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>> Good afternoon!

>> Good afternoon! Thank you for being here. Welcome to the Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee Meeting on August 17th, 2023. Let's hear the disclosures, please. Spanish interpretation of the disclosures first.

>> (Speaking Spanish)

>> This meeting will now -- in English, disclosures.

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>> Thank you. Before we continue, I want to confirm that you can hear us online. Okay.  
Renita?

>> RENITA BOWLIN: There's an echo, but we can hear you.

>> We can't hear the people online. All right. We want to begin this meeting by recognizing those whose lands we currently reside on.

I would like for us to acknowledge the Gabrieleno Tongva people, the Fernandeno Tatavium Tribe and the Ventureño Chumash people.

First, we want to thank Vice Chair Rosa Soto for hosting us and doing the hard work she's done, the tour earlier today, as well as hosting us in this beautiful historic lobby. We're going to review the community agreement. If you can pull that up please, and everybody here participating reading along, I want to remind everybody here your mics are always live, so be mindful of that. You all have the mic to pass around over there? Okay. Your mics are live, so be mindful of that.

A couple housekeeping things. The restrooms are this way and there's refreshments right in front of us. Okay. Renita or whomever, if you can pull up the (unintelligible) please. If you don't mind pulling us. We see your Renita, email, or whoever this is.

Okay. Let me stop this. Can you pull up the community agreement, please?

>> When Renita speaks, they need to unmute, and we need to pause before we listen to the person.

>> Okay. Renita, can you pull up the community agreement please?

>> We're working on it now. Thank you.

>> Do you want me to do something? Okay.

>> No.

>> Here it is.

>> Thank you. Okay. Be respectful of the diverse voices represented and remain open-minded.

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>> Be mindful of power dynamics in this space as well as the historical disenfranchisement of Black and Indigenous communities. Accordingly, prioritize and defer to community throughout the process.

>> Be mindful of the diverse audience you're presenting to and speak with clarity.

>> Be collaborative.

>> Assume best intention.

>> Challenge the idea, not the person.

>> Remember why we're here, to (unintelligible) such as low-income communities, trans, and gender-nonconforming folks, etc.

>> Defer to community.

>> Follow through.

>> Be intentional about hearing and allowing space for additional voices to be uplifted.

>> Be an active participant and try to be succinct in your thoughts and contributions.

>> Let equity lead the way.

>> Make spaces for new voices.

>> As much as possible, allow community members to finish their sentence, thought, during public comment.

>> Review community agreements before every meeting and amend them as needed.

>> Begin CFCI Advisory Committee meetings with a land acknowledgment statement recognizing and respecting the Indigenous peoples of the land we now call Los Angeles County.

>> Thank you so much for participating. Let's call the roll please.

(unintelligible)

>> One second. Okay. Alternate? (unintelligible) Member Arm -- (unintelligible).

>> We can't hear.

>> Is he calling roll?

>> We can't hear them.

>> Can you?

>> (unintelligible)

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>> We can barely hear you all. Can someone just come up here to the mic to call roll to make it simple?

>> (unintelligible)

>> Hold on just a second.

>> (unintelligible)

>> Member Arm -- alternate.

>> Present.

>> Thank you. Member (unintelligible) alternate.

>> Ayala representing Carbajal.

>> (unintelligible) Thank you. Member Castillo or alternate?

>> Present.

>> Thank you, Member Castillo. Member Crunk or alternate?

>> Crunk is present.

>> Appreciate that. Member Cyrus-Franklin or alternate? Member Cyrus-Franklin or alternate? Member Earley or alternate?

>> Present.

>> Thank you. Member Ferrer or alternate? Member Ferrer or alternate?

>> Do you mind putting the mic up? We're having a hard time hearing you.

>> Member Ferrer or alternate? Member -- or alternate?

>> Present.

>> Thank you. Member Garcia or alternate? Member Garcia or alternate? Member Ghaly or alternate?

>> (unintelligible)

>> Here.

>> Thank you.

>> (laughs)

>> Member Jose or alternate? Member Lewis or alternate?

>> Present.

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>> Thank you. Member (unintelligible) or alternate? Member Nishiyama or alternate?  
Member O'Brien or alternate? Member O'Brien or alternate? Member Schoonover or alternate?

>> Present.

>> Thank you. Member Scorza or present?

>> Present.

>> Member (unintelligible) or alternate?

>> Present.

>> Thank you. (unintelligible) or alternate? (Severe echoing feedback) Member Stevens?

>> Present.

>> Member Williams or alternate?

>> Alternate present.

>> Thank you. Member (unintelligible) or present?

>> Alternate present.

>> Thank you so much. We have 17 -- back to you, Chair.

>> Thank you. Moving on to agenda item Number 3. Appropriate action for the meeting minutes from our July 20th meeting. Are there any edits or is there a motion to move us forward?

>> No.

>> Motion to move the minutes forward.

>> I'll second.

>> Are there any comments or edits from the Members? Seeing none at this time, we'll take public comment on Agenda Item Number 3 only.

>> This commences the public comment period of the agenda. Chair, how much time would you like to allow the public for time to comment?

>> One minute per person. For those online, please use the raise-hand feature now. We will call on you in the order your hand was raised. When you're called upon, please state your name before beginning. I will lower your hand once you've completed your public comment. For those on the telephone, \* 9 to raise your hand.

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We will now begin public comment from the 7/20/2023 meeting. Starting in the room. Do we have any public comments?

>> (unintelligible)

>> Online, any -- seeing no hands, back to you.

>> Thank you. Again, are there any comments or edits from the Members before we call the vote? Okay. Please call the vote.

>> Yeah. We still need somebody to come to the mic to ensure we can hear them, please.

>> You can stay right there. Stay there. Thank you.

>> Member Carbajal? Member (unintelligible)?

>> Mic in front of his mouth.

(Overlapping speakers)

>> Thank you. Member Castillo or alternate?

>> He needs to be closer.

>> Abstain.

>> Thank you.

>> Member Crunk?

>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member Cyrus-Franklin or alternate? Member Earley?

>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member Tsai? (phonetic) Member Fuentes (phonetic).

>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member Garcia? Member Ghaly?

>> Yes.

>> Thank you. Member Lewis?

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>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member (unintelligible) -- Member O'Brien or alternate? Member night?  
(phonetic)

>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member Nomachi?

>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member Soto?

>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member (unintelligible) or alternate? Member Stevens?

>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member Chavez?

>> Aye.

>> Thank you. Member Kibby? All right. We have (unintelligible), one abstain -- back to you.

>> Thank you. Our Chair still sends his regrets that he can't be here. He's somewhere enjoying himself on a much needed vacation. We've been asked to step in and facilitate the meeting today. Chair asked me to say -- in a new space and have new folks that have not been in the meeting before.

Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee was formed by the Los Angeles County board of supervisors in fall 2020 to help advise on a new budget policy that is (unintelligible) dedicate -- million dollars a year for incarceration and -- investment. There's a lot of information that you can read up on our website, but we are (unintelligible) unjustly impacted and activity from -- and help the mitigate our youth coming into the carceral system. That's a quick overview. We're grateful to be hosted by LA general medical center. At this time we'll have a couple presentations from the leadership of this center and (unintelligible) --

>> I can't hear anything.

>> Okay.

>> Veronica, I can't hear you.

>> You can't hear me?

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>> It's echoing.

>> Yeah. I feel like whatever -- there's a laptop on somewhere that has our --

(Overlapping speakers)

>> Can you hear me? Is that better?

>> Yeah.

>> Is that better?

>> Yes.

>> Ghaly, can you hear me? Yes? You can?

>> Maybe just project.

>> Yeah.

>> Try it. Just project now.

>> Okay. (laughs)

>> We can hear you.

>> Okay. We're going to transition to the presentation of where we currently sit, and the organization and the center that's hosting us. I'll turn it over to Vice Chair Soto to introduce folks for their presentation. You have the floor.

>> ROSA SOTO: It is wonderful to have everyone here today at the Care First Community Investment fund. Thank you so much, Vice Chair Lewis for agreeing to run the meeting today and for being a partner in this incredible space.

We have been talking for a while about the importance of bringing our Care First work into the community, and we're really excited to be hosting CFCI at the general hospital, at the historic general hospital building, in the wellness center.

For those of you who may not have been able to visit us, we were able to visit our wellness center and some of our restorative care village. The leadership of our hospital, Jose, is here to give us a brief presentation on our campus and medical model today.

Then he will be joined by our medical director of urgent care and of the wellness center, Dr. Carla Gonzalez. If I can have them both come to the front, we appreciate that.



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I want to welcome and say thank you to our partners who helped us on the tour and are here participating and meeting from the health innovation partnership and from our different communities across LA. Thank you, everyone. Let me introduce -- of the medical center.

>> Yay!

>> Good afternoon, CFCI, community. Welcome to the historic general hospital. Do you want me to put this on or just use that? Okay. I'll try to be loud so people can hear me. Outside voice. Outside voice.

It really is an honor and a privilege to stand before you today to share a little bit about our vision of our medical center. Oh. Nope?

We believe that our model of care is not only pioneering, but also indicative of the future of healthcare. I'm really honored to be in this space because I started my journey in healthcare many, many years ago. Through that experience, I saw and it became evident that there are many challenges that our communities face that aren't necessarily addressed by our current model that exists out in the community of health.

Bridging disparities to advance equity, to champion equitable healthcare system. Let me tell you a little bit about LA general. We convene in this historic space, spanning back to 1878. This building was completed in 1933. Los Angeles General today is over 600-bed medical center, has a level 1 trauma center, one of the largest in the western US. It also is an academic teaching center and it's run by the Department of Health Services of Los Angeles County.

Our medical center is recognized for its distinction as having one of the busiest emergency departments and trauma centers in the nation and is celebrated for delivery, truly world-class care to everyone who comes through our doors.

So, let's talk a little bit about the future of healthcare and the model of care that we're -- huh?

>> (unintelligible)

>> Oh. You have a PowerPoint? Okay. Good! I can't see what slide is being shown.

>> Oh. Here. The laptop.

>> Yeah. The slide that says "the future of healthcare."

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So, as we address the pressing issues of our communities, it's vital to recognize that the future of healthcare extends beyond medical treatment alone.

We recognize that the tools that we have as a medical center are not sufficient to meet the needs of the marginalized communities that we largely serve here.

Do we have the slides? It's okay. We'll just wing it.

>> Yeah. He's fine.

>> It's really through our partnerships with the Wellness Center, with community nonprofits, that we begin to have the tools to be able to address the needs of the community that we serve.

Our restorative care village is a perfect example of this, of this approach to holistic care. It serves as a living example of how comprehensive patient-centered care can successfully address the social determinants, setting a new standard for healthcare transformation.

The care village symbolizes the patient-centered redress of social determinants. As an example of how the transformation can really be powerful -- and I heard in your tour you heard some stories of some of the clients that were served there. Really great examples of how the medical system can work with others to really transform people's lives.

LA General is really one of a kind. We're the largest safety net hospital in the Western US. Again, our emergency department and our trauma center is one of the largest in the nation. We have over 50,000 patients that depend on us for primary care. We have specialty and subspecialty services that are not available anywhere else in the community.

All of this is for our most vulnerable patients in our community. We are the center of care for the unhoused in Los Angeles. They come here, mostly. We are the center of care for our jail population.

As such, we are the only medical center with a jail ward, with a jail emergency department, with specialized psychiatric emergency services, and acute psychiatric services.

We do a great job in addressing the acute needs of patients in our community, but then what?

>> Come on.

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>> They're only with us for four days, but then what? And that's the challenge that we're all facing. Our medical center transformation through the restorative care village and through community partnerships seeks to address the "then what."

By addressing transitional housing needs, substance use, health, domestic violence. Focusing on the specific needs of our marginalized communities, by acknowledging and addressing these disparities. We drive towards a greater equitable healthcare system.

Our commitment is not just to provide care, but to actively dismantle the disparities affecting our marginalized communities.

Our medical services are a healthcare nucleus and offer vital services to the community at large. The two most resource-intensive beds are our emergency room and our jail beds. They are very expensive ways of delivering care.

The solution to effectively manage these critical resources lies in Community Investments, as exemplified by our restorative care village and the work the Wellness Center is doing.

The board of supervisors have articulated a vision of healthcare investment, integrating care from medical services to community support, to residential opportunities. Supervisors recognize the immense potential in transforming our campus into a pioneering model of care, a model that champions holistic well-being and inclusivity.

I stand here with unwavering confidence that our transformative model of care is part of the solution, and it's centered around the needs of each of the individuals we serve. Los Angeles General is not just a facility. It's hope and change. Together, with this committee's guidance and support, we can drive forward towards a future where healthcare disparities are of the past and holistic care and well-being flourishes in every part of our community.

So, thank you for your attention and your continued work on this behalf. With that, I want to invite Dr. Carla Gonzalez to provide a few more insights.

>> Sound check here. Are we good?

>> Yes.

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>> All right. Thank you. I'm going to waiver between my doctor hat and my community member hat, and the director of our urgent care, and the director of the wellness center today. I want to share with you that I'm very proud to be part of the team that delivers worldclass care.

As you know, the ER and the urgent care are the first step for many of our vulnerable community, and what I want to share with you is a little bit more about the how. How is this done? How do we take care of our patients?

When it comes to the patient that comes in and needs much, much more than a refill, it doesn't happen in the 20 minutes that I have with them. That's only enough time for me to begin to uncover all the things they are going through.

Depression, housing and food insecurity, lack of transportation, cycling in and out of the foster or justice systems, or a brand-new diagnosis of devastating cancer. The financial struggles that would make it hard for anyone to focus on their health.

The only way we can do it is together, in sync with our community experts. Our community-based partners that have been doing this for many, many years.

There's no place like this in the world where we can see patients in the urgent care in the morning, and then literally walk them over to the Wellness Center where the experts then take over. I am not an expert at any of these topics, but we have the people here that can help.

Here's a little taste of what we do at the Wellness Center. First, we ask. We will never find out what they're going through unless we ask. There's a long application that has to be put in for them. That is also done. That is the beginning of the road for finding permanent housing for many people.

Addiction services. We know now that the accidental overdose is the leading cause of death of people under 50. When people are incarcerated or in transitions, the last thing we want is to have any lapsing coverage of their medication for addiction. They can call 24 hours to receive that refill, and they can also speak with our substance-use disorder counselor who has lived experience and will be able to walk them through the struggle that they are in.

Our legal services team, which is really an anti-poverty team. They work on record expungement and anything having to do with benefits. Our mental health support. Family

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services is one that provides formal psychotherapy, but as we know, mental health support does not look the same for anybody. Slides are okay. We got them there.

>> Okay. Yeah.

>> It does not look the same for everyone. This is where other teams come in with support groups where they knit little blankets and hats for the people in our hospital, and it gets blessed by one of our priests in the community, and they bring it back to give to our patients.

Support groups, where you sip your coffee and have your -- and inevitably, talks about your trauma and how to work through that trauma, comes out. Your morning walking groups where you can get your walking and your (unintelligible) and that's therapy too.

The women's center, providing support for those experiencing intimate partner violence and human trafficking. -- works with the at-risk youth and making sure they have housing. Our food resources, not only is it a phone number. They actually walk people through an entire application and make sure it's completed and followed through. Same thing with insurance. We help and make sure people don't fall in and out of insurance.

Transportation. How is our patient that had a recent amputation going to get back to our hospital for care? So, again, these are not just phone numbers that we provide. These are also our navigators, which you will see today, that will hand-hold our community through all of these processes. Next slide. I'll make this quick. Next slide too.

So, we did speak on the restorative care village, and I'm putting on my community-member hat. This was made with such care and thought for the community members. If you look at the art, I can see this from the backyard of my home, one of these. It's very personal.

Lastly, I'm just going to share with you one last thing, and this is my community-member hat. My mother. The HICP. I do encourage everyone to participate in the monthly meetings. This is where many of the ideas that we have generated have come out of.

So, thank you so much. We will be around for further conversation. Thank you.

>> Thank you so much.

(Applause)

>> Any questions or comments from the Members? Can you hear me? Member Stevens?

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>> I'm wondering if you can hear me at this distance.

>> Yeah.

>> Yeah.

>> Well, I want to say thank you. I wasn't expecting the presentation, for one. (laughs) If this was a presentation for funding, I would vote yes. I'll tell you why. You know? There's a couple things here. One, and I need to be honest. I was born at General hospital, a long, long, long time ago! (laughs) That's one. To be in this space and to see the progress that has been made, and then feel the existence of it after all these years.

Of course, I am very much familiar with Dr. Christy. That's another plus. I'm not trying to give her plugs or anything, but it is a compliment to you, for the work that's being done here.

Quickly, I will say what I'm most impressed with is the embracing of people with lived experience and acknowledging that. The services that are provided, when you talked about -- you didn't say substance abuse disorder. You said addiction services. That's critically important to someone like myself, who is a recovering alcoholic. That is not about substance use disorder. It is about addiction, because that's who I am. I appreciate that.

The other one was the wrap-around services of the legal service team and helping people with benefits. The way you described the services for mental health. One size really does not fit all, so I am really, really impressed, and I'm looking forward to an opportunity -- and perhaps it's not in this space, to learn more and hear more about the services in which you're providing. It's so much needed. Truly, truly appreciate it.

I also wanted to acknowledge -- thank you for your presentation.

>> Thank you, Member Stevens. Any other comments? Yeah?

>> I wanted to let the people know, we turned off the volume for the people online, so if you have comments -- and this is for the committee members. If you'd raise your hand so we know to unmute. We were having horrible feedback and we couldn't hear anything in the room. Raise your hand, and we will unmute, and we will hear you all if you have anything to say online.

>> Thank you. Any other members online want to make any comments or ask any questions? There's a feature to raise your hand at this time.

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>> Thank you for hosting this. I know there's been so much growth over the last several years. (unintelligible) Thank you again, Chair Soto, for hosting us and pushing us to come in and see what's happening.

>> Okay. The next few presentations are some really critical updates. First, we're going to hear an update from our third-party administrator, and then thereafter, we're going to hear about the timeline and planning for Year 1 and critical information that a small delegation of us got a little bit of wind of a couple weeks ago.

As many of you know, the (unintelligible) Measure J. We will have some discussion. Yes. We're going to welcome Rebecca and Carmen from (unintelligible) foundation.

>> Is the sound okay?

>> Yep.

>> Okay. Perfect.

>> Use your outside voice.

>> Greetings everyone. I'm the chief operating office for community-based projects. Joining me is -- presentation, my colleague Rebecca Gray, administrator. We're excited to be here today to present on Year 2 CFCI opportunities. We want to thank JCOD -- and the public for giving us this space to present today. Next slide please. Thank you.

Webinar for Year 2 CFCI application. All webinars are optional and are recorded.

>> The webinar recordings are available via our website at [www.amityfdn.org/videos](http://www.amityfdn.org/videos). We had a total of 253 attendees.

>> We also hosted a budget webinar as part of technical assistance, and we had a total of 101 attendees. Total of 399 individuals sign up for webinars. Next slide please. Passing it over to Rebecca.

>> Thank you, Carmen. The application and process improvements. We've been able to see some of these in action because, as the committee knows -- sorry.

>> You need to project. The microphone is only for the people online. Speak louder. It's a combination.

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>> The application and process improvements. We've seen some of them in action already because there was a gap between the money available for (unintelligible) and Program Area 8. We learned a lot in Program Areas 1-7 and we're able to apply those to Program Area 8. A lot of these things we've seen in action, and we think Year 2 will be much better!

>> Yay.

>> Applications are available for anyone who wants to see them. They're now available in Word PDF (unintelligible) and I want to say that word. That is a direct response to applicants saying "I love having all the material but I wish it were in Word," so we put it in Word and it's been helpful.

We tweaked this a little bit. During the contracting, we figured out providers needed to have milestones to collect data and report on, and outcomes -- and the application was not collecting that. This time, the application is collecting that information and feeds directly into the contracting process. That's been going a lot more quickly.

Increased support for applicants and grantees for staff -- to the team. We added a direct of operations who is here with us today. Marie. Training and technical assistant coordinator and data manager. These additions have also done a lot to help our applicants get through the process of applying and contracting.

We provided the updated budget form webinar, so we added that webinar because people were having trouble with the budget itself. The budget is the backbone, so we had the specialized webinar to go through the budget form. Next slide.

We increased the potential pool of applicants by creating a list of vetted responses in order to assist organizations who otherwise would not be eligible to apply. If someone is interested in the opportunity, we can give them the list of the fiscal partners we feel will be able to carry them through the whole process.

There was an increase in the maximum award amount, which means people are going to have more money to realize -- their communities. We're excited you can get up to \$1.2 million in Year 2. The contracting processes have been reduced by an estimated 5 months between



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(unintelligible) -- in Program Areas 1-7, it was a long process. For Program Area 8, it is speeding along. We feel like our goal is to get contracts out in 2023 and we think we're going to make it.

I'll pass it back to Carmen.

>> Thank you, Rebecca.

>> Let's applaud that though! Yeah!

>> Next slide please. So, outreach and engagement. There are multiple outreach and engagement JCOD did. Collaborating with communication firm to develop a publicity strategy. We did a press release that was as of August 7th. It was an article that was posted on LA.com. Additionally, JCOD has announced the opportunity for multiple newsletter. Amity has engaged - submission. These are Program Areas 10, 17, and 18, which were asking for more outreach so we can engage more communities to apply.

>> Also announced on KTLA.

>> Oh, yeah. Next slide please. Okay. No. One more please.

>> Oh.

>> There it is. We sent email notifications and reminders on amity's 871 members from our email list. Most recent one was sent out August 14th. We utilize other social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, with information on funding opportunities and application process. We want to give special thanks to judge Armstead for her appearance on Channel 5 News.

(Applause)

>> And we are hoping all the outreach and engagement efforts are being done to increase our application numbers for all Program Areas, in particular, those we have a low turnout, which is 10, 17, and 18. Thank you.

>> Next slide. Just as a reminder, this looks like it's cut off. It's cut off at Number 17. On your printout and for the attached slides, you'll be able to see it all, all 13 Program Areas.

Just using this as a platform to get the word out. We need more applicants in Program Area 10. That is expanding safety in Los Angeles County. We have more than \$32 million to award to organizations in that category, violence prevention, crisis prevention, organizations like that.

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Also, Program Area 17, residential treatment for survivors of sexual exploitation. We have a total of 1.5+ million dollars to give out there, and we'd like to see more applicants in that area.

Finally, in Program Area 18, although I have to say the numbers have picked up a lot in Program Area 18. It's starting to feel we have a good pool of applicants. Indigenous youth empowerment program. I want to be clear. It is not restricted to surveying Indigenous youth. If you read further, you will see the programming is open to all youth, but it is Indigenous holistic programs to serve all youth.

Our timeline going forward. Next slide. Our applications are due on Friday, September 1st. You've got two weeks. The goal is to have at least twice as many applicants as funds to be awarded. If we are not confident that's going to happen, we can extend the deadline.

That is something allowed through the contracting process and we are on target to meet the goal to award your two funds.

>> Good job you guys.

>> I have one question. What is the anticipated actual start launch of the year two programs? I see the application due date what is the time frame for those programs to be implemented?

>> To be launch? I mean upon contract start date that is when the program begins. Organizations will receive the funding first it is not as we all know it is not a reimbursement program it is a money up front. I would like to say that programs could start in December. As soon as that pen hits the paper and it usually takes a slight amount of time for organizations to hit the ground running. So maybe not until January 1, 2024. But contracting in December.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Member Ghaly?

>> Is this on can you hear me, okay?

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>> Thank you for the presentation and I had a quick question and I think you touched on this but didn't get all of the details. What is the average amount of the grant size and is this a spectrum. I am curious. One of the things the committee has struggled with is what is the right amount that you can start to make a difference in impact and it probably varies by topic area and some projects require a larger pool of funds to make a difference and I don't know if you can share any lessons learned in the history of the grant sizes and where is the tipping point to be able to make the organization to impact whatever is the scope of work.

>> As the committee knows you cannot ask for less than \$150,000 for the three-year program and the ceiling has been raised and had the question that some of the small organizations does start to become have you just tripled their annual budget and the part of the reason for the TPA is to help support them through the massive. Through the weather change of having then funds the to work with. Raise the ceiling. Raise the ceiling and raise the floor. Again, I think if the organizations have appropriate support. Capacity building and if those things are in place, I think handling more funds is possible.

>> I think it is from 150,000 for three years up to 1.5.

>> I am curious -- where is that?

>> Yeah.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you any other questions from members that are here in-person or online? I am going to take public comment on this agenda item. We will take one minute public comment on agenda item number five.

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>> As reminder public comment is one minute per person. Telephone users (Indistinct). We will now begin public comment for agenda item number five. We have any public comments in the room and in-person with us? Any public comments online?

>> Thank you so much I love hearing professional grant writers raise the ceiling and that is what the organizations need and offering the TPA which stands for technical support and training and for those who don't understand this means they will support you in building up your organizational capacity and one of the items that isn't quite clear on the applications is you don't have to have the insurance that is require and had you don't have to have the capacity in place that is required and I am chasing down organizations and saying please let's apply. It is a very short proposal. 250 words. 300 words and I am glad to see some going out there. I am trying to get any boots on the ground organization I know in Los Angeles to apply. Thank you so much.

>> Thank you. Seeing no more hands back to you vice chair.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you so much. Okay. So, we are going to move onto agenda item number six and hear from Los Angeles County chief executive office on CFCI year one planning timeline.

>> Good afternoon members. Kuen king from budget. Can everyone hear me, okay?

>> Hold on one second, we can't hear you yet.

>> I am going to keep on talking now just to see if my voice picks up. I am CEO of budget and I see Angela has started to share screens and I will start; I am and going through the material and you should have a single page presentation in the pacts or on the screens and this presentation on the year one planning time line really came about as a result of vice chair Lewis's

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question at last month's CFCI committee meeting to judge armstead on whether or not the committee should start planning for a new round of allocations. And recommendations. To be processed this coming fiscal year in advance of essentially year four of CFCI. And so, what I did after that meeting was, I worked with staff. Reached out to judge armstead and walked through this material with her and then we had a smaller group meeting as cochair Lewis mentioned earlier today with cochair Lewis and cochair so to and chair steel and a couple of other committee members to walk through a prior version of this write up which I am hoping will help you visualize the CFCI year one funding over 6 to 8 fiscal years. Let me walk through.

>> Hold on just a second. We can barely hear you. Can we improve the sound some kind of way? We need to hear this. They can barely hear. Is there a way to improve the sound quality?

I will start again let me know if you would like me to stop or get closer to the microphone. My mic here is turned up to the maximum and I hope it comes through this time. Okay. So, I am looking at the chart we have before us. Wanted to clarify that this chart is only looking at CFCI year one funding. So, what we wanted to do was look at year one funding as it comes in the first allocation in 21, 22. Allocation two came in 22, 23. Allocation three came in 23 and 24 and so on and so forth and this does not reflect any of the hundred million of year 2 funding or the 88.3 million of year 3 funding and this is just looking at a single vendor for planning purposes to look at what it look like in terms of allocating the second round of funding after the first 36 months of TPA contract services expires and then how that relates to the calendar year and the fiscal year and the assessment and evaluation process.

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So, in this scenario there are five bullet points toward it is top of the screen we just made it up. ABC reentry services has a contract for 400,000 per year for three years for 1.2 million in total funding and I think 400,000 is larger than the maximum year one and please forgive. 400 is easily divisible by four and the if four quarters of the year and seemed easier to use that number. Contracts between amity and year one recipients were execute it had same day. With a 36-month term to end three years later in March of 2026. In the chart below which I will walk through in just a minute. Goes column A through column X and each column represents three months.

We know that per the contracts that the agencies signed with amity they all have to report rt both quantitative and qualitative metrics. Clients served. Clients meeting milestone goals and similar metrics based on the type of program and we also know that the year one vendors had to start to report their metrics to amity every week starting May 1st of 2023 and amity reports all of the data to JCOD monthly. I will go down to the timeline down below. If Angela wants to zoom in to give you a better view she could. We will see if that is possible. I apologize for the tiny font it is hard to display eight fiscal years in a single page. That is perfect.

I will walk quickly through the blue comment boxes and if I am going too fast or you want me to stop and re-explain I am happy the to. You see starting at the left of the calendar. The top section that starts with dark blue and then goes to red on the right those are the fiscal years r starting with July 1st of 2021. First year of CFCI funding and the calendar starts in July. August 10th of 2021 was the date the board approved the year one spending plan. October 5th of 2021 is when the appropriation was put in the 21\22 supplemental budget for the county.

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March 7th of 2022 is when CEO alternative to incarceration which later became JCOD sign it had contract with the TPA and we know of course it took some time to develop the first contract. There were two RFP's done both in 2021 in order to get the contract signed with amity. Shortly thereafter May 1st, 2022, amity released the solicitation for the year one programs and then you all know better than I do. It took some time to receive the proposals to review the proposals and write out the quantitate and I've qualitative metrics and then to negotiate the contracts with the year one vendors.

So that takes us to column H in the work sheet of the 31st of March of this year the TPA executed the contracts. The first quarterly payments went out either the same day or shortly thereafter and of course services started to be delivered as soon as vendors can ramp up with a projected end date three years after March 31st of 2023 which push it is year one programs out to 2026 and you can see the year, the contract years for TPA year one and kind of the middle bar it says contract year one. Contract year two. Contract year three. For me at least from a budget perspective it is nice to see the three contract years for the year one grantees overlaid with the county fiscal calendar to get a better gauge of when the money comes in and when the money goes out.

So back to cochair Lewis's question at last month's meeting I think the question was should the committee start planning for the year one round two contracts which theoretically if you look at the county fiscal calendar would start in column M. July 1st of 2024 is when year one round two should theoretically start but I think it is helpful to see the contract years overlaid with the county fiscal years and you can see that if the committee were to reallocate or reprioritize

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and make new recommendations for the entire hundred million. To begin in column M as soon as 24\25 started. It would mean that there is no continued funding available to continue to support any of the 118-year 1 vendors at the end of contract year three which is basically in column T. And so, um, if you look at the contract. Year one. Year two and year 3. You can see that the services really started to ramp up. In the fourth quarter of 22, 23. Angela can you scoot a tiny bit over the to the left? You see column H is where contract year one started and at this point, I think I am assuming that vendors are either still ramping up or maybe they are fully ramped up. We are still clearly on contract year one and the second round according to budget for year one would start in column M which is actually only 15 to 18 months after the year one programs started and it seems like um, it would be a good idea to not beginning the planning process for year one round two immediately so you can give the TPA vendors time to continue delivering services. Time to continue reporting metrics and time to continue reporting their accomplishments so that the committee could start the assessment and evaluation process which the board asked for when it approved the year one contracts. In column right around column P. So, I think it is up to JCOD and the committee to decide exactly when to begin the assessment and evaluation process. It seems like you would want to give the 118-vendor time to establish themselves and establish their performance so that you have some track record to evaluate. Really in contract year three and maybe a little bit before to determine whether or not the programs are successful by whatever metric you use to define success and whether or not those policy areas or those particular vendors should get continued funding. When the 36-month period ends and we get to column T.



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I am going to pause there. Um, I know I said a lot and went through five fiscal years already. I am happy to take comments from the committee.

>> I can't hear any questions that are being asked.

>> We are not able to hear online either.

>> My microphone was off. Can you hear me now?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Essentially, I want to say because the funds are in a 36-month period and year three processing just under went will be another 36-month in lieu of remember I have to start to plan for the next phase that is what prompted and essentially if you look at the table between S and T. Can you scoot over a little bit to see S and T. What we are saying the next round of money will become available in the spring of 2026. Do you see that? That is what is being said which means we will have some conversations around when the planning begins for that and it wouldn't necessarily be now and chair steel is not here but he was part of the small delegation of us to have a conversation and there is more that the committee is tapped with included getting to the evaluation pieces and other things and I want to make sure it is clear that is what is being said here. Dr. Ghaly and Wesley. Now you understand?

>> CHRISTINA: Can you hear me when I talk on this mic? So, I had a couple of points of questions and clarification. Veronica. I agree with what you are saying for the purposes of the TPA and I think it doesn't necessarily apply to the projects that were managed outside of the TPA. The round one money of measure J. I can't remember the exact dollar amount judge armstead you might recall. That was the total dollar amount and will there is a certain amount run through the TPA year one of measure J of the 187 million and it wasn't the whole 187 million and we have

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a number of different projects that all have a spread sheet and we are going to have different days and I agree with the assessment and conclusion we are coming to whether it may or may in the make sense to consider the planning for the money that was allocate and had managed by the TPA. There is a whole other set of projects that are on different time lines and they are managed often by a third-party administrator and it is a different administrator run through the county department that was a lead on a particular project. And I think one task that is essential to do so we don't have the gaps we are talking about. Is line up for each of the pools of funding what the relevant time line is when they started to get money out of the door and the 36-month started to tick. And I think the schedule will look different.

Second point is a question for you if you feel comfortable answering and partly a question for the group. There are a number of projects where it without speaking to the desire to reallocate funding where there is an ability the to reallocate funding without substantially destabilizing individuals and I think one of the main exceptions to that is when we funded housing and at the time this is before you were in the role that you are currently in. After you left us at DHS and went to the CEO and a representative from CEO finance at the time spoke to this issue and said the CEO at the time is going to consider any allocation that went for funding for housing to be an ongoing allocation that extended past the three years and I don't know if we can pull up that point in the meeting minutes and I don't know if that was Matt or Mason that.

>> Yes.

>> DEREK STEELE: Do you remember the discussion I think there was concern among the committee we can't house people for three years and kick out of the housing and this is an

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ongoing and thankfully the rates of housing stability and many of the programs run by the county have number that is exceed 90 percent at two years and there is natural turn over and attrition in housing and the results of housing stability are quite good and for that the CEO was going to consider the portion of funding that went to housing not to be able to be reallocated to the committee in the future. And is that still the position of the CEO or is that position changed? Because at least from my advantage point within DHS which runs housing for health and operates a lot of the housing programs that point is a little bit, it hasn't been crystal clear from my team. From the CEO and it would be helpful to know what is the perspective we are having on housing programs and is the money taken off the top.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: The committee made the decision and CEO supported that. I think 40 to \$50 million. That is for the life of CFCI. Yes. We need a full-time line and that will be on the year two round. I wouldn't say take it out but show as essentially an ongoing line beyond the end of the 36 months for year two. To take out to be reallocated.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: It shows it is remaining balances from the other various time lines come from.

>> Is that consistent with how CEO is approaching the funding or are you comfortable with how the committee proceeds?

>> Those are valid points and I don't think the CEO position has changed from when you last heard and I think this issue is very valid for both the year one and year 2 allocations. I know cochair Lewis talked about the ODR housing money. I think it was 38 million that went into year two and there were also some housing-based programs that within the into year one and I think

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this would be something that we need to continue to work with JCOD and the advisory committee on I don't think it is in anyone's best interest to end a bed program that is viable and has clients in it because of an arbitrary 36-month rule.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: That will be \$40 million for the life of CFCI to go towards house to go make sure those people are stabilized and to are reiterate the timeline and maybe a couple of different illustrations does not only need to show the staggered end dates and also the dollar amounts there may be a point in time significant amount of money is coming and we need to plan on those as well. Did everybody understand? That was a lot. Everybody understand what we are saying?

>> Can I comment? This is a beautiful way to explore the organization that are now applying for the funds but are they also getting some education piece when it comes to the fiscal responsibility. How it aligns with the county time line. June 30th, July 1st, are these nonprofit groups also learning that and how are we not helping as well. We can understand from the county perspective but folks inspired by the work we are doing and applying for year 2 and 3 and beyond are they doing their fiscal responsibility and that is my point how do we make sure they align to it as well?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I will offer because of the delay it is not neatly on the July 1st which I think it is better it is 36 months from the start date that is why Dr. Ghaly talking about the date. And I pose the question when year two start. 36 months begins from whenever the contract start date is and maybe complications for close out reports for specific and we are not immediately July through June because of all of the delays and doesn't speak to fiscal

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responsibility. What happens. I think those are some of the conversations we can have while we are not doing the spending plan in the next year.

>> The other thing that would be helpful to our team is identifying what sort of matrix we want from both community and from county so we can streamline what it looks like and collect the data and communication piece around that and I think making clear. We know everyone is not equally situated to be able to report and we want to make sure fiscal responsibility and programmatic responsibility and all of those things are great indicators we can use across the board.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I think it is critical that we are, our advisory committee plays a key role in finalizing the evaluation data piece. That is going to come up. When we get to the place where we can talk about allocations for the new round of funds and assessment whether or not it is detrimental. Whether or not effective. I don't know if we have enough information to be able to do that and I think that is what the next year is spent on. Digging in and it is complex we have all kinds of different programs with all kinds of different activities and measurable outcomes and we got to get it solidified and you think our committee should be a key part of it. When it comes to it that is a key part of how we many headache decisions for people whose funds are ending. Any more comments?

>> I was going to add one more thing if I could. In response to the committees' questions and Dr. Ghaly's. I would add it is up to the committee to work over the next 12 to 15 months to figure out as the judge said what criteria you want to use to evaluate and to assess whether or not the 118 TPA vendors or the ARP funded programs from the 7.7 million or the remaining count

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y I programs from the 82.2 million in year one should continue to get funding for the second round.

I don't think the CEO is assuming that the committee should defund any program just because 36 months has passed and you should go ahead and resolicit or reappropriate. If you decide a program is delivering quality services as intend then it is up to the committee to decide if you want to continue funding that service for the second round of funding.

>> We have a hand raised.

>> Is that a member? We are not doing public comment at this time.

>> Yes, ma'am.

>> Dr. Ghaly.

>> You mention the ARPA funding correct me if I'm wrong. That was time limited for the two years and cannot be resolicited or reallocated by the committee. Correct? It is just the hundred million on the CFCI source funds. The projects funded with the 87 million of ARPA funding would need to be moved over to a different funding source or end it correct?

>> I think the year one board letter. Judge should I go ahead?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: What did you say?

>> I think in the year one r board letter where the board adopted the 87 million for AR P and 77 million for CFCI and I think there was conversation or expectation around having the ARP programs end around the same time the CFCI programs did so they could be evaluated at the same time to see if they should transition to CFCI funding if any is available.

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>> VERONICA LEWIS: We got to move to the next topic and it would be helpful to see something in where I willing about that. I don't recall any conversation of the CFCI portion of the funding being cut by 12 months.

>> (Indistinct).

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I thought he said end around the end time.

>> He saying ARP lasts over the full time for the first year. Two years it ends the same time frame as the first round of CFCI. Correct?

>> I thought that was the hope expressed in board letter for year one and I will follow up with the judge and JCOD.

>> Perfect.

>> I guess my point there is no continued source for ongoing funding behind the ARPA funds. There is the \$288 million of CFCI funds all of which hypothetically will be allocated in the near future and the 87 million that was funded with ARPA does not have an ongoing funding source and the committee has to grapple with what is 288 plus 87 with only \$288 million of ongoing funding in the absence of an additional funding allocation being made by the board.

>> Right. That is the eight. 87.7 or 87.6 that ends in, that was two years of funding and at the end of that we have to either lapse or, it would have to lapse there is no other funding available.

>> First, I am confused and not sure if I clearly understand what is happening here. So, I am going to take a shot at it. So, the 87 million. The concern that I have is that money being utilized at this moment and are we looking at potentially losing any of those dollars. That is.

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Those are two and the other is with the conversation happening and now being informed and aware of it. Is there a way as we move forward to protect a safety net under those who receive those dollars and I hope I am making sense. I am making sense to me.

>> I think what will help is we will start to work on the list. The ARP funding was two years and it is two years from when it starts and we have until 2026 to spend all of the dollars and I don't know where everyone is on the spending plan. And there is an additional hundred. If you remember the last year was more than the hundred allocated. They took the 87 of ARP funding and added it but it was for only two years. And what we will do for our team come up with a chart for each funding stream when it starts and supposed to end. If it started spending yet and when it is proposed to end and separate between the ARP for two years of funding and the CFCI which is a three-year funding stream and start with year one and bring it back and see where it is and we can have the conversation again.

>> To address what is a valid concern by member Stevens it is not in that county in any way is taking away money. The CFCI money is ongoing and through our allocations and it is ongoing and the ORPA funding is a federal funding source and not on going and the county doesn't have the money to continue to offer after that two-year period.

>> REBA STEVENS: We could protect --

>> If you can find another funding stream. We got more clarity. Technically every project funded by CFCI should have 36 months and we know there is, that is the analysis we brought to bear here and we understand if there is an opportunity to supplant the ARPA funding beyond the 2026 and if you can do the full analysis, it would be helpful. Okay. Any other comment on agenda



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item number six from the committee. I will move to number seven and public comment at the end I will do 90-seconds and I want to make sure we get to agenda item number seven and I don't see hands online from the members. Castillo?

>> Can you hear me?

>> Kind of.

>> MEGAN: I was going to say it speaks to what folks are saying initially when the ARPA funding was approved it wasn't going to be a permanent funding source and folks cautioned that initially and I want to raise to this speaks to the need to fully fund care first community investment and measure J. We don't want to have to think through ways to address fiscal cliffs and we want to make sure the organizations are able to offer services in perpetuity and I think that is the purpose and spirit and I want to reiterate that it is important. It is definitely important.

>> Thank you.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Any other comment from the members on this we are going to continue the conversation and have some analysis done and we can fully understand the bigger picture and there is a lot of moving pieces and nuance that I don't think we have clarity about. Okay. I am going to move onto number seven again. Members of the public 90-seconds for public comment. After the members have discussion on this and you can comment on 6 and 7 in general public comment. And moving on to the presentation from the LA county counsel related to the measure J ruling. Michael welcome.

>> Thank you, committee members my name is Michael attorney, with the county office.

>> We can hear you.

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>> You can or can't?

>> Now we can.

>> Okay perfect. My name is Michael and attorney with the county office and here the to give a brief update on the status of the coalition of county unions verses the county of Los Angeles case known as the measure J litigation and before we go into the recent appellate decision I will start with a brief setting of the table and background about the litigation and if you can go to the second slide, please. Thanks.

After the county board of supervisors placed measure J on the ballot in November 2020. LA county approved the measure. And shortly after that led by ALADS. They filed #150u9 against the county to block from implementing measure J and like the county opposed a preelection lawsuit from the same coalition. The county defended measure J against the coalition lawsuit this post vote lawsuit. Unfortunately, however like the preelection litigation where we were successful and got measure J on the ballot this time around the trial court sided with the coalition and in June the of 2021 the trial court ruled measure J is unconstitutional and violation of state law. Specifics the trial court said measure J impair it had counties ability the to perform essential government functions like managing counties budget and maintain public safety and since these are considered matters of statewide concern and not local concern the trial court said measure J went beyond the scope that they can do and invalidated it. Quickly the county board moved to remove the impact of the county court decision. First was appeal and second thing board did was decided to reconstitute measure J as a board policy. It is the care first and community investment budget policy which the board adopted in August of 2021 and as I am sure you know

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the policy stated all of the key elements of measure J. Set aside. Phase in. Spending requirements and restriction. All is in a county policy and the board continued to fund the policy even though the trial court decision struck down measure J. Next slide. This brings to the decision that was issued. As I mention the county appealed the trial court decision and coalition opposed us and July 28th the second court of appeals issued a decision reversing the trial court and this is a comprehensive victory for the county and measure J. Court of appeals found the constitution and state law do not prevent the county -- the DCA also found voters can set county budgeting priorities without impairing state interest such as public safety which is one of the key issues the trial court framed the opinion on. The DCA decision was a reversal of the trial court decision and that is the DCA decision to reverse the trial court decision. At this point the county is the prevailing party and coalition is in a position they have to decide what they want to do with that defeat and we are able to identify a few options they have and we will talk about it if you go to the next slide.

One of the first options we see them having and this is our theory as to what options they might pursue and first one we see them doing is asking for a rehearing and a rehearing in front of the same court T. district court of appeals and that is done when you ask a court to reconsider a decision to factor in a new issue. Fact or law not considered by the district court in the initial decision. Not an opportunity to relitigate the decision a second time. If they decide to, they have 30 days from the July 28th decision to request a decision and that gives until August 28th for the request. And I will note. In measure J while the rehearing period is open the district court of

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appeals decision is on hold. The CFCI policy not measure J is what is in effect during the interim period.

After that three-day period the second thing that they can do is appeal to the California superior court. They have a period of ten days after that first 30-day window expires and ten days they can go to the California Supreme Court. They do not have to take the case and if they decline the decision is final and measure J is reinstated and had there is procedure steps that have to happen before that takes place. And in relatively short order measure J will become effective again. Alternatively, if the Supreme Court does take the case, it could be years.

For example, to make a decision from 2021 to 23 it could take time for the Supreme Court to issue a decision and during the time period the district courts of opinion it will be on hold and during the litigation period. If they accept the appeal, it will be the CFCI policy not measure J in effect during that time and lastly the other option we see the coalition having they could potentially do nothing. Don't ask them to -- they could accept the district court of appeals decision and that is the law of the land. In that case there is procedural steps that have to happen and come down to the trial court and issue a new decision and in a few months 90 to 60 days somewhere in their measure J would become effective. And at this point we are in a wait and see period waiting to see what the coalition is going to do and we should get clarity in the next few weeks for a deadline to seek a hearing or petition for the it to expire. That is my presentation. Next slide. Thank you and hopefully it shed light on the status of litigation and thank you so much for giving me a chance to present this.

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>> VERONICA LEWIS: Any questions from the members present in-person or online?

Michael, what if any impact does this have and I think I know the answer, on um, how the CEO budget office is doing calculation and I know CFCI models after measure J and I will ask does this change anything around how the calculation is done to determine availability of funds for measure J should it be log in or restored?

>> Yeah, there should be no change. The CFCI policy embodied everything that measure J required of the county. There will be a few changes based on measure J being reinstate and had most notable is measuring J is charter amendment and CFCI is a board policy and charter amendment can only be changed bid the voters and board policy by the board. That is one key distinction and as for how the policy is implemented verses measure J. Should be no impact because the CFCI policy is a reflection of measure J.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Any comments or questions from the members here online?

>> I am not able to hear.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Michael did you hear the question?

>> Sorry I couldn't make out what the question was.

>> We couldn't hear online either.

>> Ask again.

>> I am trying to go understand the implications of the court and I apologize if that was the chairs question already and sounds like there is technical difference between CFCI and measure J and that depending on the ruling that there might be some difference from a technical perspective. But my understanding is that there aren't any major functional differences between

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the work of this committee and some of the recommendations that the committee would be making for the services that CFCI funding would support. I don't know if that is clear.

>> I think I understand the question. There will be no change the CFCI policy does mirror measure J and I don't think there is a practical impact in the future and point I was making about the technical issue is the fact that measure J is a charter amendment and can only be changed by the act of the voters and not something the board can change whereas a CFCI policy is a board created policy and something the board can change. If measure J is in effect the voters have to act if a CFCI policy the board can act the change it.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Did you hear him? The charter will change and won't be subjected to the board members shifts and p only changed if the voters decide to change the charter again. Okay. Member Castillo?

>> MEGAN: I think that answers my question. The only thing I would add is around the urgency and I know Michael you mentioned we are in a waiting period and I want to express to folks on the advisory committee and also members of the public who are attending that we can't afford to wait. Right? I think the growing numbers in the jail population are telling the growing numbers of the people dying behind bars is very telling and we are up to 30 people this year. The growing number of folks on the street and in particular folks who are black, brown and indigenous and impacted by further delays. Of this process and potential further delays of the process is one we can't afford. I also want to just acknowledge shout out to folks who have been plugging into this work for the last two years despite measure J to be in limbo to say and I just wanted to acknowledge all of the folks who stay the course and implementation and this is a major win and

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this is a victory for our folks and we should look at this as an opportunity to really push for a care first and jails last vision in Los Angeles County.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Any other comments from the members before we go to public comment? We are taking public comment on this item and as well as general public comment for 90-seconds.

>> We will now begin general public comment and also public comment for agenda item 6 and 7 and speaker will be allowed 90 seconds or a minute and a half. Starting in the room. Anyone with a question?

>> Hello thank you for the work you do and money you raised so far. This is what I was going to say I can't hear anything and got maybe 15 to 20 percent of what you said the whole meeting and I was in the other room and fan was loud and mic cut out and I have no idea if we are going to get the 900 million, we deserve and voted on. We have no idea if we are going to close MCJ immediately because the 30th person has died I am here because there are more people on the streets and I live on skid row and there are more people not getting any services and the majority of them I see are elderly. Brown, black and indigenous and it is just this is why you are here and this is what I am glad you are here for and also the decision was unanimous it is constitutional. We need that \$900 million flowing into our communities guided by you all because you are all directly affected and connect and had we need to have the meeting somewhere we can hear and people online are texting me saying what did they say. I have no idea. As soon as we talk out there. Anyone else talking between the fan and audio cutting out I

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have no idea what happened during the meeting and I have no idea what the C person said about our money and it is our money and we want it and close MCJ and fully fund measure J thank you.

>> Hi everyone. I have a comment. General public comment around the brown act concerns about the meeting on agenda item six and seven and I know move to combine them. Ly not ask for time for each of the three items but I will keep it concise and hopefully you don't rush me. I have been standing for half of the meeting I couldn't hear anything because of the technical issues and the last half I sat if feet away from all of you and I cannot hear any of you what you were saying and in between that process I took 30-minute from my car to this room trying to find you. Back to item number six for the CEO hopefully they are still on that was not a presentation it was a one pager and there was a lot of data captured in small font and I had had to zoom in on the phone and couldn't see from the screen and I would like for the beside body to call the C to hold the meeting with a public and community and we have an input in the saying. And this body may be used for the office. Interjecting and dropping in on zoom and couldn't be here. But the community and that is where it is. The community. That is what the community is asking for. The county council I hope they are still here. The coalition is talk about not the board. Not the offices. Not the department. The coalition is referring to county and employee unions. We know what departments. Again, if this body is pushing for in the community, we ask for you to redo the meeting and presentation and there are not all of the violations and the community has an input in not just the county and (Indistinct) unions and the course of action on the appeal is. And again, it has been settled why are we wasting money? It is another cost to



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county and county is going to continue to lose the appeal. The mic is falling apart and I will wrap up there.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I am not sure what happened to the timer. But JCOD folks call on the people online?

>> Are you asking me to share or not to share?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I will call on the people online but there are two hands online trying to make public comment. Okay. So go ahead with your public comment.

>> Hi everybody and I am so excited that we won the victory and will one of my main concerns is listening to the board I would consider or advise that the measure J litigation funding or any additional funding be allocated for permanent housing.

We can do all of the transitional housing and we can do all of the services. But between um, the barriers that are LGBTQ reentry. Our disability which does not fall into some of the categories of the homeless funding we still need to take them into consideration due to this big release of ex-offenders that are over the age of 50 out of the medical. And they can cause no harm but where they are coming to and we need to also consider our work force in assessing learning styles based on the demand of our economy with, that we have. Which is the majority. Thank you.

>> Thank you.