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Followed by a presentation by Jake Foy at that point. Once we complete the regularly scheduled meeting, we will move on to the special meeting which is.

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A presentation by SE3 and applicable departments regarding emotion that was sent here by the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday. The meeting.

So with that, we'll start with introductions.

My name is Annette.

I am the Chair of this cluster I represent.

1st District Supervisor Solis and I will pass it on to SD two in 345 and so on in person.

Carolyn, Andres ST2. Wendy Gomez, SD 2.

Good afternoon, Susan Kim with SD3.

Hi, I'm Sylva Percio with SD rianca.

Chris Cullen with SD Ford.

Kim Ortega with SD1.

And do we have any four deputies online?

No, but I'm sitting here.

Now, are there any port deputies online?

No, I'm not seeing any right away, no.

Alright. And then so now we'll move on to department representatives here today in the room to introduce themselves.

Hi, Department of Monica, Virginia.

Keith Mckanty, assistant director for the Workforce Development branch at DOL.

You know, she contracts manager at EEO, Cynthia Bugandovich.

I'm the deputy DO.

I, Christina Mesa, executive director of the Poverty Alliance initiative with the CE OS office. Good afternoon.

You know.

This is.

Gary Smith and Alicia Cole, office CEO.

Just by way of Division director of both course and helping at Jacob.

Any other department representatives online?

Oh, I guess Andrew's myself as well.

People. Nick, I'm with DO as part of the film arc as well.

I'm Heidi. Shul, please.

Nice to see you with CEO.

All right. Is there anyone online department heads not representatives. OK.

Not that I think we need to introduce themselves. Wonderful meeting.

Yeah. OK.

So we'll pass it over to SU-2 to begin the motion presentation.

After that, we'll have time for public comment on the motion.

Thank you, Annette, I think.

We I think Heidi has.

The slide, we have a slide.

So we're gonna go to the slides that follow the document.

Thank you.

Hi everyone.

My name is Wendy from the 2nd district, and I'm presenting on the anti Poverty pledge motion.

By SD3 has been kind to co-author.

It will appear on the board agenda April 7th, so I'll go through next slide please.

Yeah. So it's just in context.

I think we're all very familiar with Christina and the amazing work of poverty Alleviation initiative has done, but just a refresher so that we're all on the same page.

Pai was established in 2021, and really the board focusing on a priority of anti poverty, really disrupting poverty, finding new ways to systemically change.

Uh, how we operate in the county.

So I think something that a lot of us are very familiar with is the work that has happened around breathe that the supervisor.

And across the board, supervisors champion to give direct cash that has since ended.

But in addition to that, Pai has also supported grassroots community like projects.

So that's 135,000 in grants to 20 neighborhoods across the county to really disrupt poverty, addressing root causes of poverty in a place based community approach way.

The Pai office has also worked closely with GPSS in reforming GR and GR redesign. Supporting claim your cash to increase the amount of cash received in kitc and see child tax credit benefits and as well as working with DPFS on calwork redesign.

And so just want to give sort of you know the the context as to the the amount of work that Dai has is doing has been doing.

And so why they're well situated is to be the lead in this motion. We go to the next slide.

The really the motion before I get into some of this background, really the motion is to create a poverty pledge.

Targeted at local jurisdictions.

So that's our city partners across the county and within the county to have them opt in.

To the pledge to commit to certain metrics of poverty reduction.

And so we'll get into those metrics in a little bit, but really?

The the premise of this motion came about.

Christina came and presented to this cluster late last year on the launch of the poverty State of Poverty Dashboard that now tracks poverty at a very localized level. And so.

So we have for the first time, the county can visualize where poverty is concentrated and how it's unique in each sort of situation.

So not only does it account for the federal poverty level, but also at the 200 and 266% poverty level. It also can account for other hardships, including loss of access to benefits such as calfresh. Cal works medical, in addition to just sort of.

Income and wealth assets compared to sort of other poverty factor that.

There. So the pledge really utilizes the dashboard as the way to track data and then really to increase certain metrics and outreach.

In places that are experiencing poverty at the deepest levels in the county, I'll also say that additionally we know based on the impacts of HR one, people will continue to lose benefits.

They'll continue to lose calfresh.

Medical. And so this also really helps us see where those impacts are taking place and be able to target other resources more effectively.

So this is if you have I think a lot of us have seen it because Christina came.

But if you haven't gotten to explore the poverty dashboard.

You know, this is a little glimpse of it.

And then I'll let Christina talk about this. If there's questions afterwards.

But future versions of the dashboard.

Also, have county specific poverty measures based on local economic conditions and administrative data.

Next slide.

So again, the overview of the motion is to direct Pai and work in conjunction with DPSS.

CEO, County pawns or CP specific?

And dcba to design and launch an anti poverty prevention pledge that targets again the local cities, not forcing them to do anything. They will be able to opt in if they want to and sort of the three main metrics that we are tracking are promoting.

And Cal works increasing cash back and then continuing to promote and track.

Food and health benefits like Cal fresh and medical, the way we came up with these three is sort of thinking.

Very tailored and strategically as to like what are the programs that really lift people out of poverty?

We know that always giving direct cash and cash assistance is the number one thing that helps families. And so that is why we focus.

Based on Cal works and CTC and then sort of a secondary anti poverty strategy benefits really being of anti poverty lifter for families.

Next slide.

So the first directive directs  $\pi$  with the other departments to design the pledge, come up with the target metrics, which are already outlined in the motion, and then.

What the pledge would look like, and so these are the metrics.

It's to increase calories enrollment across the county.

By 10,000 new 10,000 families.

Over two years.

Increased DTC and EITC by 10%.

So the cash back that's received over the course of two years, I will also note that in the past few years.

Of increasing claim your cash and having them located at DPSS sites at AJCC sites.

We've already seen a bit of an increase in that strategy over the past few years, but hovers a little bit over 10%.

And then continue to track and integrate Cal fresh and medical data and then disaggregate it at the city level so that it's helpful for cities who are signing on so

that they know you know one in five of my residents.

In the city of Englewood are falling off of certain benefits.

And then local jurisdictions that participate in the anti poverty pledge will agree to sort of promote these three main programs and metrics.

On their websites or social media really integrate it sort of into their outreach and promotion.

Encourage their local departments to have staff. Volunteer at Vida centers or local food banks during particular emergencies.

In a similar way that the county encourages all of us and all of County department staff to volunteer during the homeless count every January and galvanizes really our centralized people power to be able to do that and then receive in kind technical assistance and specialized data analysis.

From the Poverty Alleviation Office for signing on so they sign on, they'll get sort of additional technical assistance.

Specialized data.

That's specific to their city.

Next directive.

The second directive is to engage senators strategic partnership along with the AAI to engage philanthropy about.

Being able to to find sort of increased outreach on these three fronts.

And the last directive is to direct the office.

In addition, with the Chief Information Officer at DTSS to track the the metric, incorporate them into the dashboard.

Disaggregate them by supervisorial district as well as the city level for the cities that sign on.

And report quarterly to this EDTC cluster.

And that's it.

Any other, any public comment questions like I said.

This will be on the April 7th board of Supervisor Agenda.

Questions.

Go in in order you know.

That was my. Oh, great.

Question. The question I had, Wendy and Savannah was related to kind of some of the language in the directive, I guess.

Kind of directive one and two related to the targeted areas or impacted areas or

communities. And when you're saying that is that the federal poverty level communities or where exactly are those places?

The like the areas that will see that will target, yeah, like 1D or two, I guess.

For the kind of explains about the Cal pressure.

Medical recipients that are most impacted in targeted areas or directed to about drop offs of medical and health in certain communities.

Yeah, I'm just wondering, like if you could explain more about that. We've left it pretty open for Pai to design, so I'll leave it to Christina to answer if there's certain rates that you guys are thinking of, whether it's at the 200, yeah.

Of the 200-260-6262.

Can I just ask something, Wendy? Yeah. Monica. I think you probably know this, but GPSS actually has that data on, like where?

The highest percentage of like drop offs are happening so we have to target the outreach based on the data and the enrollment gap. Yeah, yeah, correct.

Yeah, I think that's the the spot on to carry on.

So we are geographically identifying where folks are. They're gonna be, that are likely to be impacted by either federal policy changes.

Or could be impacted because they're eligible for benefits but not enrolled or received.

So there's a couple of different layers.

Obviously there's some folks who are losing complete access to Cal Fresh, right as a result of federal policy changes.

That's starting to begin next month, and that's likely due to several factors, primarily immigration status. And then we've got other folks that may be impact because they're now going to be subject to work requirements and that's going to come a couple of months thereafter and that could impact.

Veterans.

Foster youth, some older adults that don't, that are above the age of 60.

Below the age of 65 because there's new thresholds for those different categories.

So we are working to geographically locate where those folks are. So that way we can target and and help locals, right, target outreach to their communities on the other front for Cal works and we've been working with DPSS on this.

We right now enroll about 60% of families that are eligible for Cal works in the programs. That means that there is significant population out there who are eligible but not enrolled in Cal works.

And so this will be the first time that we're actually conducting targeted outreach to get those families into Cal works, who should be accessing it already.

And oh, to clarify, so it's the people that either may be losing benefits or are people that have not enrolled that are eligible, correct.

DPSS and AI guess for the ones we're kind of targeting in the future, then we don't actually know. That's something that you guys are working on.

Correct. But then there's also separate layer of data that is the under enrollment layer. Is that right?

Yeah, it's, it's it's it's essentially anybody that's off of benefits, but should be out of benefits like it.

It's, it's that lens.

But then that separates into those two categories and we could see that on the PII.

We will be able to see that on the Pi dashboard, but it's not there now, correct?

It's not there now. 'cause. I was thinking if I'm a city, do I know?

Yeah. I mean, I think, well, there's general data you can drill down for the cities. But what I would say is in case it was not totally obvious, we're also asking for cities to take the pledge, right?

Mm-hmm. Like so.

Yes, we can target based on what what the data's telling us, but also like in your jurisdictions, we would love for you guys who are talking to cities to say hey, like do we wanna help you with some in kind technical assistance to hold the line I.

Mean at this point we just need to hold the line with what's happening at the federal level, and especially given our budget cuts, the fact that we no longer have a Center for financial empowerment GCBA got rid of that because of curtailment.

It's OK.

We are leveraging this data and Christina and the work that she's doing to at least try to keep people.

Activated with respect to all the.

Services that we have.

Has there been engagement with city groups like contract cities or league cities or whatever already on this? Or is that like to come? So it's to come?

We've sort of informally been talking to some city managers, engaging sort of their interests, and if the data would be useful to them.

Like receptive feedback to. But I know Christina's planning something else, and so I'll let her talk to that.

Yeah. So we are going to engage in cities who are interested in participating in this work, especially those that have like high amounts of folks that are eligible for these benefits but are not accessing them.

We'll be reaching out to those individual cities to help us come together and actually develop the language for the pledge together.

Invites aren't out yet, but we did reserve some time on April 9th, so there will be an invite, preliminary invite that's shared with your offices.

To then disperse to your city partners that you think should be interested and engaged in these conversations, and Christina will engage them in like the design of the pledge so that when it comes back to cluster, you know they will have an engaged active partnership.

Just that engagement and transparency, letting all these groups that that we all talk to individually as offices. But you know we don't want to throw it on them and help say what the heck is this? No, absolutely.

More like it.

So we're working together for cost and I think that's the that's sort of the the initiative of of the pledge is like knowing all of these things, knowing, you know, there's a good amount of people who are eligible and unrolled or falling off. In addition with all these.

Other curtailments, including from our ourselves.

Is how do we hold the line?

So how do we really unify every region to hold the line?

And so I think there's a couple of cities that we've engaged we'd love to have.

Feedback on any particular cities that you have in your district so would be able to participate in the roundtable that Christina could be hosting after the motion.

Thank you.

Any other questions from the board offices?

OK.

Thank you.

And we now we'll go on to the 4th letter.

There it goes. We'll have a chance to see who's on the do we have the ticket before?

They're they're all posted on the site.

I've OK. I'm. I'm I'm when I went to transmute, it would have been 145 pages per person.

So I apologize.

I did not print those I 145 last night. OK, so it's posted.

They're all posted, yes.

Can receive it.

I know for some reason it just said the me too.

It must've been later in the afternoon. No, via e-mail. You all did receive it, and it's posted online.

Pleasure the EDC list.

No, it went out yesterday and they've been posted online, yeah.

But I will print them in the future.

Just know it's a. It's a huge amount of paper, but I can do that.

This is going at 6:30 PM.

They were posted prior to that.

I think they were posted early afternoon, if not earlier.

Maybe 6/7 8:00?

This.

Morning. Are you doing first?

Did you want us to start or?

Yeah. OK, started. OK. Alrighty. Well, are they on or? I'll just start and go. OK.

I just wanted to clarify, did you want to begin with a particular one of the four or just an overview of all? Yeah, I.

I think there were, yeah, we can go through all of them.

I just thought that they're, I think one of them in particular, some, you know, a couple more offices, have questions on it, OK.

But yeah, we can just get started the beginning.

Very. I'll just do real high level one minute General General.

So good afternoon everyone.

My name is Cynthia Bogatovic.

I'm a deputy for DOJ.

DO is here to request their chair of the Board of Supervisors approve the recommendations included in the four board letters.

Which are presented today.

The first one is the social enterprise.

Employment and training master agreement.

So we do have a few recommendations on there and approval of these recommendations will allow our department to continue the continued provision of

hiring and training. You know, services for social enterprise for underserved populations through LA County. The second board letter that was included in the packet is.

To extend and amend the economic development master.

Agreements and approval of the recommended actions.

Put it on the board letter will allow for our department to continue the provision of these various economic development services that are included on those master agreements. The third board letter that has been included is to execute sub awards with providers for the American job centers of Calif.

For fiscal year 2627 to provide various workforce services and to extend.

Some sole source sub awards.

We have a few recommendations on there as well.

And approval of these recommendations will allow the department to continue providing provide hiring and training services for residents and for these poor services. And lastly, the 4th board letter is the request for approval of award for the general Project management Consulting Services, Capital development, master agreements and APPRO.

Of these recommendations will allow.

And assist the Department of Economic Opportunity.

To implement its capital development function for this.

Chair if you're amenable to this, it will be easier for me, at least, to go 1 by 1 because I think they're all different topics.

Yeah. And also I didn't get it in the attachment yesterday.

I agree that it's posted to the cluster agendas, but I was looking back and I know that there was the special. So there are a lot of students going back and forth.

I didn't see it.

Let's go, agree, like we did not.

It was from edpc, unfortunately.

Like very early on ahead of this.

So can we start go back to the first one?

Sure. Just kind of break it down a little bit for us.

OK, perfect.

Let me pull that one up.

OK.

So the first board letter is the social enterprise and trading master agreement.

So requesting approval to extend these agreements for a for a total of four years.

So we're requesting additional 2 years with two one year options.

So we're asking that you extend the various master agreements that we have on there. And then also the current work orders that are currently under that master agreement.

We're also asking for delegated authority to execute additional cemas we have some very, you know, critical programs that you're all aware of and services on there. So to allow us the opportunity to also approve and execute additional cemeas with new vendors on this master agreement and last.

Not least, we are also asking for approval to execute amendments to the CEMAS, and that would include.

You know, and the applicable individual.

Quarters. So that would also include to add delete and or change, you know certain terms and conditions that may come up and the cost of living adjustments and so forth.

All of these master agreements and work orders have been approved as to form by County Council. In addition to that, all of the recommendations do align with the county's strategic plan.

In particular, this county North Store, North Star one.

And all.

Of these master agreements and the relevant work orders are included in our current fiscal 2526 budget or have been requested in our fiscal year 2627 budget.

OK.

So we'll go in order and and see with the board office if they have questions on the board line from what's the next one.

Any questions on this board letter?

Yeah, I have a couple.

Can you tell us how many people are sorry if I missed it in the letter, but how many people are currently on the master agreement? So currently we actually have quite a few. I believe it's 75 that we have, OK. And how many of these like work order?

Solicitations do we usually issue a year?

As of rightly, it varies per year per year as of right now we have 12 active work orders, OK, and so our other departments using the social enterprise master, I mean I know our office has used it, but obviously the whole point of like a master agreement is.

Why do we not have to issue an RFP? We can do a worker quickly.

We can, as you know submit all has stated her intense desire to promote equity and accounting contracting.

I know that we've done a lot of work with the social enterprise master agreement, including I believe, are we doing cash advances to this group?

So we do actually send out emails every year and may advertising the cash advances. As of now, I don't know.

I don't believe anyone's actually taking advantage of that, but it's something that we do advertise, OK.

Then Bakshram was one question.

How many other departments besides your department are actually calling work or like doing work orders?

Office master agreement so far, I think Michael just shared DCFS and public works have used. OK.

So we are interested in.

Like a redesign of this too.

And we release for procurement, OK. So that is that why you're extending this contract, OK.

I would just say to the extent that we can make sure that we're promoting.

Other departments it would be helpful.

We have a lot of preferences for social enterprises. I think more more of them should be.

I mean, I'm looking at the list.

I I yeah, today's the extent that we can rethink our outreach and also engagement, not only with the social enterprises, but the department.

That would be important to us. One of the things in the the Board's letter is just some of highlighting some of the things that we're thinking about in the procurement.

The future procurement.

Is thinking about some of the requirements that would open up access to smaller Cpos as well.

We want to have more Cpos on this.

So that that's our more organizations that we build the criteria on this.

And certainly doing a large marketing and outreach campaign for it too.

We absorbed this among creation of our department, but haven't really released it yet, so.

Still have tears to it? Like yes, OK.

Be adding tiers that open it up to an additional body of organizations like smaller.

Tiers based on size of the entity.

What are the tiers?

So there's basically two tiers that we contract to 1 below \$100,000 and those above \$100,000. So the original social enterprise Master agreement was based on a submission of financial statements and through the process.

But you know, evaluating bids and proposals, there was a request to.

Create a smaller tier or a tier where organizations that do not have budget financial statements would be able to apply for this MA and so that's why we created the tier so they submit financial statements.

But it's not odd to.

Is there anything else like that dictates?

Like what tier they fall under.

Aside from just the like, whether you know besides from their income, is there any other like thing that makes them fall into different tiers?

That's it. Specifically, yes. Whether or not they have financial statements or they don't.

Any other questions the deputies here?

Not sure if anyone else joined us online as Deputy Pressions online.

Just I guess a question slash comment which is given that this was posted less than 24 hours before today's cluster, even though we knew that the date was expiring on June 30th, almost all of these I'd like to ask to continue this item for the next D.

To allow us more time to really.

Dip into this a little further.

Is my request to the chair.

There are some items I think we discussed too with with Gary and seeing that going forward to just be more in tune with the rest of the clusters that a board letter doesn't make it onto the agenda from the start.

It just doesn't make it onto the agenda. And so being that we're now an official cluster, I think we need to call in protocol.

So is there any other request to continue this forward letter?

I mean is there is that an operational problem?

Because it would.

Would this impact?

Couldn't we do the first clustering?

I mean, I'm fine with that.

I agree.

I mean, you have to have the material exactly.

This is a lot of money we're talking about.

Obviously the final letters yesterday.

Sorry, not the OK Perry, were you surely think that we received countable authorization yesterday to include?

Is that right? Yes, we do.

Yes, that's my understanding. We had everything set to go from council.

Yes, they okayed including these on the agenda today.

Yeah, I think it's a different what's legally OK versus what we need in order to be able to do.

Sure. I just wanted to share that context.

You want to make the decision as you see fit close. Are there any?

Is there any like administrative or operational?

Like ramifications, should we continue this to the next cluster?

Like any, you have to look at the calendar. We did want to allow ourselves enough time just because of the the volume that the master agreements.

We wanted to ensure that we had enough time to kind of initiate that that process.

But I mean it's it's fine is there, is there any concerns with doing that for any of the board letters today?

Like will it negatively impact any type of project or program that would continue?

So I I think I think the volume of contracting under each of these is probably the the biggest concern. Cynthia, is that correct?

Correct, because there are 75 contracts here and then you have a couple of 30 with the economic development master agreements and then with the capital, the general project management, we were looking for.

To start those.

Projects soon as well. This fiscal year, yeah.

So the SEMA and the two continuing master agreements, the social enterprise and economic development, it's really a a volume of contracting and an advanced.

For the new RFQ.

The goal would be to put those in place to be able to issue work orders prior to the end of the fiscal year or renovate projects.

So that would delay.

Reno, NV projects within the fiscal year. So that's just a flag for the group. And then for the for the job centers and things, we just have contacted in advance of the live one for continuity assures.

So there's deadlines that we would miss if we don't hear them today.

Certainly for the RFSQ, the capital development RFSQ.

And I think, you know, I think for us it's just a a contracting volume trying to get that match for the end of the fiscal year. But I do think.

It was just it'd be based on volume, but we would the general project management, we would prefer if that one we could discuss that one today. But ultimately the decision is is yours.

OK. I would move that we discuss the capital plan development.

Master agreement table the other ones.

You mean the the capital development?

Well, yeah, it's. I mean, the way that I see it is the capital development master agreement is the way it's titled. Yes, General project management consulting services. Yes, capital development master agreements \$30 million.

One is that which one is that one?

Which board meeting were you angling? Were you aiming for April 14th on 04? OK.

We could call special meeting next week.

We could to have extra time to review.

Does the second give you enough time to do that?

Do we have a meeting on the 2nd?

Well, if they go by on the second, can't they still make it into the board meeting?

Yes, filing is next Thursday at 12 or April 14th, OK.

So you can still technically bring them back at the next cluster.

Hmm, no, we would have to create a.

So maybe we do create a special.

No, we would do special work.

Always has the option to continue the idle.

On April 14th for to allow us more time.

So that's another option that would push the deadlines back, but.

I just want to put that out there. That that's, you know, we're talking about \$30 million contract.

I think that's important for the job center.

Sorry, it's not just one, but overall the other.

There's a lot of queues that are not there.

They're contingent on funding already within the the budget of the department.

They're not new funding.

I would just say that if we have a special meeting on the 26th, it still make the board meeting on April 7th unless did we cancel that?

Oh, do you think they're going to April 14th?

I know that's what I'm saying.

I I think we have plenty of time to continue this and still make the April 14th board.

Up if there's a special next week.

But if we do cluster on the second yeah, then you can make the 14th. That's what I was thinking. If you're looking for the 14th, I think if they go on the second. Yeah.

Next cluster meeting, you'll still meet the 14th.

If that's like robbery, it is.

That's my that's someone from CEO on the line.

Michael Martinez Michael is a special guy.

I think we can work with this, but the filing is 19, the filing for April 14th was March 26.

Yeah, three weeks.

Is it different for this show?

It's different, OK.

I'm sorry, I'm thinking of our motion.

10 minutes Board letters have a longer runway, but sometimes you can get your Co budget analyst to give you like special dispensation can.

Yeah, we could do a special meeting though.

If the 26th of the filings, yeah, why don't we just do a special meeting and then we can do it immediately.

The host cluster the board approves.

Yeah, I I would recommend that we do that because I think you know clearly as having this conversation earlier about not having enough time to see it.

Also, because the point of the clusters is for transparency with the public and they did not see it until yesterday evening either.

So with that, I mean I would move to do a special meeting.

Meeting them so you can keep your, you know, keep your board meeting deadline, but at the same time provide more time to the community to view these board

letters online as well as the board offices.

That sounds good.

So I feel like at the same time, at 2:30 next, I guess I want to confirm that Quorum of us can, yeah, so.

I will.

Carolyn already said first.

I can include everybody.

That would be helpful.

OK so.

We're learning this in cluster, but do we?

We need more votes, right?

Anyone else wants to? OK, so I would move that. We continue these special meeting of the EDPC on March 26th.

All right, 23230.

All right, second second.

OK, OK.

That's great. Thank you.

OK.

We will do that.

And you know, going forward like you mentioned, we wanna make sure inconsistency that board letters are received going forward when the agenda is released to the public, we'll make that adjustment today because this is clearly gonna cause some issues with projects and programs and you know, stipulations. So.

That we are accommodating by creating the special meeting next week at 2:30 PM in this room on Thursday.

And going forward, they'll be submitted with the agenda. And sorry, can I make a request on since we have another week?

I know that we've we've talked about in especially 'cause we're doing a lot of commercial corridor revitalization about how we're changing the way that we do facade improvements with this project management consulting services. But I think it would be helpful.

I know that the format of presenting.

Letters and OPS cluster is very uh bureaucratic and it's just like this is the board letter.

Approve it, but like it would be helpful for us to.

Hear what the changes are to the program and like why this is necessary.

You want to talk about that right now or I mean, I don't.

I I don't wanna. I I defer to the chair.

I I just would say like this is a departure from how we normally do renovate. So I I don't know if you guys have prepared to talk about it right now. If we wanna do it or we wanna wait till next week. But that's just a request from.

Our office, just to understand how the program is gonna work.

Yeah, I mean, like, I've heard that if you just wanna prepare for that for the special meeting for those responses. Yeah, we're happy to.

I mean, I just.

In a quick response right now, like right now, the way we.

Operate much of our construction architecture.

Another work.

Speak more to this than me is in a direct engagement with Lacda because this portfolio of work was transitioned to Lacda on the creation of DEO, and this would allow us to have a bench of.

Of as needed.

Resolvments and project managers to be able to to run these and other multiple projects.

And I believe that it would be both time and cost effective to do that.

And I would just vary the part that this general partners.

Hip partnership project.

It's just the 4th overall function of cash flow development. So as new sites have been for consideration, I have to talk through the forward, but also at other private partnership looking possibilities.

Yeah, like you do other real estate design instructional. Umm, activities. You need to have on call support services. Yeah. Great.

Do we still have public comment even though we're continuing?

Well, you could continue public comment next week.

I just wanted to know at the direction of the Chair will request this space for one week from today, but space is at a premium in the building, so I can't guarantee we'll be in this room or happy to help you facilitate. We can put in the request.

And and and we can make space.

I think the the Chair's office can clear space. So OK.

All right.

Well, thank you. I think with that any other concerns questions about the continuation of these water till next week?

We have a couple of folks that want to provide for the comment.

Are we asking them to come back next year?

On the board liners.

On the board letters.

Oh, I mean, I you're the chair.

I don't want I. You could do either way.

We should unmute them. OK. OK.

Yeah. If we have any public comment spaced in the room.

You know for any of these board letters, please.

Feel free to raise your hand.

If you have a comment forms available here in person.

Does anyone like to make comments?

We'll wait till next week, OK? OK.

Any public comment that was waiting for these board letters online?

Just so that you can return next week, Thursday at 2:30 PM.

The agenda will be posted at least.

At least 7248 hours in advance, right for a special.

I believe it's 24 hours, 24 hours, 72.

All right. With that, we will move along to our next item.

Which is the presentation by James.

Yeah.

We didn't.

Want to choose your black?

So OK.

All right.

My name is Joe and I'm the division director of Workforce and housing at the Justice Scan Opportunities Department.

I believe I sent some slides. Great.

So today I'm here to present on our workforce programs.

At JCOD we have two main ones that we find in contract with community based organizations directly which is sector which stands for the skills and experience for the careers of tomorrow and the Los Angeles County Training Center, which was formally Camp Gonzalez that has been converted into a.

Fire camp training. I also want to note that through our CFCI administrative funds, we have a bunch of different other workforce programs that are administrated through amity and I can get you a full list of those.

If desired.

But today, really here to focus on sector and lactc and assuming everyone knows jacod that we were formed in November 2022 to really focus on providing services to the reentry population. That tends to have lower mental health and substance use disorder needs.

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So the sector program is really focused on providing justice involved individuals with trainings in high growth sectors. We identified about nine different areas.

That are non traditional pathways for the population.

Advanced Manufacturing Entertainment IT green technology, county jobs.

And we started in 2021, originally funded by Proposition 47, funding through the state.

We've got the 2nd cohort, the third cohort, and we just received the 5th cohort to continue funding the program.

It's also funded by CfcI and at one time PSRTAB 109 is fund.

We have about a funding.

The next three years, but we did not receive any net kind of cost grants. We are completely funded by by state and other local grant opportunities. Next slide.

Right now.

Anyone who's over the age of 18 is eligible for the program.

You just have to have been arrested, charged with or convicted of a criminal offense, some history or current mental health or substance use disorder need and the ability to work and have a little kind of threshold for disability to be able to be able to work in a.

Hybrid sector.

We next slide.

We work with about eight community based organizations throughout Los Angeles County.

Instead of about 1000 participants per year, in addition to getting trainings in the high growth sectors, they get general job readiness services, resume prep, job interview preparation, things of that nature.

They're also enrolled in a cognitive behavioral intervention or employment, which

was specifically designed for the population, really help them identify risky situations that happen both outside of work and at work that could lead them to losing their job.

So really learning how to kind of self regulate and.

Identify when they're about to blow up at work and how should not blow up at work so that they continue receiving employment.

They also get other financial assistance, anything from housing, first month's rents, movement fees, stuff like that, connections to additional supportive services, every community based organization we contract with has a licensed clinical social worker and a certified peer support specialist that can help them connect them to those. Services.

And help them with service navigation in general.

Next slide.

Aye, those are all the other support services that we receive. Clothing hygiene items. As well, they cost transportation while they're in the training, they receive stipends to help them complete the training.

They also receive milestone incentives for retention employment retention.

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This is our data.

We've had over 3000 individuals enrolled from November 2022 to February 2026. About 2000 have completed job training with over 1000 obtaining high gross abdulmah it's not on here as also we track employment in any job. We define a high growth employ.

As a job that has a 21 over wage, or if it's less than \$21.00 an hour at least test benefits.

To be able to kind of compensate for not having \$21.00 an hour.

Our average post enrollment rate right now is \$23.00 an hour with an 85% retention employed after one year, not necessarily at that first drop that they got, but any job.

We just received our two year recidivism data in September. 84% did not recidivate within two years. The one year recidivism rate was 94%.

Set 10%.

We're not be able to identify to be identified when we did our matching, so.

I'm thinking it's higher than 84 percent, or at least that's what I'm telling myself.

But what they were able to match was 84% within two years and wrestle going to work on getting a three-year recipient data.

With the BSCC to see if it maintains that level.

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Any questions about the sector program before I continue on to LSTCL?

Oh, yes. Yeah, at the end.

Yeah. Perfect.

So lactc 5 threading program.

I recently took this over so I'm still learning a lot about it, but we are currently in our third cohort. The 1st 2 cohorts.

Graduated. We were graduating the 2nd cohort last November.

It was the first all female cohort, the very first cohort was all men.

A good lead 90% of the first cohort got a job.

The second cohort, most of them actually ended up going to ELAC, to Los Angeles College to continue their fire science.

Career.

The current cohort, we actually have 35 women enrolled and we also launched an EMT only cohort.

So there's about 14 women who are living on campus that are just doing EMT.

Only there's 35 for going through the fire training.

Component. Right now they're doing wildland.

They're going to start structural fire with LA Fire department, probably in August.

Tends to be a year long.

We're also starting an MC3 construction training cohort that's going to be through winter, which is the one in non traditional employment roles in partnership with Metro LA Metro LA is sponsoring the instructor salaries. We're covering the cost of everything else. We're hoping to do about 3 Co.

At Lac TC.

With the end goal of getting them employment in either construction or at Metro because Metro has a board of motion.

To hire more women in construction.

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Eligibility be 18 years or over, able to reside at the Calabasas training facility or travel there.

No arson or sex crimes for obvious reasons, and medical clearance would be able to ask a physical test right now.

Our firefighter training provider has them do these incredible heights and has to do

like all these beat tests because we want to make sure that.

That they are able to meet the standards of the LA Fire Department. So that's what the current training provider gets them through when they focus on wildland and then they go on and do structural firefighting training.

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Yeah, this just covers all the information about the the cohorts that I discussed. If you haven't been there, I would love to host you.

Really quite beautiful.

We just completed the dorm renovations earlier this year, which is why the first two quarters were a little bit smaller.

It's because the dorms weren't finished, but now the dorms are finished.

Where the host 68 individuals.

Those 50 current living and when the winter cohort starts, we hope to have it fully packed with 68 individuals.

Next slide.

Especially in actual. OK, that's it. Great.

Oh, thank you so much for bringing this to us, I know.

I've heard quite a bit about like the firefighting, the firefighter training program and like a lot of pictures and I think a video from the first women's coord, that was wonderful to see and and great to know that there's like an EMT program too. That's happening, yeah.

And I had just a couple questions in regards to the transportation.

I sound like you know.

Wonderful resources to like have a social worker on hand to be able to identify any other needs as well.

Or assistance with transportation, have you has you know, hearing how you've already connected with Metro in winter? Are they also helping with transportation?

My goal is to dig a little bit more into that. Our community based organizations.

Some of them get tax cards for Metro directly. I'm hoping to have conversations with them about what would it look like to broaden it. We also do.

Use our call center.

Who can provide transportation to any justice involved individual to to court cases and to probation or parole meetings?

So a lot of our community based organizations so leverage that they also have transportation dollars to help, like for emergency situations or even partnering with

lift and Uber who will do like the first ride to employment interviews.

So there's a variety of like other funding sources that we leverage.

My second question was, aside from the firefighting EMT and the winter program with Metro, which I also helped cover metro.

So it's Provo.

Is are there any other ideas like that you're working on and potentially you know collaborating on with CEO for example like, you know construction or?

You know, mechanics work.

I think there was like discussion a while back, but like you were looking at something to do with mechanics.

I'm just wondering if you're still exploring those other avenues and looking to expand those and how you might be able to work a little bit more into Odo, who also has like some other avenues and opportunities.

Yeah. We're actually going to do a culinary piece at lactc.

We have talked about advanced manufacturing and welding there. I think it became an issue of of cadet.

Space and size because of winter one is happening.

So they can only fit 65 individuals.

We also want to focus right now on the bread of butter, which is the firefighting training, but I do know that there is a desire to expand to others and we do meet with DEO monthly and to discuss and collaborate future partnerships together.

Sector as a whole, like our workforce, has a bunch of those other trainings. But if you're talking about Lact specifically right now, the focus is really firefighting winter and then EMT and.

Culinary.

One other way we've been collaborating recently is one of our highway partnerships grantees is LA Community College District and they also have a a program for Portland incarcerated firefighters.

So we've been.

They've been collaborating with the training center to help some of the graduates, then continue on to get additional training through the last, you know, to be able to get, you know, have more opportunities for jobs with the state.

You know, so we, we do make sure that we're collaborating to kind of advance opportunities for folks to make sure that our providers and our programs are are working together that.

Can you say I was actually going to ask about the connection since a lot of the industries overlap with HRVP I it may be a demo question.

I don't know if it's jaycar question.

I was wondering if you could expand a little bit more. So you talked about that is, does that same partnership also exist with the other industries for the other HRTPS or is it specifically here?

Yeah, I think we focus a lot on fire, but you know we we can't have conversations about, you know, groups for some of the the sectors that you're, you know, the sector providers are focusing on other ways that they can be, you know partnering with our HRTP PROV.

Too. So yeah, we can think about how to make those connections.

And also one thing that we're really working with our providers on right now is standardizing their trainings and making sure that they are like registered as pre apprenticeships and that they have all their curriculum certified by Communion, College, 'cause. We don't want trainings for just the sake of.

Training.

I think those are the conversations that we're we're having with CEO as well as kind of how to standardize the training practices across and make sure that they are in alignment with standard curriculum.

FC2. Any questions?

Yeah, we have a lot of questions.

I think you know, I know sort of historically that LA County Fire Department and the chief are supposed to directly be hiring from the program where sort of where is that?

How has that been?

And then like, particularly with the fire training after they go through the training, like are I think something that we continuously hear is that there's not necessarily.

Really the direct through line into actually being hired and getting a job in the fire department and so can we talk a bit more about that?

And then second question on like on the other sectors, similar to what Susan was asking, if you guys are working with unions at all?

Yeah, to your first question.

There has been.

Difficulties.

That we are working with, DHR has been an amazing partner.

In addressing the barriers and we're continuing to have those conversations, what are the barriers?

The barriers.

Being that they feel like the training may not be up to par for what their required event is, even though LA Fire Department are the ones who provide the training. So I think we're just working through making sure that the trainings match what their desires are.

So is it increasing the training or is it decreasing barriers of entry into LAFD?

I think it's both.

You know, one of the requirements is is that they have a GED, lot of the population tends not to have a GED.

Mm-hmm. We are bringing GED services on campus to be able to help them get that.

And I think that there's just a lot of conversations that we have about.

The reality of hiring demographics.

And the population and the barriers that come with that.

Something to add in terms of the fire department, we learned from our our H RTP grantee that one recent success was the creation of the Fuel Modification Crew classification, which is sort of like a fire prevention role doing vegetation management and things like that.

So that was a new classification where they sort of agreed like we'll be able to partner with your program on getting folks into those entry level roles, which could then lead to other positions within the fire department.

So like making you know progress with, you know advancing and and making those opportunities within the fire department, but it's taken another book, county FDIC, yeah.

The state has no problem hiring the market slots, do they also need years to go to the state to get hired by the state as the first cohort?

That's, I think where majority of them, the way in the second cohort and majority went to to East LA.

I think with this third cohort where we wanna be very intentional about where they go and the opportunities that our portal.

To the second question on that, yeah. So like the in terms of across the board, all of our our training, yeah, you're saying like you're looking at like other culinary or advanced manufacturing. You know, I think one of the reasons we've been so

supportive of HERTO side is.

Because they have a union partner, they work really closely with the unions.

So you know, like you were saying, like, what qualifies sort of a good job is 21 and then become benefits like it becomes a unionized benefit.

So yeah, wondering if like as you're expanding into these other sectors that you were talking about?

How you're involving unions in that conversation?

Yeah, I mean, like, you know the the obvious ones like the MC3 construction training like laoc building tricks has blocked connections with the unions and that's why we really love working with them as we're branching off into entertainment. We're hoping to be able to have more convers.

With the unions, I think we're also hoping to create more partnerships directly with apprenticeships.

But overall, yeah, I would love to be able to bring unions into the conversation that we have.

And then create those kind of pipelines and there's a lot of opportunity back.

Wait, can I just start to jump into how are you not duplicating efforts with what Geo is doing?

Because Geo has workforce development programs for justice involved, individuals working with unions in these exact same sectors.

So I just wanna make sure it's like we have a very constrained bucket environment.

What's funding your programs versus what's funding their programs and why are we doing the exact same?

Programs.

I think we're funded by the state.

We're funded by Csci and one time PSRT.

I think we do.

A lot of similarities, I think.

We are a much smaller operation that we only serve 1000 individuals per year.

Yeah, you guys tend to serve thousands.

And I think what we specialize in is really serving a population that tends to get missed when it comes to workforce. OK, OK.

So like you're saying that your success is that you're creating like a bespoke experience for like 1000 people a year. Does that mean that it's way more expensive to serve the individuals that you're serving?

Versus them getting served with the EO, our average cost per is about \$9000. OK. Pretty good. Mm-hmm. OK. Yeah.

I think you know, we going back over Zane earlier, you know, we try to make sure that we're collaborating and talking with each other and promoting opportunities across both departments to make sure just people have access to the opportunities no matter what department it is. You know one.

Of their example of where we're going to be collaborating is on the relaunch of the CRM.

Career Center and making sure that you know as women are getting released there, you know gonna be connected to employment opportunities as well as other supports that are needed. You know whether it's housing these management et cetera.

So yeah, I think it's important that we're working closely together to make sure that we're not duplicating and we're just expanding the number of slots and opportunities available for people.

Yeah. In addition, thank you to that. In addition to expanding slots, I think something that at least I've heard.

From sort of community constituents advocates is how sort of culturally competent, tailored jaycod like the sector program is to individuals.

Who have justice involved, experience and then so I think the question is here to DEO is like, what are you guys taking away from Jaycod's programming that really tailor to this population that you know?

Can be.

Not difficult to serve that we have not created a system to serve them. And so how are you guys taking away those learnings and and trying to change deos run programs to better serve the population?

Yeah. One thing I'll just say probably that I'll pass it to Kate is one like I we we like to reemphasize everyone that the public work work system, the job centers of all of our Henry three programs support.

For historically disenfranchised communities and those that need our higher entry services, the most, we serve thousands of cases impacted individuals every single year by design. In terms of our outreach against our mission and vision, but also many of our funding sources, right.

So we're also funded 8109, we work directly with probation etcetera and so.

I I think that that is where it's really, really important for Jake God to be in alignment.

So we offer.

Increasingly, venues in class workforce services and wanna make sure that individuals who are participants of jpad programs broadly know about economic opportunity have those entrepreneurship or otherwise, and also that we.

Embed those practices that you describe Wendy into our program.

I mean, many of the programs that we're describing, some of our HRTPS, many other programs are designed to our standard that make sure that their industry and recruit formed that they have employers at the table and that they lead to quality jobs and that they are because the.

Worker center.

They're adjusted to the population that we're targeting for that particular program. And we're really lucky because some of the sector program that has been designed that way.

And so we have. We're looking to have something that works for.

Yeah, I was just gonna add that.

I think you know some of the program components Joe's talking about are things that we want to embed into some of our programs too, like CRTF Career Center, for example.

You know, we want to make sure that they're, you know, we have peer specialists that are part of the program that we're buying therapeutic services and providing trauma informed services and things like that.

So I think you know for sure, taking what's was learned through sector and through jcpa's you know very.

Tailored programs you know, tailored for one population that we can learn from, those incorporate them into our programs and our haccs to make sure that the the staff at our agency which are meant to serve everyone also have expertise in certainness population.

Yeah, I think specifically figuring out how it's incorporated into that, ajc's.

And then I would just say for a future presentation, it would have been good to have prior here if we're talking about the the prior program, yeah, fire program and if not, if they're not like a willing partner.

We are happy to call meeting because I understand there have been some Union issues and.

I think you guys need to rely on us to put the pressure on them a little bit more, OK.

Yeah, I mean that. That was part of the vision.

For this transition to be able to happen and there, and whether it's an issue with, maybe you know adding some more like certain elements you know and you mentioned you know, GED.

So maybe that's something that's now, you know, you mentioned working that now into the structure and seeing how these folks can't like you know, get earn their GED. It sounds like they're in the program for a substantial amount of time too.

Yeah, that perhaps the DED program can be looked into that. If somebody is entering this program without one because he already knows going to be a requirement for them to get to the next step.

Yeah, we we were incorporating at that cohort and we're reaching out to previous cohort to see who's not and you know.

We used funding to create specific positions and then that was boxed by a cease and desist letter by the Union.

OK, OK.

So now we're getting to the.

I didn't, but the cease and desist thing I thought our justice deputies are on the phone.

Justice deputies listen to that OK.

I thought you did.

I thought that's what you were referring to.

No, I we had just heard that they were causing no problem.

Not OK, yeah.

Yeah, challenges.

Yeah, I didn't know there was that. And I don't know.

Well, it's OK. We should.

We should have an offline discussion.

Yeah, I think we're all very interested in in supporting and seeing how to make this a reality, because it is something that like our bosses, you know, envisioned and wanted to see come into play. And I, you know, and and and all in, it's also gotten some broad.

Me attention because of being a landmark.

Program of being able to offer these opportunities for these folks so.

Yeah, exactly, exactly.

You know what happened last fire season.

We know.

Absolutely. Yeah, absolutely.

We're gonna continue because climate change keeps having, you know, extreme weather and in a cycle with fire. So. And I will say, I will say LA Fire Department has been great partner.

The fire department has been a great partner, but it's been a year.

What your role wants are so we can, you know, be able to help and have these use, you know, helpful conversations.

So we can address these barriers because, yeah, let's let's we're all here for everybody to help with these barriers. So thank you.

But all right, that's all I have, OK.

We have two more this report or three actually.

Susan, did you go?

Yeah, I have my questions.

OK. Did you have them? No questions, Monica.

Yeah. First, I wanted to go back to the sector.

Slide slides, oh, I think you mentioned that it's been going on for a few years now and I really liked all of your metrics.

Thank you for tracking that.

I wish everyone good 'cause that is really helpful to us to kind of see what's working, what's not working and being able to adjust as needed, he said.

That 85% remains employed after one year. Do we have?

All four years was that trapped, or is that just tracking from the last year?

Yeah, unfortunately.

So the the program started in the opposite diversion entry in Department of Health Services.

Yeah, it moved over.

We were using the Champ database and.

Then we came to Jacob.

We created our own database, a lot of data has been transferred over, but it's not 100% done, so we're still, we're still working on transferring a lot of the old employment data, OK.

So this is just for like the past.

This is just the last year the 85%, which is a great number, yeah.

But yeah, it'd be fascinating to see what it like, you know, just as if I'm getting better overtime, staying steady, improving. That's just helpful to know and helpful for you

guys to know as well and agree with Annette's comment about the GED.

Just that's something and I want to recommend. So this morning I was with AB Edge the PVC for.

One of our partners Deos contractor is Los Angeles.

They want award today and they work on some GED programs and for all those here, they work with this kind of same population, very disengaged and lapel youth to help them with aerospace jobs. And that is something that they find with the homeless population that are there to.

Take you.

That's their population.

Is that a lot of them do not have a Gev at all.

And that they work with them as part of their cohort training as well, just because.

We know in life that's probably something you'll be asked.

Yeah, Los Angeles.

If that's something they're interested, if the youth are interested in, yeah, we're we're hoping to bring it on site or if there's other kind of partner. Yeah. Yeah. Mm-hmm.

I'm sure there's probably some other partners.

We all work with that kind of have some similar, really good experiences and trying to engage youth in getting that GP.

So there's some good groups out there to help JCOD.

Great job.

Thank you.

And now we'll turn it over to public comment on this presentation.

Any questions from the public online?

I don't see any raised hands.

Nobody on muting.

Thank you.

Can we have a follow up, Joseph?

Can we have a follow up? Yeah.

That was very helpful, yeah.

Thank you, Justin. Thanks.

OK.

So I'm aware that there is a special meeting agenda as mentioned at the top of this meeting. However, due to BROWNEX standards, we cannot convene the special meeting until 24 hours after the agenda was posted.

So we'll take a 15 minute recess.

And reconvene at 4:00 PM Sharp to begin the special meeting. Thank you.

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