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R1 Room 140 0:05

Good morning, everyone.

My name is Jack Artun and I'm from the chief executive office and I'll call the meeting to order now.

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Calling into the meeting as a reminder, public comment is limited to two minutes.

We will now start with introductions in this room with the board offices going first, does yifa from the 5th District, Anders Corey, 5th District, Hila Codes, 4th District.

That's my group, 1st district.

Strict Elizabeth, 2nd district.

We have introductions in the room, please.

Oh Kibbi Martin Jones, Dmh Kirkcort, Randy Moore, County Council.

Thank you.

I see we have folks from Co budget on the call.

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

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

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

VY Vera, Yolanda 1:12

Sarah in the 2nd district.

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You do.

We have.

GV Gomez, Victoria 1:15

Victoria Gomez 2nd district.

SL Sofiani, Lily 1:16

Hello.

Really Sofiani second district.

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Thank you.

We have representatives from the third district on the call.

FW Fox, Aaron William 1:28

Aaron Fox, third district.

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That represents from the 4th district on the call.

We have representatives from the 5th district on the call.

You do.

We have representatives from County Council on the call.

Representatives from public health on the call.

AT Aneena Tellis 1:54

Hi, this is anina.

Tell us from public health.

R1 Room 140 1:58

We have representatives from mental health on to call.

We have representatives from health services on the call.

OT Ovsanna Thomas 2:08

Hi osana Thomas.

R1 Room 140 2:14

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

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Christopher Ige, UAPD 2:22

Hi this Rosaria from the Union America physicians in Dennis.

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Room 140 2:23

You may.

Do we have any members of the public on the call that would like to introduce themselves?

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

It's for SD4 evaluating the first year of care court in Los Angeles County.

I'll go over to SD4.

Hey, good morning, everyone.

So this motion is called evaluating the first year of care court in LA County. Pretty straightforward.

It's essentially what the title says. Care Court launched in December 2023 in LA County.

So this past December marked one year of implementation. Motion directs the Department of Mental Health to provide the board with an overview and analysis of the first year.

The goal of the motion is to analyze data from the first year and speak to stakeholders to assess ways to improve the program.

So there are two directives in the motion.

The first one asks for a written report in 30 days with a data overview from the first year. The summary of outreach and public awareness efforts, an update on care, court staffing and vacancies, and any challenges that the department has faced in this first year of implementation and.

Then we'll know that we've seen far fewer care court petitions than was originally estimated.

Since the program launched, only 348 petitions have been filed.

And only 37 of those have resulted in either a care plan or a care agreement, which is very different from the thousands of petitions that the state originally estimated we would see in the first year.

So the second directive asked the department to collaborate with the Mental Health Commission to gather stakeholder feedback on CARECORP. It leaves the motion,

leaves the method of this feedback up to the department and the Commission to decide. It can be something like hosting a town hall meeting or.

Sending out surveys to stakeholders, but however they choose to gather the feedback.

Then directs the department to provide the board with a written report in 60 days with a summary of the stakeholder feedback, recommendations for improvement, and a plan to improve and enhance Care Corp in LA County and Martin Jones is here from care court to answer to help answer.

Any questions that you all may have?

Well, any part of this look at and maybe it's from Martin.

I mean I know that our data in LA County has been the highest across the state, but have we been tracking any?

Implementation best practices from other counties that seem to have been successful.

Is that something that we've been, at least through conversations, other counties that we've been able to track or can try and learn from?

Yes, we had.

There's a monthly meeting convened with all of the Cohort 1 counties across the state in the Cohort 2 counties across the state every month. We are part of that meeting and we do discuss best practices and trends doing those forms.

OK.

That's a good idea, though may add that.

Let us to bring it as a friendly amendment.

Is this a friendly amendment?

There's no amendments, right?

I still can file. I think it's a Brandy question.

Yes, it's a new right.

Yes. The question on funding so has there been any update?

A naive question. My part on what type of state funding support we're getting from implementation of care core really. In tranche one, we're really in tranche 2.

Ended up happening on the funding side from the state for our expedited entrance into.

Port.

So at this time, the department is undergoing an analysis in terms of funding to determine which funding bucket within the department would be the best funding

for the clinical services.

The administrative services are claimed to the state for examples, the service of notices.

Time spent in court.

Those are things that medical or other funding sources will not pay for.

For the state's, the state is covering those bills for us.

The state the state has a process where the county can submit a claim to capture payment for for those services.

We've been submitting claims and then reimbursed by the state for those services.

Well, we submitted a claim in December.

The the turn around time periods for the claims.

So we had a year to submit the first claim, which the department did in December.

Second claim for January through March, we are working on now and will be submitting that in the next the upcoming weeks. I mean, is there any uncertainty on if we're gonna be?

Made by the state for this? Or are we confident that they're gonna?

Well, for the administrative activities, there's a mechanism for payment, yes.

So what?

We're exploring are the clinical services because initially it was thought that the state was going to.

Cover both.

At this time, the department is doing an analysis of whether.

Care would fit under act or FSP, one of the existing funding sources that we have within the department, 'cause. The state's perspective is the the care to these patients is care. We should be providing patients anyway regardless of care core exists or not. It seems that what?

Yolanda, I see Yolanda's got a question.

VY Vera, Yolanda 8:12

Yeah, I was just curious is 'cause I my impression from the last presentation that we had and by the way, thanks Kyla for for raising this issue is that it might be a question of demand and just given the the narrow.

The narrow definition of who's eligible for care court this, this, this, and Connie was kind of projecting that this might happen, that the numbers just may be may be small given the who's eligible. And so I'm, I'm. I'm hoping that the report back.

Might flush that out a little bit that this is, you know, maybe we can increase the numbers a little bit here and there, but but really a sense of to what extent is just just a reflection of of what kiracort is and and who by definition is is.

R1 Room 140 8:49

Maybe.

VY Vera, Yolanda 9:01

Eligible. So just a comment really.

R1 Room 140 9:06

Can I ask, add a question on the Yankee? Has the state adjusted their expectations of?

How many people they expected to serve? Or is there?

Is there calculus changed on based off of the reality of implementation?

Are they still sticking to their?

The launch metrics.

I'm I'm not aware of that. I mean, what I can tell you is that all throughout the state, the numbers are are the projections were not met, not for San Diego, not for San Francisco, not for any county.

I I think that it is.

A.

The impact of how the legislation was written very narrowly.

Number one.

#2 Care Court isn't the only program.

So Care Court is one of many programs.

So I think it's a, it's a matter of you know, the type of program, you know, the specific diagnostic criteria that the set has. The state has set, which is fairly narrow.

And the fact that this is one of the hardest to really reach populations to engage and to reach.

I know a number was quoted earlier, but we are closer to 370 petitions we actually received at least eight petitions this week, so LA County in terms of our volume in our petitions, we're leading the state.

Continuing to look for opportunities.

Where appropriate to petition. But again, this program is is one of many.

So it's it's not the only program where individuals are getting help.

So we want to make sure that that's clear.

Let me just go off of that comment.

I think it would also be helpful to see like delineated how like the county is doing better than other facilities across the state and what are the areas in which the county is is doing really well as well to capture that.

Yeah. And just to respond to kind of Yolanda's comment or add on to it, you know, I think from my perspective, there's a lot of questions about this, right.

There are so few care plans and agreements out of even those petitions we've had.

So I'm wondering is it that it's taking a long time because the courts are being slow?

Is it that we can't locate people?

Is it that people are dropping out after petitions are filed or they're not being deemed eligible?

And so if it's any of those things, are there ways to improve it? 'cause we could we work with the courts to get better? Could be.

People better by looking in other counties and then also the number of petitions, right?

We've seen overwhelmingly that the people who submitted most petitions have been family members, right?

Legislation allows for other individuals qualified to submit petitions.

So, are there other outreach efforts that we could do to homeless services providers, mental health providers?

First responders right that they could also submit petitions or and then we also have the referral process, right.

And so how does that really work and fit into this so?

I think the goal of this motion is not just like a summary of the data and where we are and what we're challenges you face, but also yeah, what? Why are we seeing these numbers?

Let's understand if there are ways to maybe improve them or if, like Yolanda said, it's a reality of how narrow this program actually is. But wanting to dive down deeper into it and talk to stakeholders, courts, the IT Co folks, family members who have petitioned people, maybe who?

Petitioned that it wasn't successful.

What have people's experiences been?

Are there ways to?

Improve and enhance.

Piggyback on that 'cause. I was actually, umm, one of my comments so I I really appreciate that you do have here identified challenges that were faced but would love to see.

Just that are coming up and then also opportunities which you just raised Kyla, right? So I'm glad that you you were thinking in that way as well, but maybe also including it in the language that it's clear.

What are the challenges we might be facing?

We're gonna come up with a point where there's a timestamp for how long people can be caregiver.

So we're gonna start to see that next wave of when people are no longer, when they've graduated out of the program or reached that time stamp.

So which is why I think it's important to start thinking ahead and then that ties into my other question, which.

Andrew started asking about the financing and the dollars if we can also include the report back. That piece, I know that might be covered under the challenges that just wanna be.

Yeah, we'd love to see.

Yeah. And I've made some notes from this conversation.

So Randy, I think I don't have to like, do official amendments right, because this hasn't been no, no, no.

It hasn't gone to just file with additions, right? Yes.

Thank you.

Questions from other board offices.

Any public comment on this item?

Any.

Raised or anyone in the room with public comments. So we'll forward.

We don't have anything for items 3:00 and 4:00, so we will move item 5, which is general public comment reminder that general public comment is limited to two minutes.

Please be mindful of this time limit when providing general public comment. In general, public comment on today's agenda.

See any hands raised and I don't see anyone in the room.

That has expressed interest.

We will now move to adjourn the meeting.

Thank you everyone for participating in the meeting.

VY Vera, Yolanda 14:48

Can I just ask a quick question?

This is this is Yolanda and I I just don't want to sure where to ask the question.

I I was kind of surprised that we haven't had any board letters in the last couple of clusters and I'm just wondering, I'm wondering.

Is that just a coincidence, or are just curious as to are they backed up a little bit?

R1 Room 140 15:06

I stopped.

Put a pause on all board letters.

VY Vera, Yolanda 15:10

A freeze.

Don't say the word freeze.

R1 Room 140 15:17

Whatever the departments put in there, I think we talked before we expected before the holiday there to be a lag post holiday because a lot of them were either pushed through before or now.

You guys, I remember that being conversation before yours, but I I believe so, yes.

Do we have?

Do we have board letters next week?

Point along.

VY Vera, Yolanda 15:40

Yeah.

R1 Room 140 15:41

Semi check there was one.

Guys.

Careful what we wish for.

Yes, we know.

Just write this.

Gonna be a board meeting after where this meeting is information item for next week's we put an ask out to departments to just kind of map out what their timeline for expected board letters are.

So we're having what I'll just pointed out a lot of them coming all at once down.

I know there's timelines you can talk about it also at our meeting.

Yeah, we'll talk on, OK.

We'll, I'll follow you guys just to update.

We will to adjourn the meeting.

Thank you everyone for participating in the meeting.

Enjoy the rest of your day.

Thank you all.

Thank you Kyla for giving us a reason.

TW **Traute Winters** 25:40

This meeting's happening.

Michael, can you hear me?

□ **Jack Arutyunyan** stopped transcription

