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>> DEREK STEELE: Hey everybody. I am almost sure we're not going to have quorum in the room but it's okay though because we don't have any, other than the minutes we don't have any decision-making items on the agenda so we can still go through the meeting.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: We will have the majority because that's different to participate.

>> DEREK STEELE: Right.

>> CART Provider: Standing by.

>> We're at seven in the room.

>> Renita: Doing well sorry to hear you're not feeling that great.

>> DEREK STEELE: I'm way better today than Monday or Tuesday.

>> Renita: Good. Been there.

>> DEREK STEELE: This is actually my first time having COVID. Not feeling it.

>> Renita: At least they have the boosters and everything, medication.

>> CART Provider: Standing by.

>> DEREK STEELE: So this is the second time having the meeting in this space. And I've got to say it's a wonderful space to actually meet in. It was actually the commute was easier last month for me. We're about ten minutes behind. Where are we at in the room? [Echo] give it to me one more time.

>> Can you hear me?

>> DEREK STEELE: Yes.

>> Nine in the room. Eight in the room.

>> DEREK STEELE: Be mindful of time. County counsel is here too?

>> Not yet but they will be at 4:30.

>> DEREK STEELE: 4:30, okay. We have the ability to still move forward with the meeting. Can you give me the instructions on this. We talked to them about this already.

>> Yes, we need quorum in the room to vote but we could carry on with discussion as normal.

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>> DEREK STEELE: All right. I'm willing at the agenda right now. All right. December 20th the only deciding thing we have the action item is the December meeting. And I think is Dr. Scorza there?

>> He is.

>> DEREK STEELE: Dr. Scorza how are you.

>> D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: Doing well, man.

>> DEREK STEELE: That's my man. I like that guy. All right. I think what we will do we're going to call the meeting to order. We will not have the ability to vote on the minutes or the action items that we do have on the agenda because we don't have quorum in the room but we can go through the discussion items which are still very important today.

And you know I do apologize for me not being in the space. Again, I didn't want to get anybody sick so I had to be able to use one of my time outs from being in person. Got a couple of confirmations from other people as well who are dealing with the same thing. Maybe not COVID but folks are really under the weather. So just want to lift all those folks up. Let's go ahead and call the meeting to order we can call the roll. As well. And we'll just move on with the other items in the meeting today. Okay.

>> Gina Eachus for Judge Armstead.

>> DEREK STEELE: Fantastic. I'm sorry. Let's go ahead and do the disclosures and then let's also call the roll.

>> This meeting requires -- the purpose of the meeting minutes by remaining in this meeting you consent to being recorded. This is a public meeting -- I'm sorry can everybody mute themselves.

>> DEREK STEELE: I think that might be --

>> Hi I'm sorry, I'm the interpreter.

>> DEREK STEELE: Let's make sure she is or they are in the right space.

>> Renita: I will handle that.

>> Since conversations and statement on the chat are not visible to people on the telephone and people who are unable to participate the chat function is limited to technical assistance. There were no forwarding to the advisory committee members. If members of the public would like to provide comment please do so either during public

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comment period for that specific period.

>> May I have the interpreters name, please.

>> Patricia Mendez.

>> Renita: Okay. I will set you up now. I don't see your name, I'm sorry.

>> She's under iPhone.

>> Renita: Thank you closed caption assistance CART services are available. You may click on the Stream text link that will be provided. We are accessing Zoom app, scroll to the reactions at the bottom tab and you will see it.

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>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you very much. As the time is continuing to pass on if we do reach quorum can you please let me know? I appreciate that, thank you very much. Go ahead with, actually I'll go ahead and do roll call. I skipped a couple things in the script. Don't worry about it.

>> We will conduct the roll call to expedite the process we ask members to be ready with the microphone before your name is called so you can ready to announce your attendance promptly. We will now begin the roll call by last name alphabetically when I call your name please say present. Member Armstead or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Alternate present.

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>> Yes.

>> Member Carbajal or alternate. Member Carbajal or alternate.

>> Good afternoon I'm present virtually so I don't know if I could actually participate given the traffic and the urgent matter at the office I'm unable to travel but I'm here.

>> Okay, thank you. Member Castillo or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Contreras or alternate. Member Crunk or alternate.

>> Crunk present.

>> Member Cyrus or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Earley or alternate. Member Ferrer or alternate. Member Fuentes-Miranda or alternate.

>> Alternate Albert Melena present.

>> Present.

>> Member Garcia or alternate.

>> Present

>> Member Bokde, member Bokde.

>> Present

>> Member Ghaly or alternate.

>> Present for Dr. Ghaly.

>> Member Hovsepian or alternate. Member Louis or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Lobianco or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Nishiyama or alternate.

Member O'Brien or alternate.

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Member Schoonover or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Scorza or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Soto or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Steele or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Stevens or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Williams or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Wong or alternate. Thank you.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you all for continuing to still make yourself available. To your point earlier member Carbajal, we will still move forward through the agenda we just don't have the ability to vote on any of the action items. We're going to navigate through the discussions and also the presentations and work toward the end of the meeting.

>> RAFAEL CARBAJAL: Thank you.

>> DEREK STEELE: The land beneath our feet is the ancestral land of people who live in Los Angeles county and surrounding areas for thousands of years. I would like for us to acknowledge the Gabrieleno Tongva people, the Fernandeno Tatavium tribe and the Ventureno Chumash people. These native people understood and respected the land connected and respected the four legged creatures who once roamed the earth freely. The winged ones and everything in the ocean. Their hearts told them never to take more than they could use and always give back to Mother Earth. These amazing people are still here today living amongst us and still giving back to the

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communities that surround us. We want to give thanks to them and to their ancestors and all of our ancestors who have contributed to what is now called Los Angeles county.

Move on to the community agreements and read them together can you bring them up. Be respectful of the diverse voices being represented and remain open-minded. Be mindful of power dynamics in this space, as well as of the historical disenfranchisement of Black and indigenous communities. Accordingly prioritize and defer to community throughout this process. Be mindful of the diverse audience you're presenting to and make sure you speak with clarity.

>> Be collaborative.

>> Assume best intention.

>> Challenge the idea, not the person.

>> Remember why we're here, to center the Black, Brown and indigenous communities and other communities that have been most impacted by the carceral system, low income communities, trans and gender nonconforming folks, et cetera.

>> Defer to community.

>> Transparency and 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 youth 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 the land acknowledgement statement recognizing and respecting the indigenous people of the land. We now call Los Angeles county

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>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you very much everybody I will do my best to be mindful of the diverse audiences we're present to go and speak with clarity but my nose is stuffed up so if my words slur together just let me know so I can slow down and try to enunciate as best I can, okay.

So thank you very much for taking the time out today. We can take a look at the minutes but I want to be clear we're not going to vote on the approval of them just taking reflection of last month's meeting is there anything that you all see that we should keep note of to make sure that they get corrected? Again, we won't be voting on the approval but we can still take a look at them. Anyone see anything? All right. Hearing nothing. Totally cool. We're going to move forward with item 7 on the agenda an item that the leadership team wanted to make sure we were doing more regularly, right. Wanted to hear from the organizations that are doing the work on the ground that are receiving these resources and talking about their experience thus far being a part of the movement that CFCI so continuing on with that movement we want to hear from unseen faces foundation. All right. We have them come up and present.

>> Hi. Sorry, thank you.

>> DEREK STEELE: How are you doing.

>> I'm very nervous.

>> DEREK STEELE: Don't worry you're with friends we're excited to hear from you and hear what your experience has been so far. Just let us know what's going on.

>> Okay. Well hello everyone my name is Martina Gladney I am the founder of unseen faces foundation. I founded unseen faces foundation in 2019. And when we first started the organization, we thought that the only thing that we needed to do was to go out, lease a home and furnish it and then everyone would come. And that the services that we are, the services that we were to provide would come very easily. The money that we thought that we had saved would do everything our mission wanted to do. But unfortunately it didn't happen that way. And there was a nice older gentlemen who introduced me into the incubation academy. And that changed everything for unseen faces foundation. The first money we received, we thought it was so much money because we had never received any money which was \$5,000. And that allowed us to upgrade our

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technology that we thought was old. Well, I am also a recipient of the united way grant, which build our technology up to what we have today. And also I want to mention that we could not afford apricot so I thank you for allowing the grant recipients to be able to use the apricot system.

And with that system, it allows us to enroll if you see clients, students, it will allow us to enroll them and it will allow us to keep up with the data. And keeping up with that data is so important not only is that important, well, I'm so nervous right now and I apologize to everyone. But I can say another thing that I am, my small grassroots organization unseen faces foundation, we received a grant for take action for mental health in LA county.

With that grant we brought out over about 1500 people and we had three different events with the grant. And also with the grant that we have now, we are able to, okay so we converted our garage into a workspace for our clients and for the community. And so in that workspace, they can come there, we can give them the services now. We can teach them how to build a resume. We can schedule doctors appointments for them. We can provide telehealth services for them. And we also do a lot of events, maybe once or twice a month, only because of the grant that we received.

So now we're able to have reunification dinners. We're able to feed the community. We are also able to house people, to keep them housed. And we are also able to have a drop in center where the LGBTQ community can come, spend the night, have a hot meal, and that's all because of the grant that we received.

So I thank you, Steven, for having unseen faces foundation to come here, and I probably could say a lot more but I'm not used to public speaking like this, but I'm used to the work that I do. And I'm used to my team, my team right here behind me. Okay so when we first started out, we didn't have volunteers, now we have volunteers. And for us to be able to handle three events that we are thriving. I just want to thank everybody, I really appreciate being here today and the next time which I hope there is a next time, I won't be so nervous, and I can talk about all of the wonderful things that unseen faces foundation but today I'm thankful to be here, I'm thankful that our doors are still open because of the grant and I'm thankful for the as much ass that we can provide. Thank you.



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>> DEREK STEELE: Fantastic. Those members in the room you have any questions or thoughts? I want to provide you all the space first since you're sharing space with them right now. No. Okay. What area are you all located in again? Give her the mic because I can't hear her.

>> Martina: Okay. So we are spot 6. Located on 112th Street between main and San Pedro. And did you ask me something else.

>> DEREK STEELE: I was asking specifically about the location. The I do have other things but okay.

>> Martina: The grant that we received for area 5, 373,000 for three years. I was in the incubation academy we were the first ones to receive the grant. And so with saying that, I know that there are other organizations that are receiving more. It doesn't mean that we don't do the work because I only got the 373, we still do the work, right. Okay does everybody in here understand that we still do the work. And we still have to get everything done. And I'm proud to say we're going to continue to do the work. And we're not going to stop. And I thank this young lady behind me TDD supportive services because she keeps me in the loop of everything that's going on. She's a great person, Debra Roberson. I'm not naming anybody individually, unseen faces foundation is so thankful for all the grants that we have received so we received 73,000 from United Way, 353,000 action for mental health in la county, yes, yes. That's what we received. Yes. And we delivered those services. And we had it at green middles recreation center and then we took the children to Hawthorn California to show them a good time and to speak about.

And another thing, you wouldn't believe how many people actually wanted to know and wanted to speak on mental health. Although we brought it out in a very fun way, weighed a roller coaster there, we had pony there, we had specialists there, peer support specialists there, we had emergency room doctors there. Unseen faces brought it in. We had doctors traveling out-of-state to come to support us and our mission. When we held three events, it wasn't easy so we had to make it really fun in order to engage the community because of the bias people don't really want to speak on mental illness, and that they are suffering from mental illness. So we had to do the best that we could do as an organization to get the people engaged and that's exactly what we did.

Through fun, through workshops, through activities, and through food, lots of food. Treats.

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>> DEREK STEELE: That's fantastic. All right.

>> Renita: Member Lewis has her hand up.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I'm so glad to hear the inaugural incubation academy was part of the growth you're experiencing. I had a couple of questions to learn more about your organization. I don't want to make you nervous but just help us understand a little better how you all do what you do. Can you talk a little bit about the composition of your staff, professionals and/or professional experience or do you have therapists, did you talk demographics what is your workforce look like?

>> My workforce system is underserved. I have volunteers and I have a very small staff. We still make it happen with also we have staff that are from the game program that come to assist us. I have a director but she mainly volunteers. She mainly volunteers her services and her time. I have two great volunteers that service their time. And then my, one of my sisters is a therapist and so when I need her and her professional opinions, I can go to her. But as far as having a full staff, unseen faces has yet to reach that.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you for making it work with all the resources you have including the people who are willing to give their time. And I guess my last question for you then would be like so what do you need to move to the next phase of where you would like to see unseen faces? Based on what you just said.

>> Okay so naturally with a 373,000 we're so thankful for that but if we could receive additional funding it would really help a lot. Because I have a lot of things that are in my head that I want to do and so that's why we have the little space that we have to do it in. But if we could receive more funding it will give us a better opportunity to serve.

>> DEREK STEELE: Got it.

>> I didn't put an amount to that funding but funds of course would help us along the way. And if I didn't receive the grant, the 373,000, we probably would be close to closing down. So it's not that -- not that allocated my funds, my family's funds to keep the doors open to keep providing the services.

>> DEREK STEELE: Got it. This question is more towards the JCOD team, Steven if you're near. With the folks who are going through incubation academy, who are also recipients of the CFCI dollars these are multiyear funds, right,

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so what is the incubation academy doing to prepare them for the next years after the previous one I mean the one they already received?

>> Steven: Yes. Can you hear me? So Martina mentioned the United Way that was a capacity building grant that we partnered with the United Way of greater LA that was in the neighborhood of 80,000 for capacity building so that's to support growth within the organization. Then we have ongoing education and what we're looking to build with our new team at JCOD for the incubation academy is having a next level incubation academy a graduate school version of it where folks who have gone through the program can have extra support and tailor that with specific curriculum around different service areas like housing, like mental health.

So that's where we're gearing up towards but once they graduate from the incubation academy they receive capacity building grants and ongoing technical assistance and education from the program.

>> DEREK STEELE: Got it because I think what I'm hearing also and member Lewis thank you for asking the questions you asked because the scaling up of the team to be able to provide the services I think is an important piece of the puzzle too that we want to make sure that I'm hoping that the incubation academy helping to make sure it's happening too. You know. But this is fantastic I really am grateful for you sharing the information you shared.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: It raises a lot of the organizations, many quite frankly of all sizes but in particular grassroots, small organizations that do not have deep investments these dollars are literally had helping to keep the doors opens. It is not supplanting resources but literally it's providing resources that these organizations probably need in the first place so that remind me of a conversation we had a few months ago or maybe it was six weeks ago about what next. I don't know if you all talked about remember me saying like what are we doing to help people keep their doors open and part of it wasn't only related to funding it was related to infrastructure, development once they get the money and continue support beyond the incubation but I think we need to recognize that literally this is helping some of the organizations many of the organizations that got these resources keep the doors open and we need to have thoughtful conversations about capacity development and investment that takes us beyond super struggling organizations to struggling. How do we move the needle and equity is a part of this.

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We look at the leadership and the most of them probably being BIPOC led equity is related to this but how do we move from super struggling and the doors are really about to close to the doors are almost to close to that is not the concern we could just do the work we need to do. We haven't had enough conversations about moving out of the struggling and getting to some level footing. It's a struggle to be a nonprofit period but you all understand the distinction I'm making and at some point I would appreciate that conversation because it's great and I'm grateful to the investment we've been able to make with these dollars and it's not over, though. So thank you for being honest so that we can figure out how to make unseen faces more seen and sustainable for a long time and many of the other great organizations that are doing work. I think that is incumbent upon us to have those conversations.

>> Thank you very much.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you very much. All right. Anyone else on this piece? I see what you did there, member Lewis on making unseen faces seen. I see you. Here with the poetic moves. It was a double entendre. I want to move on item 8. We have the initial data evaluation subcommittee meeting. It's initial meeting to kind of get some footing and I want to take a step back and provide the vice co chairs to, you know, along with the other members who are also available to speak today to kind of talk through the initial meeting. And some setting and framing that we need to do. I'll give it to actually Michelle is not here so Megan do you have to kick it off.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Yes. Thank you to everyone who showed up to the subcommittee meeting I think it was an interesting first meeting to have. Some of the conversation that we talked about just really wanted to ground us around like what our intention is as an advisory committee. What some of our goals are and we had a lovely presentation from Dr. Scorza to uplift what's happening with the ARPA funding I will pass to Dr. Scorza to share that presentation. We left that space wanting to again regroup ourselves in the intention behind this particular pot of funding which again I'm going to always say is to build upon the work that happened in 2019 around the alternatives to incarceration workgroup and carrying closure from jails. Turn it over to you member Scorza.

>> Scorza: I want to acknowledge the incredible work of the leadership committee and leadership brought to the space the importance of folk in community could go this work. In the committee I think we talked about how we

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can look across programs for metrics that are easy to measure and things people are doing so we're not overly burdening or just burdening people with data collection. We talked about trying to identify what's currently underway and what's working in existing programs before creating new templates, new strategies, new data collection methods. And creating an approach that is really centered in what folk in community are already able to do. The other thing we talked about in our group what we're doing in the American Rescue Plan act is that there are, we want to think about the questions we want to ask and answer and so I think it will be great for this body at some point when the ad hoc committee comes back to really center how these funds are actually leaning toward investing and creating alternatives that support and center the closing of MCJ. That's the whole point measure J was passed to invest in alternatives to people being incarcerated in our jails. And so the questions we have to ask of our programs and of this work is how are the programs actually helping to move us towards that goal and how are they helping us improve conditions and community so that ultimately we're keeping people in community and being served by community. So it was a really I think a good conversation as well as member Castillo stated and we'll be able to bring in some models which I believe and hope will drive answering some of the questions that this body has. I'll pause for a second and if anybody from the ad hoc community wanted to respond or any additional questions we can answer. Member Bokde.

>> Member Bokde: I don't have any questions giving the report back it makes sense to have that first meeting be a grounding meeting and have some of the just establish some of those goals and outcomes from the work but look forward to kind of hearing more the work moving forward because the data will be obviously critical to advancing. You know to both advancing the work but being able to demonstrate that, you know, the funding is supporting the goals and outcomes.

>> Member Scorza: Member Castillo, did you want to say anything else.

>> Member Castillo: We talked about frequency we're determining how often we are going to meet in between each of the meetings.

>> DEREK STEELE: I was really grateful to be in the space with everyone and I think walking out of the discussion I saw the distinction between and thank you Dr. Scorza for raising that. There's the data collection part of it the

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data work but there's also the evaluation work which is they go hand in hand but we have to tackle both sides of that coin. Separately before we can actually weave them together. To member Castillo's point about the work in 2019 that is the, when you start to make the foundation of where all this goes, it's the work in 2019 that becomes measure J that turns into the first year report and that first year report really lays out specifically the things we need to be, that we're not only investing in but also evaluating around at the same time. So after the fantastic robust discussions that we had in the first meeting, I think going into the subsequent meetings we're going to be starting from a really solid place that I think is really going to push us in the right directions. So thank you everybody for that time and that energy. There's a lot of work to do ahead of us, but I think with all the things we have at the table we'll get to the finish line appropriately. We miss you though, member Lewis I will say that.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I was literally at a funeral service on that day or viewing. Some funeral related activity so I'm sorry for missing it. But I'll touch base with you in support. Hopefully I can be at the next meeting or just support you even in the background, chair Steele.

>> DEREK STEELE: You got it. Is there anything else anyone to add to that? Or any additional context or questions anyone has?

>> I'll add one more thing. I want one of the things we're going to need to think about as a body is how we map the programs that are currently being provided in community and so we want to be able to [Scorza] that's a little bit of a heavier lift to do some of the programs analysis to make sure that we understand like what's, if we have the justice equity needs index and justice equity services index we are able to see what services are provided through the community-based organizations we are working with and where there might still be gaps. Think strategically as we consider future cycles about where investment are going and where investments may still be needed. So that it can help inform future decisions for the committee. Member Crunk.

>> Member Crunk: Good evening Wesley Crunk. I didn't want where to insert this but it was something in my heart and as I'm sitting here realizing this may be the body to do this. I'm coordinator and with the corporate terse union one of my jobs is to do outreach. Corey Crockerham we went to camp rocky was a juvenile detention center today and we've done this several times and I had a checkered past when I was a juvenile and took me into my

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adult life and now knowing that we're doing this closing down a county jail which is an alternative to incarceration, I think I come from that life. I have what chair Steele says that lived experience, and I truly believe that an investment in youth is one of the biggest ways to deter this from happening as an adult and as I'm sitting here telling these 16, 17, 18-year-old kids how to become a carpenter, I'm learning that when I came up they had YTS and all of that where you could learn a trade and more importantly in these youth camps they used to have sports. Well, the counselor is telling me that when a child does a very serious crime, they either kick them back to the streets with no type of rehabilitation, no plan to not come back, no plan to be successful, and when they are sitting up in there they are going to school and then just sitting up in the dorm. There's no sports, there's no anything. And what I've just asked member Scorza and member Lobianco, are the juvenile camps tied to what we do here and is there some way we can do some type of investment there because I just don't think locking a teenager up for a couple of months and throwing them back to the streets is fixing the problem.

So I went there you that today and I just thought I would share that.

>> Member Scorza: Thank you for that member Crunk I think that's a good example how this body can understand how it's investments are achieving certain outcomes, right and that's what the data is going to help us do. I think it's also a good example of how we bring a certain set of experiences to the table that helps to inform where the need might be and how the departments of the county can also think about their ability to connect to those types of programs and provide those programs and services. If not already being provided. I think Lobianco you are going to add.

>> Member Lobianco: I was going to add thank you for that point member Crunk. I think that's part of this conversation. There's a lot of work happening around the juvenile camps, repurposing, closed juvenile camps for training and youth development. My department is working right now on a design project with valley partners for health around the reimagining of the challenger site as a place for living and working and learning. So I think that there's a really valid place for that conversation here in this space, but I do just want to echo I think that investments in youth early are really key to our prevention efforts and so I hope that we continue to have those

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conversations and I was happy to see so much of the past years dollars going to youth development and youth development organizations.

So thank you for raising.

>> DEREK STEELE: The only thing I would add to that too, the last point that you had, member Lobianco, and even to what Dr. Scorza said too, getting our bearings around how we want to do the evaluation on these matters make sure that we can be even more pointed and the effectiveness of the dollars going to the appropriate spaces. Yeah you're right year two, there's a, I'm excited about the announcement those announcements are coming up in about a couple weeks. Who got the year 2 dollars but those dollars are going to be going and hitting the community fairly soon. So we want to make sure to member Crunk's point the ways that those are reaching the young folk is being done in a very effective way.

So I am, there's a part of me that is really interested in watching the process of us getting to the finish line on the data evaluation piece, and but I'm excited about what the outcome is actually going to be as well. So I'm excited about working with you all on this.

>> I'm curious I wanted to ask a question of Mr. Eachus. Member Eachus we've talked about our teams have spoken before as well about what JCOD is doing around evaluation and data. Would you feel comfortable sharing any tidbit that would be helpful for the group at well.

>> Member Eachus: I think it's an important part and we've said this here today looking alternate how the funds are going out and the impact they are having on the organizations. One thing that I'll share that I've shared with member Scorza before, is that one of the things that we're hearing from some of the smaller organizations that have received year one grants is that it is a big impact on them to provide data regularly but I think we can try to find an appropriate balance to look at, you know, what is necessary, one, to kind of meet the needs of the committee and of the county to respond to the funds are going out and these different program areas, finding ways that we can make sure we're aligning and having the impact that's intended to do that direct community investment and in alternatives to incarceration which is what this body and measure J was kind of founded on.

>> One thing I want to add for the discourse in the future subcommittee meeting something we've been grappling



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with at DEO is a large part of our organization member Castillo and I were talking about is federally funded there's a lot of things to collect and it can be burdensome especially for small organizations but trying to think creatively and maybe this is a space to set a model for different tiers of data collection based on different activities that we do, right. When we've been grappling with this as an agency that does a lot of community outreach and engagement. How much are you asking folks to give you on first flush communication and contact when trust hasn't been built and when can you start to gather that information for deeper analysis when folks are engaging in a more deep way too.

So you know I hope that we bring an openness to that as well because I think that's, there's ways we can solve burden but also be thoughtful. We need to gather data, qualitative, quantitative to try to assess our impact but doing it in a way that, you know, doesn't have the unintended consequence of overly source documenting our most disinvested communities and smallest organizations.

>> Member Stevens: I would like to hear more. Serious. Like what are your thoughts or ideas around what [member Stevens] what that can look like. Thinking way outside the box of what is the norm for county or government, right.

>> Member Eachus: I can give the two examples that we're grappling with now. Because our, so our department are small businesses and workers. And much of our sort of new framework is going into the community to engage versus sort of like hauling folks into our department or centers and facilities. When we're going into community and other people's spaces how much are we, there are ways that we can empower organizations to share back sort of the scope of their engagement without having the individual participants providing a lot of individual data. And there's unique ways we can sort of like monitor and, you know, keep folks accountable to that kinds of outreach they say they are going to do but once they start And keep folks accountable to the kinds of outreach they say they are going to do. Once they start taking on one-on-one services with our department or even start receiving things like grants or other materials, there's a sort of higher order of material when you have a much deeper partnership with either an individual or organization. I don't think by any means we have the answer and age there's lots of considerations to take in. But I do like the space here of openness to new ways of thinking about

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it that balances the need for data and balances the sort of reality of the situation and respect for our community colleagues to get more people into the vote.

>> DEREK STEELE: There's levels to it, right. What is light touch? What is heavy touch as far as data collection? But then you also have the other part of the upscaling that you need for organizations that may not do collection at all to actually knowing how to do the different levels that we may create, right. So, I think it's a good question to raise and definitely something we should be considering and thinking about at the moment so that we can make sure that we are implementing this in a way that makes sense. Not only for what we need to be able to tell the stories and to understand the effectiveness of the dollars going out by way of CFCI. But also to make sure that people doing the work they have the skills to be able to effective in that regard. Member LoBianco, are you in our group?

>> KELLY LOBIANCO: I'm not but I can come hang out.

>> DEREK STEELE: I feel like you signed up.

>> KELLY LOBIANCO: I will come in.

>> D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: I think the same thing that happened to me is happening to Member LoBianco. Being Volun-told. I think it would be good to have some thinking around workforce data.

We could consider the members at the table who may have elements of the day and support the work we are doing. What do we already have in the county that could help inform this work as well.

>> DEREK STEELE: That's a really good point.

>> DR. HONG: I also think while we are trying to achieve, have different intermediate outcomes. One of the things we have heard a lot about is how we build the capacity of organizations that work in our communities that do this work. And so, it might not be so much that we are collecting a ton of data on the people they serve that we could measure how we are doing building their infrastructure. Whether their workforce -- the people they hire are getting paid. In the healthcare space we think about structure before we think about the outcomes. Everybody wants known what the outcomes. Are we reducing incarceration. But there's sometimes pieces you have to focus

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on before you get there that are more aligned with this long term vision for achieving the values you want to achieve. You could lose sight of the critical work that needs to be done to get there.

>> REBA STEVENS: I want to tag off on what Dr. Hong is saying. I'm looking at it from a slightly different angle that concludes what you are saying.

I'm going to take a moment to acknowledge Martina. What I heard and saw was opportunity for not just those who their serving but for those who are providing the service. And how do we empower and uplift them to ensure that they are feeling safe and secure. What their safety net look like? Because it can't just be about providing the service. And so, I see the direction of where we're going good. But I think, too, that we have to acknowledge that, include that because it's something of importance. Especially when we are talking about underserved communities and our community organizations that are doing this work. Who may not have the -- I don't know, the experience or the capacity that many have. Or how something is handed to them. An idea, desire to serve in the community. So, I want to make sure that we are very thoughtful about how we are also supporting their growth.

>> DEREK STEELE: For sure. To bring it back to the grounding conversation I think I had with Member Castillo and Member Fuentes-Miranda, after the meeting, I think we all have a vantage point that we are coming into the conversation about data and evaluation -- we're coming from different spaces and are thinking about what we should or could be capturing. But I think it really is important for us to start with the founding pieces of what was the original intent so, we're starting from somewhere and then we can build from there. Right. And so, I'm excited about the next iterations of the conversation because I think -- even with Member Castillo's leadership, I think she is very clear and she has been over the years about what the original intent of these resources were for. And now -- how we can be determining what effectiveness really means when we're talking about these dollars hitting the ground and what they're doing for transformation in our community. And then, yeah, we can start with a foundation of what data and evaluation is and then build upon those tools as we get them off the ground. So, I don't want to belabor it any further unless somebody has anything pressing, I would like to go to public comment to provide folks to chime in on this before we get to the last agenda item for the day. Anything else pressing?

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>> MEGAN CASTILLO: The only other thing is definitely want to hear from the public on this. Specifically organizations that have kept their doors open and have been on the brink of closing. When we are talking about data and evaluation, what does that look like for you? How do we make sure that it is not burdensome for you as a very real tangible experience being non-profit organizations that are providing services. How do we make that process a little less cumbersome for you all. And another thing is how do we capture that data? She very clearly said if I had not had this funding, we would have closed. So, what does it look like for us to capture that data because that is what is important and that's how we are going to tell the story that we are looking to tell.

>> DEREK STEELE: With that, let's pivot to public comment.

>> RENITA: How much time are you allowing?

>> DEREK STEELE: Let's do two minutes.

>> RENITA: Okay. Members of the public are invited to give public comment on item number eight. As a reminder the public comment is two minutes per person. Telephone users dial star 9 to use the raise your hand teach. Dial star 6 to unmute yourself. Cell phone users scroll to more on the bottom tab and select raise your hand feature. We will call you on the order your hand was raised. Please remember to state your full name. We will begin public comment for item eight.

>> I'm executive director and founder of TDD supportive living. I'm the first cohort graduate of ATI. I have received capacity building from United Way through the ATI program and received funding from CFCI, area 5 LGBTQ re-entry. My doors are struggling to stay open. Excuse my emotions. We have taken our personal funds to keep doors open for the community. I'm structured. I work with the Department Of Mental Health. We are struggling. We all are. Me and Martina and a few more other organizations. What we need is more capacity building was we don't know what is going to happen for us next year because we are set on this set funding, this year, next year and the year after. How am I going to retain my staff if minimum wage goes up next year and I'm stuck on the same amount I was awarded back in March. Those are the capacity building we are worried about how we are going to keep our door open.

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We're not trying to team up on y'all. We are just letting you know the struggle is real for us out here. Small grassroots. We serve 5/6. We are in the hood. On Main Broadway and those areas. We are struggling. Y'all don't see us. We are trying to come to meetings and spaces like this to let y'all know how we are so y'all could provide us more funding to keep our doors open and our staff. I'm paying my staff minimum wage. They deserve more than that because they wear many hats. Helped me out of the incubation in order to put my organization in place to get these ARPA funds. That is something I highly encourage more mapping. I'm not sure y'all familiar with that. That's how I was able to get my SAMs number. Everything to put me in compliance to get these grants.

But my struggle is keeping my door open. What can y'all do to help me. Thank you for letting me share.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you.

>> RENITA: Any other public comment in the room?

>> My name is Phillip Lester. I'm known as Rock. Opportunities of success and work -- [indiscernible]. Whole bunch of substantial work in the community. I will say for item number eight when it comes down to data collection, evaluations, et cetera, a lot of times what happened is these non-profits and these organizations we get stuck with a whole bunch of trainings to learn how to do data collection, evaluations, et cetera. And then when time to go out and service the community, a lot of times we be sapped doing back office work. So, the community don't get the best of us. They get what is left of us. We underserve the community and just say exactly what she said. You have folks in non-profits where you are getting paid to work 40 hours a week but you working 60 easily. You supposed to have one job, but you wind up doing five or six and this is why folks are getting burned out.

Kind of like making dollars available to hire folks to do that data collection for us, to hire folks to do those evaluations for us would be real helpful. So, what happens is when these non-profits go in and put their budgets in, sometimes that is not budgeted in. So, non-profits find creative ways to get the data done. They find creative ways to get the evaluation done by them, themselves doing that. The only thing they are creating for themselves is a hardship. A hardship that burdens them, break them down. When it is time to go to the community, we kind of wore out and the community just drains on us from there. You have a lot of people right now who is going through a lot working with non-profits. We talking about having their own health issues, et cetera.

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We are advocating for folks on the ground, who are doing the work to where they start doing self-care, self-help. A lot of times we abandon ourselves at the expense of helping the community and what happens is we die doing this work, trying to serve the community and we lose ourselves in the process. Because there's not enough dollars to support those who are on the ground that is doing the work. So, we talk about data. We talk about evaluations. I'm the type of person that is result driven. We have people who are on the ground in the hood every day doing it. They got the results. But they might not have the data. We're supporting data. We are not supporting results. Come to the hood. See the folks that is really doing it then you will see the impact they are having opposing these organizations high up on the hill somewhere with all the data showing they are doing the work and they have no standing or footing in the communities that need them most.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you, Rock.

>> Good evening. My name is Terrell Tillman. I'm the CEO Of Lessons Learned. I was a peer navigator for three years. [Indiscernible]. Program for three years. First we were -- then we accelerated to Apricot. You guys are doing a great job. There's more work to do. These are just some suggestions and things I know from doing this work. Understanding the purpose and how to assist the organizations that really do the work. That's very important. Data can be very deceiving of the actual desires that we really look for. Because of shortcuts and BS that some of these organizations play with the signing game and don't really get the resources to the people that need them. Small and large organizations need to have professional and adequate training for the population they serve. That is one of the biggest faulty things in public service. We have people who don't know how to talk to people, don't know how to receive people. Haven't had training on how to deal with people. And mind you, people come to your office for help. They're not coming with a smile. They are coming with pain, hurt and [indiscernible]. So, when they come, you have people there not trained to have to deal with the public. Capacity building. And to have finances to staff is a key component to service the community. I do ten, 20 different jobs. I was the case manager, outreach, the mediator. Everything. The coordinator. And I was getting underpaid and overworked. So, I had to leave. Finance social security very important. Most organizations that is doing the work are short staffed. They don't have funds to retain their staff. Minimum wage can't pay bills today. The finances to retain staff and

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people that do this work is very vital. So, data collection to me is easy. It is formatted. You put that stuff in there and it is computing. It is a matter of the body here coming together to get more information. I really, really suggest that I don't know who sits on the board and who has lived experience or in the field or whatever. But you need to get some people that have lived experience to come into these circles and brainstorm with you guys so you could have a better policy or understanding of what needs to be done and how it needs to be done and how it can be done.

Like the doctor said you could look at the desired result and pass over the steps that make the difference to make it happen.

>> In conclusion, thank you. I will speak respectfully. It may sound a little off the wall but it is respect. It has come to the point --

>> DEREK STEELE: Speak into the mic if you don't mind. I can't hear you if you are not speaking into the Mike.

>> I appreciate you. You in bed?

>> DEREK STEELE: No. I'm quarantining in my house.

>> Blessings to you. My fade is Eddie Fleming. I'm also Between the Buildings. We need a base. If we get a base we could be able to count. Right now put a public notice out for equity fund. This is for families and victims of mass incarceration. It affects every family. When you speak of what we're doing to do, we need an equity and wellness fund. We are looking for solutions. We replace the outdated neighborhood watch with real people. These community-based organizations.

When they plan and redistrict the money -- my thing is equity wellness fund. We have to do it. We have no wheelchair accessible transportation for our disabled community and no pipeline to ATI, CFCI or JCOD. I'm in the hood. I don't see no vans, ATI, JCOD. Y'all have to come to us. This is out of our district. We all over but we are here for each other and we support each other all the way to Antelope Valley. We by ourselves and we're poor. We are in poverty. We missed that part. We in poverty but we got [indiscernible] but we in poverty. Nobody is training. I seen 5 million um -- what was that called? A think tank. \$5 million. We don't have that pleasure. Where do we go? Right now I have re-entries coming to me [indiscernible] asking me. I say get away from your social security.

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LLC your name and you have a better tax bracket and you're a walking business and you are out of poverty.

Nobody tells us that. They keep us on this hamster wheel and it is not fair. When you say BIPOC, which is the training? Where are the wellness centers? Nothing. Just talk. So, chairman Steele, I give it back to you. Blessings everybody.

>> DEREK STEELE: Appreciate you. We got anymore folks in the room? One of the main reasons for the space and wanted to have public comment on this is to get more feedback from you all. Just make sure that we are level setting our thinking around what data and evaluation could and should be as well. So, I just want to make sure we are being specific to the item. We will get to general public comment in a bit.

>> RENITA: We do have some online comments. Hands up.

>> DEREK STEELE: Please.

>> RENITA: Would you like to move on?

>> DEREK STEELE: Yes, please.

>> RENITA: Okay. Reverend Holly Alsop.

>> Hi. I'm a grant writer and I represent several non-profit organizations. I volunteer for a couple because they just can't afford the fronting of the grant process. But JCOD has an opportunity here to build capacity by providing in future funds, year four, five, six, in per to you, the funding and staffing to do the data collection and provide these organizations what they need to be able to find the staffing and the training and to fill in this data. I know the CEO's office want as certain amount of data. Particular my datasets, qualitative. But what you're hearing today absolutely needs to be captured. That these organizations are on the brink of poverty or they are living in poverty just to provide services. And the cost factor, it needs to be built into the applications so that the organizations as they're applying and getting technical assistance to apply, it is imperative that this advisory board provide the funding so that the staffing can be shared across all of the organizations who are receiving the grants, to collect data, to get fine on their processes so that they can make adjustments if need be. And that we could communicate the value and create the visibility of these grassroots non-profits who are literally saving people's lives every day. Thank you so much.



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>> RENITA: Thank you. We will move to Dr. Devon Ivey.

>> Yes. Imagine if we could centralize the evaluation collection process. As a member of a small non-profit, no matter how end you make the questions or the requirements for data collection, just the time spent organizing it, putting it on spreadsheet and into a report sending it off, it is a burden. If instead we had access to software program that JCOD creates where we could point and click quickly, do this on a quarter basis rather than once a year. Then all of that information gets processed at JCOD and then you guys are able to put together a report which you already do anyway to talk about the impact that you have as a whole organization. But to give us the impact that we have as an entity would be amazing. Then we could take that report and use it to parlay into future grants we might write. It is a way of creating the capacity without having to give us staff members, but instead using the staff that you have to support what that data and evaluation and turning it into a story that we can use to leverage, to get more funding for ourselves.

>> RENITA: Thank you. Last public comment, Florence Avognon.

>> Can you hear me?

>> RENITA: Yes.

>> Okay. Thank you for the space. I heard the gentleman reference being in the Angeles forest program. I have been probably be in every program and I feel it is incumbent upon me. I have spoken to this group before. Went downtown to a meeting and I'm back because there's, like, a 79% recidivism rate. I wanted to give data because I have been doing this all month particularly because this is the month of homeless youth awareness. While the traditional high school has 3% throughout the states halls and camps represent 70% foster or homeless youth. While a typical high school has about 8%, special ed, the halls and camp represent anywhere between 58-68%. When we talk about data, I think it's really important to understand the data tied to the client. That's how you decide how you impact. If we talk about who they are when they come to you, the idea is who they become when they leave you.

I think that's one of the struggles that has occurred in terms of serving marginalized youth. There's a lack of collaboration with the educational setting because six hours of the day in most of the child's life is heavily tied to

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their struggles in schools that didn't identify and celebrate their history and didn't identify the need to impact the literacy. So, I just -- literacy. I think it is important to throw that in when we talk about data and serving kids. And it's horrible recidivism going on. I can't say is it enough. I'm here today because we released a minor to a hotel three weeks ago. So, whenever these things are repeatedly going on, I'm coming to those bodies that say they really want to address this population.

In terms of that data, I do hope you're thinking about what things are causing the behavior. Are they struggling? Can they read? Obviously, the trauma. The issue of -- we have a lot of homeless kids -- 73% of our kids have not been to school since COVID. So, this data is the data we would use to say how do we impact and transform that? Now are they going to school? Now can they read better? For me as an educator for the last 31 years, I'm looking at who they are when they enter my space and who I could help them become. I hope those are considered in the data accounting and I thought it was important because too many kids are coming right back in because there's no transition system that lets us hand them off to those agencies in the community. And if a judge decides tomorrow one of my kids is getting out, who do I go to? I'm an educator. I end up --

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you.

>> It's so important. My time is up. Thank you so much. It is tragic with this recidivism. Thank you.

>> DEREK STEELE: I'm solidly there with you. Solidarity for sure. And I think even in our thinking and consideration, we were doing the year two funds -- not this past year, but the year before that, it was a very robust discussion around how we look at that issue all together. So, thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> DEREK STEELE: Anyone else? All right. Even hearing back from community on this, I mean we were already having a very much robust discussion around how we approach this. And again, there's more factors to even consider from that standpoint. And I think I'm excited to see where we end up out of this, in this first iteration and having a place to actually build from. There's a lot of work in front of us. But I'm sure we're up to it for sure. Thank you very much for everybody's time and attention on this issue. I'm going to move on to item nine. The development of the Measure J/CFCI Action Plan for '23-'24. Measure J is law. It is stamped. It is here. And it's not

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going anywhere. The Supreme Court has decided it is not going to pick up the case. So, we are in a space now where for the foreseeable future Measure J and its processes here in L.A. County continue to move forward. And we, together, as a committee, get to determine what the next steps need to look like. I think we had one game plan that was based off of the set of criteria put together by the Board of Supervisors with the first three years iteration of this. With the 2026 was the outlying deadline for all these resources to be re-evaluate at that point. But now that Measure J is law, we have to think through what now do we do for year four outside of the re-evaluation by way of the -- the re-evaluation of dollars and reallocation of dollars by way of dollars that are unspent.

That is one thing and that's a separate conversation from what what we're bringing forward as far as an Action Plan for '23-'24.

That process that the data evaluation team is going to help set up and secure for unspent dollars, that's one part. But year four allocation of dollars by way of Measure J is a different conversation altogether. And I think we need to start doing the work to develop that action plan for this next fiscal year that is coming up. So, that's the framing of the conversation. I want to come to Member Castillo, is there anything that I may have missed in the way we were talking through this? Together leadership.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: No. I think you said a mouthful. I will turn it back to you to kind of walk us through this conversation.

>> DEREK STEELE: For sure. So, I think one of the first steps in this -- I think we have -- I have my understanding and interpretation of Measure J from the readings as well as for the year one report that is kind of outlined, what the expectations were with the Measure J committee. So, before I even move forward with what an action plan can look like, I want to stop for a second to get you all's feedback in what I am framing, what I'm putting forth. Any thoughts? It got dark in here. Sorry, y'all. Anyone?

>> JOSEPH WILLIAMS: Go for it.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I was going to ask for clarification. What are you asking -- unfortunately, there's still a lot of unknowns -- the dollar amount is not everything, but it is relevant and we still don't -- yeah. We are still waiting for

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some information in terms of timing and phasing even when we do get to the first round of 36 months being coming to a close. And so, can you -- I'm unclear what you're asking. Also, unfortunately, in the last couple of meetings it was clear that the dollar amount from the county's perspective probably won't change much as it relates to the hundred million. I'm not clear what you are asking. Can you ask it a different way or --

>> DEREK STEELE: Yeah. I will say it this way. In our conversations with trying to get county counsel to help us understand what Measure J being approved meant, they were previously noncommittal in the Dawgs because it was still ongoing litigation. And so, I think there's a time and space now to kind of determine what does this now mean for the county. The dollar amount, yes, you are absolutely right. That is one part of it, to determine how much is the 10% set aside. But from my understanding, every year we should be allocating a new tranche of dollars. Is that not correct?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I guess we're trying to figure out what's the -- what are you asking this committee to consider? Is it related to advocacy? I'm not clear.

>> DEREK STEELE: Well, this is the hard part because we don't have quorum. I'm not asking -- I'm opening this up for conversation.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Got it.

>> DEREK STEELE: What the game plan can be for prepare for another round of allocations. But there's some questions we have to answer before we could begin to go that far. I wanted to discuss it because we are in unprecedented territory. It really comes down to -- at least the conversation begins with what we decide and have the appropriate factors from there. And it was similar in year one of Measure J there was a process that was determined and yes, there was ongoing conversation about what the funding amount actually was. But as far as framing what Measure J was going to be as far as resources going out and who it was going to go by and how much it was going to be, that committee decided that. Right.

And I feel like we have that level of movement to have here in this space as bell.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Okay. I will be quiet. I will be quiet for now. There's a couple of factors that will determine that. So, the evaluation piece we just spent all that time talking is critical because part of the consideration could

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be for auto renewals, for high performing programs -- when I say high performing, I'm talking about culturally relative outcome measurements to be clear. Which I know the subcommittee will get to. Our preferential consideration for high performing if it is not a renewal. I think the data and evaluation piece is critical because I know that even though 36 months was determined early on, there was always a desire to have a conversation around not stopping effective supports that were out in the community, whatever they were. Whether it was supports for organizations or, obviously, primarily supports for people impacted by the system. I think we need to look at that.

We need to understand the timing and phasing again of how the money is going to come. And I know the county told me they are working on it. But I think that is important. I also think -- if there will be an impact to the dollar amount, which I know is an advocacy piece. Also understanding when that may come to bear is also important. There's lots of other things going on in my mind, but those are the considerations I can offer at this time that we should look at to make those decisions.

>> DEREK STEELE: Got you. Thank you. Go ahead, Member Williams.

>> JOSEPH WILLIAMS: Thank you all. I just want to give a big thank you to all the community members. Especially for the reimagine coalition. Things that don't happen in a vacuum. I feel like there's probably been a lot of momentum lost and a lot to the true intention of Measure J has been lost through the advisory process. And I feel like right now the conversation would be how do we reclaim to have a that spirit from beginning, the excitement of Measure J and how do we move to a place of taking our cues, how to move boldly and moving from advisor board to commission. And how are we proactively leading in this space and taking our cues from JCOD or ATI is not no more. But JCOD and all these other folks. Really being a body of governing.

We just heard a bunch of folks sharing the pain of the reality. They were supposed to give us 12 more million and decided not to even though the county directed them to. That is BS. It is bullshit. Power respects power. They are not respecting the power that we have. I feel like we have to establish the teeth and strength of this commission and through the bold leadership of our leadership team. Maybe even contact some outside counsel or consultation on how we move forward. Because the county is only going to give us the -- to impact the police budget and all

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these other things happening. Those are my thoughts. I said this at the last meeting and I'm here for all of it.

Whatever you need me to do to support and work together with folks. Just want to lay out the hard pills to swallow and I will offer a glass of water if we need it.

>> DEREK STEELE: Excuse me.

>> We have a comment in the room.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Are we commenting or just kicking the can around? That's what he said to do.

>> DEREK STEELE: Yeah. Please.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Listening to -- I can't remember the sister's name. But Rock --

>> Martina.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Yes. They said some things that kind of really hit home, you know. Even in my job, my job is outreach. You end up doing -- if you're doing it correctly, you do well over the amount of hours they set. With that being said, I think payment to staff is very, very important.

Remember I wasn't here in the beginning but I understand it. There was money allotted for certain amount of years. But like Martina said, was inflation taken into consideration. You gave amount of money to people that were new to what they were doing. Did they know it was going to be that many positions that it took to run that. And then just to be fair, if we are, if there's any way to do that to ask for money for these things, is there some type of -- somebody from any department that has to do with giving money can come and evaluate, like they said and see. Look. This takes this. This takes this. This takes that. So, that it would make sense to either get some more funding or to do same type of judgment. With grabbing data. That's what you're doing. You are seeing if it is successful, how it is running. Is that something that can go forward. We could say this just isn't enough.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: The one thing I would add to this conversation. Everyone on the Advisory Committee thinking about what is at stake. Every community organization has something to gain to ensure that this effort, this initiative, this ballot measure, this funding stream remains and really continues to grow. How do we as a collective make sure that happens, what additional conversations need to happen on our behalves that we can ensure

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moving forward this is an entity that continues to move the vehicle forward on the provision of resources for L.A. County.

>> Reba Stevens: Thank you, Member Castillo. If we could have that report sent out so we could revisit it and go from there.

>> DEREK STEELE: You said the year one report, Member Stevens? Which report?

>> Reba Stevens: The original Measure J report.

>> DEREK STEELE: Okay. Circling back around to what Member Lewis was saying about the -- how this does come back around to the importance of the data and evaluation committee because if we are talking about continuing funds, again, not just the ones of unspent dollars, but continuing funds moving forward, does that priority start with the resources that we've already provided to community and continuing that work over time? And in addition to the idea of having new programs be supported over time as well. Having a different cycle of that. Taking the learnings that we've had from the three-year cycles to what Member Crunk was saying. What is working out of that and what's not. How do we improve that process if that is something we are going to renew. These are the types of things I am considering when I'm talking about work planning for '23-'24. How do we refine our tools so that now that Measure J is here and here to stay, we have the form and function of how to approach this year in and year out without any question.

And I think we have the ability right now to set that table within this body. Right. Because there isn't really a set of rules that governs what we're talking right now. We are writing it as we go. Because before this moment, Measure J wasn't official, official, you know what I'm saying? When I say this moment, I mean in this moment and us having this conversation, if we were having this two months ago, it was still in limbo. It is not in limbo anymore. We have a very unique opportunity that's in front of us and I'm feeling like we should definitely make sure that we're taking advantage of it. I want to continue this conversation, but I also am made aware that the parks team over in the facility wants to make sure that we're out of there by 6:00. And I want to make sure that folks have the ability to wrap up everything in the building and all that type of stuff.

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So we could bring this back to the next conversation. One of the -- the action item for today's meeting was built around the decision for next month's meeting. We had it set for the 21st of December. I was going to vote to see if you all wanted to -- if folks are going to be able to make it to that or not. Did we end up having quorum in the room at all?

>> Chairman, I doubt folks will be available Christmas.

>> DEREK STEELE: Yeah. I agree.

>> My recommendation we not hold it that close. I don't know if there's a motion needed.

>> DEREK STEELE: Yeah. There's no motion to be made.

>> D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: My recommendation is to consider another time. Excuse me. In light of the upcoming holiday in about a week or so, trying to schedule anything before -- like within the next 2-3 weeks as people are putting things together is probably going to be a challenge. I would just recommend we consider early new year.

>> DEREK STEELE: Okay.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Do we have quorum or not?

>> DEREK STEELE: We do not. So, we can't vote on this. So, what are the rules on this? Because it was something that was already scheduled. But we have to vote to cancel it, right? Is that correct?

>> That's correct. We county counseln't line. But my understanding is you have to vote to reschedule or move.

>> DEREK STEELE: All right.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: But technically if we needed to call a special meeting at an earlier date, he could do that without a vote happening. The cancelation piece, I don't know. But technically, the chair would call a special meeting and it doesn't have to be a -- you could accomplish an earlier date in December by doing it that way, Derek and doesn't require a vote. You could get input from the group today and you could make the decision to call a special meeting or not.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you so much for that. You always got to have your chair Meritus in the building. I know the 14th is not a good day because the department chair is not going to be around. December 7th is another option, which is in, like, two weeks. Is that something that is feasible for folks? What do y'all think?



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>> VERONICA LEWIS: Is there something pressing you would like us to discuss before the calendar year is over?

>> DEREK STEELE: I will be honest, no. Not really. I think there's some prep work we need to do. The data evaluation team is probably going to meet again before the end of the year. But to be honest, we really could just wait until the top of the year to come back together. I'm not opposed to the gathering, though. It's been a hell of a year.

>> I think what I am hearing you say is your intention is to cancel the meeting for December 21st?

>> DEREK STEELE: Yeah. That's my intention. But I have to figure out how to do that officially.

[Indiscernible - multiple speakers]

>> VERONICA LEWIS: We don't have quorum to vote. Is county counsel here?

>> I believe county counsel is on the call, yes.

>> DEREK STEELE: County counsel?

>> We may need to unmute her.

>> Sorry. Trying to figure out how to unmute myself. Hi. I think you have to have quorum. Did I hear you say you don't have quorum?

>> DEREK STEELE: Yeah. We don't have quorum to be able to make a vote right now about canceling the meeting.

But if no one shows up to the meeting, what happens?

>> You mean if none of the commission members show up to the meeting?

>> DEREK STEELE: If the -- yeah.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Different question. Does the chair have the authority to cancel a meeting or does he have to have a vote in order to do that, a scheduled meeting?

>> I think you have to have quorum vote to cancel it. But give me a minute and I will see if I can get an answer.

>> D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: It would be great to know if it is in the bylaws.

>> Yeah. I don't have your bylaws.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I'm trying to pull them up.

>> Noting on December 7th we have a data and subcommittee meeting.

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>> D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: While we are figuring this out, I appreciate the public comment and I would recommend special for the data and evaluation subcommittee we think about hosting grant recipients to talk about data collection, to talk about what would work for folk and community. As a non-profit executive director who founded a CBO and ran it for 14 years, I can tell you I feel -- I know the struggle. Especially in the first six years it was hard to keep the doors open. Understand -- doors open. Understanding the folk and community would be helpful and constructive for us. If we don't -- I'm saying that because if we don't -- if we cancel the meeting or whatever, maybe we could repurpose the meeting. That is a consideration as well.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: The bylaws say majority vote or -- [indiscernible]. I'm reading it. Any meeting may be scheduled or chanced by majority vote -- [reading].

>> DEREK STEELE: Okay.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I recommend we cancel the meeting.

>> DEREK STEELE: Noted. Okay. Thank you very much for that, Member Lewis. Is there any -- 5:52. I guess at this point we could -- we didn't do general public comment. I'm sorry. Is there any additional general public comment from anyone?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: If I could ask one question. Is there a representative from DMH here today?

>> Yes.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Okay. We're pasted the agenda. Just a couple of -- passed the agenda. Just a couple of comments. DMH -- to include fund grassroots organizations. Based on some of the things we heard I just was curious to know hopefully we could continue the conversation. Especially and specifically related to some of the county departments that are increasingly funding these folks and talk about not only necessarily CFCI dollars but have conversations with the county departments about what's next as well for these organizations they have invested in that are still struggling. I didn't want to let that go. I thought about it earlier and I thought it was worth noting.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you for bringing it back.

>> RENITA: Moving to general public comment?

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>> DEREK STEELE: Yes. One minute.

>> RENITA: One moment. Let me read it. We will call on you in the order your hand was raised. Please remember to state your full name. We will now begin the general public comment period.

>> Thank you. My name is Phillip Lester. I go by Rock. The first part of the question is, is there a distinguishment between Measure J, CFCI and JCOD? The next question is do you have to be a county vendor to receive these funds? Lastly, how much time is left for Measure J funding post the court ruling of not taking up the issue of Measure J being unconstitutional?

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you, Rock.

>> RENITA: Do we have any other public comment in the room?

>> [Indiscernible] coming back again, Lessons Learned. This is just speaking about that juvenile problem we have in California. And this is just what I know from being a former juvenile person that went from juvenile straight to [indiscernible] 18 years old. And how the pipeline actually works. We need people that look like me and look like these kids to go into these places that is going to get the respect. Trained people. Not just anybody. But people that have lived experience, that's been through this stuff and we can train them so they could go and get a wrap on these kids. They are not going to listen to academians. There's no outlet for the youth out here. When they leave these juvenile halls there's no one to receive them. Expected to go and commit another crime and end up in prison. I'm an example of that. I'm an example of that. 28 years.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you.

>> In federal prison and property. So, I know from lived experience we got to get ahead of this and we can get out here and [indiscernible] swing the pendulum. Thank you.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you.

>> RENITA: Any other public comment in the room?

>> Debra Roberson. As I listen to you guys talk about year four, I was the first out of the 118 year one awardee. I applied for 750. My budget was cut by 200,000 which made it hard to fill beds coming out of re-entry for the area I applied for. So, y'all was talking about year four. I think you need to circle back to year one because it is more than

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just me that our budget was cut to help us with capacity. Because we got the lowest funding of all of year two and three. Something to consider. Thank you.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you.

>> RENITA: Thank you. Anyone else in the room? All right. We will move to online. Florence Avognon, can you please unmute yourself.

>> Yes. I just want to echo the gentleman that just spoke because what he said is so true. Because of the new laws, children are released more quickly. But the reality is they keep coming back and they are simply aging into adult facilities. I just have to echo what he said. There needs to be a better transition partnership. Thank you.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you.

>> RENITA: Thank you. I don't see any other hands online. Chair Steele, back to you.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you, everyone for your time and attention today. Always for your energy in the space as we continue to build this thing out into what is the Care First agenda. The world is watching. Hope you have a great holiday. Enjoy time with your friends and family. Good tidings and I hope to see you all soon. If I don't get the chance to see you before the end of the year, happy new year and I hope to bring in '24 with a bang. Take it easy.

[Meeting concluded at 5:58 p.m.]