here also from the department. And they are.

Kind of managing the VHS application process.

Are you planning for this to intersect with round one results?

I haven't received those yet, right?

And they're expected sometime early this year, I think may right.

So just kind of given like the timelines, how are you anticipating process and prioritization will work given that there's still some unknowns?

Yeah. So the round one results are expected to come literally at the same time that this application opens, right? So we.

In my opinion, we can't wait until we get round one results to start planning because.

That application process literally it opened and a month later you had to have scheduled a meeting with AHP to talk about your project.

So we need to have the projects there already.

The goal is to have a list of potential projects as mentioned in the report, so that when round one results are given, we can look and see oh, this is already met because someone got a grant from that.

This need is already met, but these four on the list.

Have been met by round one awards and they meet the qualifications of round two, so we're going to go ahead and move forward with that.

So ideally it is a list that we're asking for that's larger than what we will actually be applying for because we need to plan for what our needs are and when we see what round one gave us and we see the qualifications of round two, we can then.

Select from that list what we're gonna apply for as an account.

There questions from the other board.

So again, thank you for this motion.

Also really good.

So an overview of the current unmet behavioral health care facility and housing needs. I know there was early on an assessment of that.

Do we anticipate to see something different?

No, I think it's taking into account the.

The assessment that we've already done and we were supposed to have.

A public report, most recently right that got. Yeah, that was right. It was postponed or it was continued again.

So no, it's this is not necessarily a new overview, but it's looking at the overview we've already done, then come up with the list.

Again, this is only for county.

This is only for county projects.

Yeah, like CMH only submitted 2 projects as dmh, but that doesn't mean that those are the only two for LA County.

Because we have all the providers and cities that are also.

Projects and proposals.

OK. Clarification.

So are we saying that we want all the other cities included in this list?

OK, only count.

Yeah. So what would the county submit for that? That's.

Understanding and then understanding that it is very competitive.

Understanding that we're looking at may, understanding all these different factors and then knowing that we're gonna get a report back, it's more of a check in what is the timing.

For this, well, I can say that you know, I would plan to in two months schedule a check in with the Department mental health about this.

To see their list.

If I were doing a report back, I would have put it at 60 days.

If I may ask, yes, dmh that is 60 days does that seem?

I'll invite Jacqueline and also Michelle Gibson's on as well from Sapsy because we partner on a BH Sip work group that we've convened over the last rounds of BH Sip. You know, in terms of the strategy.

So, Jacqueline, did you want to respond or would you like me to?

JB **Jaclyn Baucum** 39:05

Sure. Yeah.

So that puts 60 days would put us basically at the beginning of April.

So it's a little shy, like Kyla mentioned of when we find out the terms of round two.

But as she sort of outlined the intent is that we would have kind of our brainstorm list together as a county and then go into that with a reconciliation of BAS.

What has we? We likely won't have a word information either.

But we can kind of reconcile that.

And then look at what is eligible so we can do some kind of update.

It just won't be, you know, complete in 60 days.

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To add, I think sometimes the state will release a program, update the upcoming round about a month ahead, so we're lucky we'll have kind of a a preview of what the guidance might be in in as early as maybe April.

So you know it's all dependent on their timelines that was going to be my next question.

When do we anticipate guidance and how does that factor into this?

Just to clarify from what Jacqueline said, yeah, when I said 60 days, I'm saying 60 days from the motion, right?

Which is not today.

It's the February, so it is April.

Be the month before and hopefully we would get some guidance from our state.

Dmh and DPH can meet with your offices to let you know.

What they're thinking about list what's being discussed in whatever the status is. The work group kind of pivoted to the the round two on in January. 'cause we meet monthly.

So our our February meeting, we are looking at what was the pipeline list where we deferred some projects that were on the list to this this round to round two.

So we had that list, did meet with all the.

Sort of.

Sister County departments to say, you know, do you have needs that would be?

Appropriate for the for the eligibility for round one.

So we've reconnected with them to, you know, to kind of lift this up again and see if they have needs that they wanna elevate. And then we're also planning in February at the work group meeting to really discuss and come up with our strategy. So there's there is.

Definitely things that we can work on, you know now and and kind of into before we receive the the guidance.

Any other questions from any of the other board offices?

Thank you.

Go in there, alright.

You wanna have anything for items 3:00 and 4:00?

So we'll move on to item number 5. Actually the general do we have any public?

I'm sorry. We do. We have any public comment on?

This the third board motion.

Said she said. We can hear you.

We also had a closed session item at the beginning of the call, beginning of the meeting.

Are there any public comments on the Clos session item?

We don't have anything further for items three and four, so we'll move on to item number 5, which is which is general public comment reminder that general public comment is limited to two minutes.

Please be mindful of the time limit.

Thank General public comment.

Any general public comment on today's agenda?

I don't see any hands raised. Virtually no public comment in the room. In person. We will now move to adjourn the meeting.

Thank you everyone for participating in the meeting.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

For general public comment.

No, but I thought I was here for.

Sustainability Council coordination and I was waiting to get to the waste management and the our hearing. The wrong cluster was that the afternoon one?

Does it say an operation be at 10 O clock an hour? We came in.

Going to the justice and safety.

County Sustainability Council Coordination Committee was supposed to be on 140 at 10:00 AM.

This is. That's all I thought.

OK.

Maybe I'm just waiting for the first part of things, but waste management, accounting facilities county sustainable.

Look at that. Certainly. And I told her to be able to.

I think this is, yeah, this is health and mental health cluster.

I'm quite OK.

Maybe our stuff will come.

But does it say B?

No, it says a.

To me, last time, Laura tomorrow.

There's a 15 second.

All right, we will.

Miss.

□ **Jack Arutyunyan** stopped transcription

