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>> DEREK STEELE: All right everyone how you doing today. I should say Happy New Year because I feel like I haven't seen you all since 2023. Maybe not, I don't know. I've just been on the run man. I feel like so much has happened since the last time we came together. But nonetheless, I want to call this meeting to order I know we don't have quorum but we only have one voting item which is the minutes today. All right. So yes we can open the meeting admit the folks in the waiting room. We are going to go ahead and get started.

Is there like a mouse or something, how do I touch the screen? What do I do? Thank you very much. You're amazing, I appreciate that. I'm like yo what is happening right now.

Okay. We let the folks that were in the waiting room into the meeting? Amazing. Okay. Great. So the meeting is called to order. Can we please have the meeting disclosures.

>> This commences the -- no. Thank you. I will now read the meeting disclosures. This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of the meeting minutes. By remake in this meeting consent to being recorded. This is a public meeting and subject to the Brown act. Since conversations and statements on the chat are not visible to people in the room on the telephone and who are unable to participate, the chat function is limited to technical assistance. There will be no response, nor forwarding of any public comment to the advisory committee members. If members of the public would like to provide comment, please do so either during the public comment period that is for that specific agenda item or during the general public comment period. For closed caption assistance, CART services are available. You may access these services by clicking on the Streamtext link that will be provided in the chat after reading of these disclosures.

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This concludes the meeting disclosures. Chair Steele I'll pass it over to you.

>> DEREK STEELE: Fantastic. Thank you very much for that. We are going to go ahead and call the roll.

>> We will now conduct roll call to expedite the process we ask all advisory committee members to be ready with the microphone before your name is called so you can be ready to announce your attendance promptly. If you are unable to unmute yourself please raise your hand on the Zoom platform so we can assign cohost privileges to you. If you are calling on a phone you can unmute yourself by pressing star 6. We will begin by last name. When I call your name please say present.

Judge Armstead or alternate. Member Carbajal or alternate.

>> Joel Ayala no member Carbajal.

>> Member Castillo or alternate.

>> Present.

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>> Member Contreras or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Crunk or alternate.

>> Corey Crockerham

>> Present.

>> Member Cyrus-Franklin or alternate. Member Earley on alternate. Member Ferrer or alternate.

>> Gary Tsai here.

>> Member Fuentes-Miranda or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Garcia or alternate. Member Ghaly or alternate.

>> Yes, present.

>> Member Lewis or alternate. Member Lobianco or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Nishiyama or alternate. Member Brian or alternate. Member Schoonover or alternate.

>> Alternate present.

>> Member Scorza or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Soto or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Steele or alternate.

>> Present.

>> Member Stevens or alternate.

>> Present.

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>> Member Williams or alternate. Member Wong or alternate. Member Wong or alternate. Thank you. This meeting has not reached quorum.

>> DEREK STEELE: So that means we will not be able to approve the minutes today. But we'll be able to do the rest of the meeting as well. I'm going to pivot for a second before we get into the land acknowledgement. Actually no I'm not we're going to go to the land acknowledgement next. The land beneath our feet is ancestral land of people who have lived 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, the Ventureño 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 Hughes and always give back to mother earth. These amazing people are still here today living and breathing amongst us and still giving back to the community that surrounds us. Thank you to our ancestors.

All right. Do the community agreements. I'll start. Be respectful of the diverse voices being represented and remain open-minded.

>> 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 this process.

>> Be mindful of the diverse audience you're present to go and make sure you are speak with clarity.

>> Be collaborative.

>> Assume best intentions.

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>> Challenge the idea, not the person.

>> Why remember we're here, to center the Black and Brown and indigenous communities and other

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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 active participant, 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, allowing community members to finish their sentence.

>> DEREK STEELE: So we want to move directly into the presentation. Before that, before we do that because I'm really excited about this presentation, I want to take a moment really quickly, Steven or someone from the JCOD team because the question came up a couple of times and I want to make sure that everybody is aware. Can we go over the attendance piece for members.

>> Yes, we can, Christian are you able to do the overview.

>> DEREK STEELE: It's an overview about the attendance.

>> Attendance reset in January. Members are allowed two remote appearances a year so just wanted to, you all to be mindful of that, and just also highlighting that we cannot reach quorum, we can only reach quorum in person. If you're attending online, it will not be counted toward quorum.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you for that. I just want to underscore that a bit by saying that we have achieved a lot of amazing work over the last few years, shall and part of that is people being, spending their time and energy and showing up. So I just want to say thank you for that energy that we've had up until this point, and there's so much more for us to do, there's a lot of work that's in front

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of us. The and so I am hoping as we reset in January with the time and attendance and the opportunities online but also having that same energy as we move forward to the next phase of things.

So thank you, let's continue to work towards it. I know some of us who had to brave the 110 in the middle of traffic in the middle of the day to come down here to be downtown, you know, I think that's really cool. I also even when we were at magic Johnson and even those having to bear the traffic from downtown to get over there, it's well received I want you all to know that. I know it's not easy trying to travel and get around this city and to be able to be in a space with each other the way that we are. But let's continue to try to keep that same energy because that's how change continues to happen at least in this space.

Cool. So pivoting to the presentation for today. We have paving the way foundation. Representing the valley in the building talk about people traveling and braving the highways they came from up top to come down and let us know what's going on.

>> We really appreciate the opportunity to be here. It's an honor for us to come before you to let you know how blessed we are that you have supported us in this way to make it possible for the antelope valley to be on task for having living wages and for people to get to work. So thank you, we appreciate that.

>> DEREK STEELE: Uh-huh, thanks.

>> What I want to say first because I'll tall, huh. That's right, thank you. So what I want to say first is that because of JCOD and the impact JCOD has had, we are involved in the RICMS project and the sector project. I myself have completed the incubation academy. Without JCOD we wouldn't have the opportunity to be here today. Our population that we serve in the AV would not have the opportunities that we have which you will hear from some of my teammates in regards to the work that we're doing in the antelope valley. I'm nervous so let me go down my little notes, okay. So who we are paving the way

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is a BIPOC led female in the antelope valley. We came to the antelope valley 18 years ago, I think we were the first opportunity to anyone coming home from jails or institutions to have the opportunity to be trained to do something different with their lives. So for 18 years we've been in the antelope valley helping people transition from coming home to getting trained in resumé writing, getting trained in interview techniques. We have a clothes closet, certificate trainings which are Hazmat, forklift training, we have since added, thank you to JCOD and CFCI funding, we've added construction, we've added solar, we've added maintenance and we've added commercial and residential maintenance and landscaping. A lot of the guys and ladies we work with would not be working now and they would be doing other things. Because of JCOD and CFCI these moneys are helping our community to grow and thrive and be productive citizens.

I want to say that we offer linkages to social enterprise jobs, we refer jobs to other areas in our community like AJCC, like all of the union jobs that come through our antelope valley we try to connect with them to make sure our participants have jobs available. Like I said we have the Hazmat, hazard whooper. Forklift handler, reentry, intensive case management through RICMS. Cognitive behavioral, mentorship, meals, clothing, transportation, system navigation, peer support services and we believe in a handout for a hand up. Our agencies is more family oriented than your regular agency.

We care for the people that we work with and we build the relationship with them. One thing we have learned in regards to reentry people in mental health and homeless is that you can't just help them one time and just say, you know, now you've got it, go on and grow up and do what you need to do. It is a continual. We have been around 18 years and still see people that have made the transition home, have made a mistake, went back, came back and continued to grow.

So it's not a one time for most people, it's somebody there, hold their hand, help them to understand the transition from one area in growth to another.

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I am very proud to say that our staff is very compassionate and they are very willing and supportive to our participants and our clients as they come in for support. I want to also say some of the things I could mention in the funding that CFCI has given us enabled us to hire and train and employ dedicated staff. Has offered us the opportunity to have contractors to be paid for the on-the-job training. It has paid for the training, carp at this training, 20 justice impacted women that have gone through the first cohort. 7 of which are now employed down with the union. They have gone through bootcamps, they have gone through the training to become credentialed in the union. They are ready to go onto that next level. We have women facing various employment barriers related to childcare, poverty and other factors. We have helped them to be able to move on in their lives and to be productive. There's always going to be challenges but our team steps up to those challenges and helps people to walk through those situations. It's amazing how some of them can feel as though they are all alone. With hand holding they can understand they are not alone and make that next step to being successful. With the CFCI funds other programs and resources like sector and RICMS we have wraparound support services, we have weekly stipends, gas, transportation assistance, housing, equipment, court fees, union dues reimbursements and other financial supports that they would not have without the opportunity that you guys have given us to help our community. Our second round of funding will enable to recruit women's and 50 justice impacted men from transitional age youth that will help them to get into the trades, provide employment training, job training and supportive services. I am honored to be here before you today to say that, you know, 18 years in this industry, this is the perfect time for paving the way. This is an opportunity of a lifetime to be able to help the people in our community.

As you all know we are the furthest northern part of LA county and it's been a challenge for us to get supported in what the things that we have going in the antelope valley so I am honored and pleased and

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thankful and grateful that you guys have seen and made it possible for us to be that vehicle that helps our community.

With that, I'm going to give it to Kristina who is our COO and she is going to talk

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you for that Jamie, that was an awesome presentation keep going.

>> I just wanted to talk about how we utilize the funds. Funds pay for case managers, outreach, training instructors, materials, tools, equipment, and supportive services. Supportive services for students include participation stipends gas, housing during the bootcamps and need based services to overcome employment barriers.

>> Can you hear me? Okay. So my name is Lauren Whiting I am the career coach for the grant at Paving the Way Foundation so I also want to say thank you so much for the opportunity to serve my community and any boots on the ground kind of way. It's been living a change for me especially since I am a masters student, working on my sociology degree and so to be able to use my education and support our community and with the support of the county I can't be more than grateful. So with that I'm going to be sharing a couple stories that we have about the success and challenges that we've encountered so far through CFCI. The first story that I'm going to share is with our cohort participant Lydia. Lydia overcame a challenging past marked by incarceration, domestic violence, poverty, substance abuse and transformed her life through sheer determination and resilience. She describes the tragic loss of her unborn child during incarceration igniting her commitment to sobriety. She aimed to become a better individual for herself and her earth side children. When Paving the Way met Lydia she immersed into the carpentry training and earned her certificate while maintaining a job at a grocery store to support herself financially. After completing the rigorous 20 week training program at Paving the Way, she ambitiously applied to the Bridging Outstanding Opportunities with Trades Women Skills, Preapprenticeship program. Her dedication and hard work earned her a spot in the program. Based

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with the tough decision Lydia left her employment to commit to the intensive one month training. Her performance captured the attention of her peers with many describing her as an outstanding student. Following her success Lydia obtained temporary work as a warehouse keeping herself in a routine of physical activity as she networked diligently. Her efforts bore fruit as local of 661 indentured her. She was at Santa Monica, lax. She has challenges, and she addresses these concerns by employing coping sources during her time at paving the way. Lydia's journey from adversity to success is the transformative power of dedication and support. Then we also have these letter from the program director of CTP our carpentry program Vaughn who says hello all. I wanted to add what my experience has been for the last three cohorts through a narrative. I hope that some of the information is deemed useful. Quantitative data is how our worked is measured. I look at aspects that are not measured. Let's review the women's cohort number one. Andre, Juanita are all carpenter union members. Minute at this is still poured. Realize when justice impacted are allowed into the community it can take up to years before they settle. I've had three CTP alumni reach out to me in the past two weeks and before that I hadn't heard from them in two years. Jenae one of our cohort 1 students is working in a nonunion carpentry field. An important data point is that none of the six ladies have returned to jail or prison which means we have helped reduce recidivism we are doing our job. Women's cohort 2 was challenging because we are still implementing policies and procedures. We see that six alums, the most serious about their careers then Danielle and Samantha. Some decided they wanted to go into participate in CBI so make sure soft skills are ready. As for Samantha she is currently taking care of her court ordered classes and taking CPT has determined to be more present for her families. They are not failures. Each participant is different. Support is being utilized at this time. All of these ladies were taught the basics in construction. They learned how to read a tape measure work as a team and to efficiently and safely use hand and power tools. They acquired intangible skills that include the

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importance of punctuality and communication. However what they learned as they journey towards their newfound career is not to be included in any data sets. I also realize that particular skills are taken for granted like technological skills including logging into virtual classes on Wednesday and behavior on Zoom. Taking notes and being organized are other skills that we develop throughout training.

We understand that life happens and transmit the message that a positive attitude is essential when life occurs. CTP is grateful for the opportunity to work with paving the way foundation in changing lives and offering a second chance for justice impacted individuals to be productive in the workforce. We look forward to continuing this inspiring work and providing more quantitative and qualitative data. With that being said some of the barriers that we have encountered include housing insecurity, basic needs, extreme poverty, family issues and complications resolving DUI license suspensions, students not having high school diploma or GED yet and improving their soft skills. Transportation concerns, car repair and childcare. However in this entire process we are learning that we are here to cover some of the potholes that they may be experiencing in life. And even if they deviate from focussing on their career we are going to support them every step of the way.

>> There's not much left to say we're definitely on the right path with CFCI and the vision of these leaders. We could use more jobs, housing, transportation assistance, we could use more training stipends and more than just training stipends. Women's have barriers she outlined they need help being able to focus on their training and really develop the skills that are going to get them employed. But we need to help them along while they are waiting for those jobs to materialize as well. We need more Black led, Black owned BIPOC owned businesses in the community. This is the right path how you do it. Hopefully we just stay on this path and hopefully there's renewed funding and you can continue to pump energy into what Ms. Janie and paving the way is putting together. It's truly transformational for the community. We do need more equipment. We need more trainers, we need a higher -- lower

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student to staff ratio for the trainings. You know everything can be improved with a little bit more money. Again, this is the right place to put it. Thank you.

>> Thank you again for having us. We appreciate the opportunity. If you guys have questions I'm available or if you want to say something.

>> That's amazing. You are doing amazing work. Any questions from anyone?

>> I'm your neighbor over in San Fernando valley. I want to appreciate you for all you have done for the community. Very much an underserved community as well as community-based organizations. Your name is often come, has come up in several different collaboratives, coalitions and other community-based organizations that have talked about challenges and they have called give miss Hodges a call and you're there to give advice and mentorship so thank you for the years of service to community and service to the field.

>> Thank you very much. I'm honored, thank you so much. It comes from being there for 18 years and being old. I'm just old.

>> DEREK STEELE: From some of the stuff of the work you've been doing you've been helping to convene and create space for other organizations as well, right. Do you mind talking a little bit about that like what's happening so we can be more understanding and figuring out how we can support even more than what we're doing?

>> I believe in one the whole person, the whole family and the whole community. When there is a need for things that I believe that will help our community and not just a population that I serve about you our community as a whole, I always try to make ourselves available so we have a couple of locations. We have our corporate office which is our smaller office where we do most of the soft skills training. We recently since we started with sector and NRICMS and JCOD we were able for acquire a vocational unit which is where the tiny homes that we build, you know, that kind of thing and there is

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also a larger training room there. So we opened that opportunity up for participation to bring different programs and different information into the antelope valley. We have done the stay housed LA, we've done various other kind of programs that will help. We house the neighborhood legal services in our location. We house various other agencies that come in and do programming.

I am involved in a lot of different types of programs and it's always about the people, anything that can help our community I'm open to bringing about. We recently were awarded a grant through governor new some's office to open a behavioral wellness center so I'm Jazzed about all that. You will get an invitation our opening will be April 25th. One year since the days we got the keys we had to do renovations. There will be a one story opening April 25th and groundbreaking probably in July for the second part of the building which will be a two-storey building which is all designed to help and build our community. So there are five pillars. There's mental, physical, spiritual, financial and legal. So those are the five areas that we will address with, at that location and it will all build around our population and our community and the needs that are there. We are hoping that as more funding comes down for housing that we can come, become involved in that as well. We're trying to do two smaller homes I used to do a whole back but got sick and had to give it up. But I want to bring it back because there's definitely a need in our community for housing so I want to try to help to bridge that gap at some point in the near future to bring more housing especially for our population people coming home because they face so many challenges with, you know, things on their credit and that kind of stuff to be able to get housed.

So our idea is to bring them in through coming home, going through soft skills, get trained go into the housing, so you have stability and housing, you have a good path to follow employment, and our building, our idea is to move from that housing into purchasing going into, you know, sustained housing.

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So that's the vision. I pray to God I live to see that vision come, you know, fruition. I am so grateful to even have the vision and God has really worked a miracle through me so I'm here for whatever needs to be done. I might, you know, run out of a little energy like I can't run up and down that hill like I used to. I had to rest yesterday after the meeting I was at so I need to rest but I am open for the opportunity to bring the much needed service to our antelope valley

>> DEREK STEELE: As a reiteration, that's fantastic. There is housing homeless issue that is a need, sounds like the jobs piece so economic poverty relief is another piece that is a focus and AV. So I think with some of the strategies that we have helped to bring forward, you know, we're touching on the right points.

>> Absolutely, absolutely. Like I said for the antelope valley you guys have been an absolute blessing. A lot of the things that are going on there would not be going on without that CFCI money that came down and without JCOD and the services and the opportunity being brought to the antelope valley. I praise you guys thank you so much and I'm honored that you allow us to be one of the vehicles that you utilize to make this happen.

>> DEREK STEELE: Indeed. I'm going to ask one more question and step back, I'm sorry you all. We're in this conversation right now part of what we talk about today is how we're analyzing resources that have already been put out and how we reinvest those dollars. So if additional dollars are able to be available, would your program benefit from continuing at current rates or do you feel like you need more resources. I heard if there were more this is what we could do you want to talk a little bit more about that.

>> You know the need is always greater than the resource, right. Once the word of mouth got out with the services that we're offering and the opportunity that we're offering people, the need became greater, right. People understand okay so they are doing it but we have a limit because we only have a

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certain amount of money that we can support through training and that. So like Matt said if we had the ability to bring in another trainer, or add other days, you know, to bring, yes it would definitely make a difference and word of mouth has caught fire in the antelope valley about the trainings and people getting hired and talking about them getting hired. If paving the way wasn't on people's minds it is now. Like you said, everybody's talking about what paving the way is doing and I'm very proud of that opportunity. I am very proud of my staff and my team because they are really standing up and caring and doing the things that are necessary. Right now we're wearing double hats trying to make as many people work through the process as possible so yes, definitely with more money, we could have more staff, we could bring about more trainings and we can do more stipends as far as helping them get from one place. I don't know if you know but there's a mile in between each Main Street in the antelope valley so for a bus ride from Palmdale to Lancaster is an hour. They have to go to lake LA and come back. It's a challenge so with that, beings it pays for us to be able to help them with bus passes and that kind of thing and that's what we do to help them to be able to get around to their various doctors appointments or you know get to class on time in those kinds of things.

The cognitive intervention program is awesome. I mean the way that it is run they actually are stating when we do our graduations that it has really changed the way that they think some of them come in with their cellphones and those things are what's important and when they leave they understand that is not a part of what happens when you go to take care of business it's business, right. When you go to an interview there's a certain way you have to carry yourself and sometimes those things are not, you know, we may take it for granted but those things are not with all people. Some people have never worn a suit. It's amazing some in antelope valley have never been to the beach. Just simple things you would take for granted they are not necessarily what someone else's life is.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you, Ms. Jennings. Douglas you raise your hand.

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>> D'ARTAGNAN SCORZA: I did thank you so much for being here today. I want to just acknowledge the incredible work that you've done and also thank you for partnering with us in ARDI in the antelope valley. You helped to host a state of Black LA listening session for us and I wanted to acknowledge and thank you for your partnership there. It was a great turn out. There are a number of folks that send up and send you blessings from Steve Graham, you are like a mom to him and build his career someone I work with in the AV as well. I think it's really important to acknowledge and lift up folks who have been on the ground and are building in our community and you're would you know of those folks. So my intention I think in saying all of this was to demonstrate my appreciation for your leadership and demonstrate really how valuable the work that you're doing is. It's much needed in the AV and very much is impacting and altering folks's lives. Want to thank you so much and lift you up for the incredible work that you're doing.

>> Thank you so much. I am honored. Thank you very much.

>> DEREK STEELE: Anyone else?

>> Yes. My name is Corey Crockerham I'm a business rep down in Carson where that boots program is housed and first of all I want to say thank you for the great work that you are doing. Congratulations for the funding that you have received. Continue doing that great work that you're doing. And again, I want to applaud you for priming those young ladies and getting them ready for when they come out to us they are much more prepared for success. And again, the career pathway that they are choosing is not an easy road. I've been doing it for 27 years. It's definitely tougher for females. Before but our goal in the 12 states we represent is to get to 10% more women. Want.

So 10%, we have 90,000 members we're looking to get to 10,000 members and the work you're doing is going to help us reach that goal. So thank you.

>> Awesome, thank you I appreciate it. We actually bring the ladies down and they spend the night

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or the week that training is so that they don't have to come up and down that freeway and we are so grateful for the opportunity to have them come down and get that training and they all come back and tell us how valuable it is and what it means to them. So for me that's why I do this. For being able to change a life. Because you don't know you change one life which changes another and another. It's a word of mouth, you know, I can change your life and then you change the next person and the next person.

So with this opportunity that you guys have given us and the AV we are changing lives and I'm so grateful to hear that it is reaching you down in, at the bootcamp and that they are making us proud. That's what I tell them okay hold on you are representing us and you are representing people that come behind you. So you have to give a good impression, you have to be on your best behavior, handle yourself in a professional manner. That's what we try to train them and get them to understand I don't care where you been from I only care where you are and where you are going. If your heart is there we are here with you. We want you to be successful and that's what we do at paving the way. Thank you for inviting us. [Applause] we hope he with make you proud we want to hear you say job well-done.

>> DEREK STEELE: Seriously, job well-done. Fantastic. That was a great presentation. I love when we do those. That's what this is about. Uh-huh. Couldn't say it better.

>> Chair Steele we have quorum if you want to do the minutes.

>> DEREK STEELE: We will go back to item 6 we now have quorum to review -- I'm sorry, give me a second. I have to go back in my notes. Okay. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes for our last meeting on January 18, 2024. Would anyone like to -- take a look at it would anyone like to make a motion?

>> I'll make a motion.

>> I'll second that.

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>> DEREK STEELE: The motion has been made and seconded. Before we move to a vote, are there any corrections or any changes that anyone needs to make? Hearing none let's go to public comment. On item 6.

>> This commences the public comment period for the agenda. The public comment period during the meeting is one minute per person. For those online who would like to provide public comment please use the raise hand feature now. We will call on you in the order that your hand was raised. When you are called on please state your full name for the minutes. Before beginning your public comment, I will lower your hand once you have completed your comment. For those on the telephone please use star 9 to raise euthanasia hand. I will say your name or the last digits of your phone number when it's your turn. Dial star 6 to unmute yourself. For those accessing Zoom through the computer browser or smartphone Zoom app scroll to the reactions at the bottom tab and you will see a raise hand feature. We will now begin public comment for the approval of the minutes for January 18, 2024. Now do we have any public comments in the room? Please state your full name for the record. Seeing none. The we would like to go online.

>> There's one hand. Hector Ramirez you have one minute.

>> Thank you, Hector Ramirez I really want to thank everybody that showed up. --

>> They put you back on mute give me one second my friend.

>> Can you hear me now?

>> DEREK STEELE: Yes.

>> Thank you. Hector Ramirez I really want to thank everybody that showed up to have quorum at the beginning and definitely showing up especially to show respect and response to the wonderful presentation you just had. As a member of the public I'm not sure at this point now that you've reached quorum who is actually there and who isn't. I was surprised to see such a large number of vacant spots

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despite the fact there is some alternatives there wasn't a quorum reached. Just out of clarity as a community member I would like to know who is there and who is not now that quorum has been met.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you.

>> Is there anyone else for public comment online? On Zoom, on the phone? Seeing no hands raised. This concludes the public comment period. As a reminder and in advance of our next public meeting, if you would like to submit a written public comment, please send an email to JCOD@LAcounty.gov at 5 p.m. the day before the meeting.

>> DEREK STEELE: As we go through the roll, thank you for the comment Hector. You will get a chance to see some of the folks who are not present as well. That weren't when we called roll earlier. Thank you for the comment. Let's go ahead and take the vote.

>> We will conduct the vote for this motion and we will be using a similar process as the roll call again we ask all committee members it to be ready with the microphone before your name is called. When I call on your name please indicate your vote of yes, no, or abstain.

Member Carbajal or alternate. Member Carbajal or alternate? Member Castillo.

>> Aye.

>> Member Contreras.

>> Yes.

>> Member Crunk or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Cyrus Franklin or alternate. Member Earley or alternate? Member fer rare or alternate. Member Fuentes-Miranda or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Garcia or alternate.

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>> Yes.

>> Member Ghaly or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Lewis or alternate. Member Lobianco or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Nishiyama or alternate. Member, O'Brien or alternate. Member Schoonover or alternate. Member Scorza or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Soto or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Steele or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Stevens or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Williams or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> Member Wong or alternate.

>> Yes.

>> The motion passes

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you. Can we be sure to change the attendance for those who are not in the room. I saw member Garcia is not here, member Soto is here.

>> The motion passes.

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>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you. Can we be sure to change the attendance for those who are not in the room. I think I saw Member Garcia is not here and Member Soto is here. There are a few others who walked in. I just want to make sure that the roll reflects their presence.

>> I went ahead and updated those.

>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you very much. Can you show to the public one more time just so they can see? I appreciate that. As you were doing that, we're going to go ahead and get ready for item eight which is the finance update JCOD. Thank you very much for sharing that.

Thank you. We have been asking questions about this piece for a few months now and you know, in the process of trying to put it together realized that there's a lot of moving parts. So I just want to say first, thank you to all parties involved to help pull the information together. This is a big deal because I think not only does it give us a picture of where things are and where they are headed, but it also sets the table for what the future holds as well. I'm going to reiterate, yes, we did the first three years but, you know, Measure J is now law. So dollars now the movement that we're going to have to start preparing for future iterations of funding cycles.

So to have that conversation we got to know where the money is, how it's flowing, how we're going to reinvest those dollars that may exist from the first three years before we can actually start talking about the next three years or at the same time we're talking about the next years in front of us.

With all that being said, please, JCOD, walk us through.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Thank you, Chair Steele. First there was a request I introduce new JCOD Team Members. Ruth Bell who joined us a few weeks ago. And to my left Julie Martinez. And you all know

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Christian Navarro. And so thank you for the opportunity to present on this today. I'm joined behind me by my colleague Tucker Merrick. Please raise your hand.

I'll be walking us through the current spending.

I'll begin by giving an overview of the spending plan and give a perspective on how the process can differ between programs. Go through the programs groups by quarter from their three-year term service start date and I'll make that point as we go.

First slide -- I wanted to provide again an overview of how the program gets off the ground. This process reflects our efforts to balance the need for timely resources, making sure the funding gets out there to communities while also developing processes for compliance, administrative oversight. Equity, and making sure goals and outputs are all in place. Ensuring we're meeting the goals while getting out to the community Members and reflect the due diligence in the process.

Once the plan is finalized it had goes to CEO for review and Board of Supervisors for approval. Step two JCOD contacts the County department and the details related to the administration of that. JCOD provides the project design questionnaire to each County department for each County program. Step three, the County department completes that project design questionnaire and submits it to JCOD. I'm going to stop here. This can vary in timeline from several weeks to several months depending on the program and department. Some of the funds goes to existing programs where information is already known, partners are identified, there's a contract, and everything is planned out.

Others are started from scratch which requires planning and discussion. The form details project overview and identify stakeholders and detail project plan and scope: Identify target outcomes and identifying project team.

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>> DEREK STEELE: I want to underscore, you're saying when departments get the dollars, there may be programs that they are just having the CFCI dollars go directly to but because of the guidance they may need to create new programs and that is the structure of creating new programs. Is it starts with the project overview and customer and stakeholders and plan and scope and target outcomes and making sure it's equity focused and having a project team for it.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Some departments are able to immediately pull from existing information and stakeholders and things and others are working from scratch on that program outline that you all provide them and so it varies widely in the time it takes to do.

So step four then, JCOD reviews the project design questionnaire and we work with that County department it make revisions as necessary. A lot of your colleagues on the C1ommittee have received that back and forth with us ask it takes time to make sure everything is in place. Next slide, please.

Next step five JCOD approves that questionnaire and authorizes the county department to spend. Spends doesn't mean they are providing services immediately. They could be spending on contractors or Staff for the launch. Schools and assessments and trainings, purchasing equipment, et cetera. There's a wide variety of activities before services begin.

As programs go to the I am completion phase there may be roadblocks and pivots and adjustments and that ramp uptakes time.

Step 36, County departments solicit. Does a solicitation. Work order. Identify project vendors. There are a few routes to get off the ground and it depends on the particular circumstances of the department and program. We broke step six out to explain further.

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There are a few avenues with varying level of difficulty and time taking to complete. Some departments have existing programs. If CFCI funding is going toward an existing program they can put the money in the contract for the work and because the agreement is already completed, this is the quickest way for the spending. Programs that got off the ground quickly had existing agreements inform utilize and there are new programs with new contracts. The funding can be put into that existing agreement along with the additional scope of work after that is developed, right? That is a relatively quick way of getting off the ground. It's an existing contract with a new scope.

There's new programs with an existing third party administrator. So if a department receives CFCI funding but does not have an existing contract to put the funding in, they may have to do the solicitation. They can do the solicitation themselves or some have a third party under contract and they can use that administrator who completes the solicitation and the contracts and begin work. If it's a new program and they don't have a third party administrator which, you know, not all departments do, they would have to first have a solicitation to hire the third party administrator and then -- then do a solicitation for the work itself and then do the contracting and so on.

So for example, since you all were tracking this, this is the process JCOD went through. I'll wait a second.

>> DEREK STEELE: They got them. It's all good.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Finally new program and County Solicitation. Another option is the department launched the solicitation and completes the can recall thing and this, of course, can be more time consuming than other options. There are other routes but this is the primary ones. To add to the complexity, different types of programs have different challenges in getting off the ground. Housing

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requires securing a physical location or beds. Site based programs require security of leases and fixing up the property or purchasing the property which can take a good amount of time.

>> DEREK STEELE: Just to make sure the public is following with this, starting here is important because in the idea of where all CFCI dollars are going and what projects and programs are being supported by it, the starting place of all of these entities are all different. In the idea of tracking out the resources went or how they were utilized and the timing of it all, we really had to do a deep dive in understanding what the starting points were, where the programs are, and having the context behind it so when we get to the point of saying this program didn't start and this did, there is context as to why or why not.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Exactly.

>> DEREK STEELE: Okay.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Next slide, please. Now we're at step seven again. Once all of that is done the services are launched by the County department and spenders or contractors. Step eight department reports expenses to J cod which has overall financial reporting for CFCI. That's the progress.

As you can imagine this is the simplified way of explaining how programs get off the ground. There is a great deal of work to design, ramp up, and launch the programs. There's a wide range of starting time and as a result, wide range in spending rates. My point is there somebody a certain amount of grace extended to programs that face the longer timelines of getting off the ground. It's not one to one between programs. Next slide, please?

>> DEREK STEELE: Before you jump into the key terms, any questions about anything that just got shared? From anybody? Anyone online? Okay. Go for it.

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>> DAWYN HARRISON: Okay. So I wanted to explain, you know, the County -- we speak of -- you know, the terms that we use to talk about this stuff so -- so this amount is what they are allowed to spend on a specific program. So then --

>> DEREK STEELE: One of our interpreters? No?

>> Fixed it.

>> DEREK STEELE: Cool. I want to make sure we're not having anybody miss out on what is being said. Keep going.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: They are basically the same thing, the freezing of money in anticipation of what is on the way and coming and you can't establish an encumbrance unless certain conditions are met and that can be through a purchase order, office supply, or a contract signed that says X service will be done and it will cost X. An encumbrance indicates you are putting money aside in order to utilize an impending service. The reason why the County talks about encumbrances is because it's a good estimate of what is to come. You're freezing money to be paid out for a specific service. A real life analogy is creating a separate savings account you're putting money into to save up for a down payment on a car, for instance.

A commitment is an encumbrance from a prior fiscal year. It's essentially an accounting term but useful for it because it's necessary. What we need to know about it is that it means the same thing as an encumbrance, just an older one. It doesn't mean it wasn't spent at an appropriate rate. It means it was tied up in a contractor purchase order the previous year.

>> DEREK STEELE: Hold on. Spending money already spent. Funding set aside ready to be sent. Funding set assign. Older and money out the door.

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>> DAWYN HARRISON: The service is done, the invoice was submitted, and the bill was paid. That's what an expenditure is. What they have spent and what they have set aside to spend you have their spending outlook and that's what we're showing today. I'll pause if there are any questions on that?

>> DEREK STEELE: We're good.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Left to right, department name and program name and funding amount. And then you'll see the expenditures and commitments and encumbrances and the total of the three things which provides the spending outlook. We calculated how much of that three-year term has passed. That three-year term begins on service start date and fanned out for three terms. We calculated how much of that three-year term has passed. And the last column is the percentage achieved which is the total, which is the expenditures, commitments, and encumbrances, divided by the funding amount which about show how much is spent or will be spent.

Example of \$1 million in funding. So far 500,000 in expenditures. 100,000 in encumbrances. That's how this is going to go for each program.

>> DEREK STEELE: For clarification, why would a program have encumbrances or commitments? Like, if they already are spending money, why would they also have encumbrances or commitments?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Multiple contracts or a variety of different spending outputs. It's essentially money left to spend.

>> DEREK STEELE: Got it. Okay.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Okay. All right. So also on the bottom left we show the color scale that we used. This scale including the use of the colors red, yellow, and green, was a request of the committee and is not now we at JCOD categorize these programs but we wanted to make sure we had a guide for

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you on that. We're only displaying the current spending on these programs as of January and that's a snapshot of a point in time and does not indicate what is planned and only what is reported thus far.

Want to make that clear.

We don't have to show you what is on the way or what has happened since this reporting. Funding is ongoing and set aside for this specific purpose and does not have a time limit. That means no unspent fund something lost. It is carried over year to year. I bring this up because I know there were concern that funding that was unspent would go somewhere else. The County's general fund or some other in initiative. That's not the case. It stays with CFCI. More generally, I want to say the rate of spending is not necessarily the indicator of the quality of services being done. The output or ability to impact or complete goals. It's one of the indicators.

This is one of the evaluation progression and something to consider but we don't want this for perceived as a value judgment on the program itself. Any questions on any of that?

Next slide, please.

>> I do have one question. Can you explain how the percentage of the three-year term completed was calculated? When we reviewed the slides at least we have discrepancies but I'm not sure how it was calculated or counting from the time it was funded by the Board of Supervisors. What stays zero? Can you give an example?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: We have the date that you're describing which is when the funding is available but there have there was a Board of Supervisors report back in November where the CEO and JCOD got information from each department about when each program began services and that goes the date that's individual to each program and we're then doing the three years from that point.

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>> You're saying the time zero is when we started the program?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct.

>> And we can go into the specific examples but in some cases, that would put the date prior to the money being awarded by the Board which is not possible.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Yeah and so that's something we have been working with CEO on and so yeah. I think I know which programs you're referring to but for that it was when the money was received. For ones that preceded that date.

>> It would be what? Sorry?

>> DEREK STEELE: To that point, this is a good question. You're saying for the programs that started before money came in, day zero is when the money came in?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Yes.

>> But we didn't start programs before the money came in. Like, we didn't even know money was going to be awarded.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: I don't want to misspeak and I want to make sure we're on the same page so that our teams can talk.

>> But for the time zero for the purpose of this and we can clarify with you with individual programs off line. Your intent is to start it at the time in which you believe the program started irrespective of when the funding was granted?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct. We're basing the three years on the date that was reported by each department to JCOD.

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>> DEREK STEELE: Thank you for that.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: We're on this slide. We'll begin by going through three quarters and I'll note this does not include American Rescue Plan and this is monitored by CEO and we can come back and report on that but this presentation does not include that.

So.

>> DEREK STEELE: CFCI programs only?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct. CFCI programs are not included in this presentation but we are working with CAO to present those to the community as well.

This is organized by the 3-Year Terms based on when the services began as reported by the County departments. Some of the spending we have identified a few programs that will likely finish earlier than initially projected. Although they may have taken longer to get up and running, when they did they made up for the under spend and we're monitoring them and when we go to evaluation we'll likely move them to ahead of the order so we make sure as they are winding down their funding we take a look at them.

>> DEREK STEELE: Okay.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: I'm going to show a lot of information and it will be fairly quick. I'll be introducing each time frame and the three-year term and I encourage you to take a look off line and let you know if you have questions. If there are discrepancies?

>> DEREK STEELE: For the Zoom can you put the full screen as the presentation and is not Stephen. There we go. That's what I was -- great.

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>> DAWYN HARRISON: So for this first slide it's 3-Year Terms, again, from the street service start date reporting ended July-September 2024. For each one of these quarters we have it drawn out on the table like described. And then if we go to the next slide, we also have it in graph form. On the right side you'll have the expenditures and commitments and encumbrances, that total in line the remaining balance. On the left side we have percentage of the three-year term completed as a point of contrast. That, again, is the service start date as reported by the County departments.

>> DEREK STEELE: Can you go back to the previous slide? Just so the people can see it this way. Some people are table folks. Some people are graph folks. But it's the same information.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct.

>> DEREK STEELE: Go to the next slide. Thank you. Please.

>> On the previous slide, just to clarify, these are obviously by program local but do each of the programs only represent one contract for which it ...

>> DAWYN HARRISON: So it's depending on the programs so County departments could potentially contract with multiple contractors. So it just repeats the program overall.

>> DEREK STEELE: Yeah and that's a really good question because it's a question of we're not working with the subs. We're working with the mains. Like, the main contract. Right? So our responsibility outside of the TPA because the TPA is a different conversation.

But the departments, it's about the macro dollars, not necessarily the subcontracts that they put out. Do you see what I'm saying? We're just looking at the main program.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: It's the sum of those.

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>> DEREK STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: We can move onto the next quarter. This is the three-year term ending October through December, 2024. It's just one program. And same set up. And then we can go to the next slide. And in graph form. Okay so we move forward. Three-year term ending January -March 2025. Again, it's one program.

>> DEREK STEELE: So this is one of those programs where they may actually reach the spending before their date is actually up is what you're saying?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Yeah. We work with each program team to understand that and we'll plan accordingly for evaluation.

>> DEREK STEELE: Okay.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Okay next slide, please. And here are the 3-Year Terms ending April/June, 2025.

>> DEREK STEELE: So did you see -- we went about this initially with a different type of look, right? We were just looking at the timelines of the start dates and the end dates. The priority of evaluation shifts because we're looking at it this way now, is what you're saying?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct. Yeah, so the priority, you know, generally, is that initial three years.

>> DEREK STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: But as we note programs that are spending at a much more rapid pace we want to move them so you can take a look and there's not an interruption.

>> DEREK STEELE: Does that make sense to everybody and is that something that everybody is okay with? Okay. Cool. Keep going.

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>> DAWYN HARRISON: Next slide. Here are the 3-Year Terms end will July/September, 2025. One of the programs we will project to end sooner than the three-year term as you'll see based on our interactions with that team.

>> DEREK STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> I guess I did not understand. What does that conversation look like? Or what, I mean --

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Yeah so our team interacts with each of the program teams and you know, understand how each of the programs are going, what are the challenges and what kind of barriers and that sort of thing. And as we monitor spending we ask, you know, when is your projected end date and that can vary and we're in the process of actually right now interacting again with each department to make sure we understand their updated projections.

And so that is one that we wanted to mark for you all as likely being put higher up on the list for evaluation.

>> So if they run out of funding sooner so that there's no gap in services before the next funding cycle comes through --

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct.

>> Is it having a conversation to identify other funding to leverage or apply for or?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: CFCI funding is ongoing and so I've explained this in the subcommittee but maybe not in the larger group. But without a specific action taken by the Board through recommendations of you all, the funding will continue. And so we want to make sure you all have the opportunity to take a look at that program and make recommendations ahead of them ending. Should you want to continue, we want to make sure there's no interruption and they can keep moving.

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>> Okay if they were you know out of their funding a year before the it's up then we could then look at making a recommendation to provide gap funding this will their mechanics round.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: The next fiscal year it would replenish.

>> Okay.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Unless action is taken to reallocate.

>> DEREK STEELE: I just want to make sure. She has a very specific question. If it finishes beforehand, that means that there's a gap time before the contract is supposed to renew. To make sure I heard you correctly, what do we do for that gap? Do you know what I mean? Does it automatically just kick if right away or do they have to wait until the contract renewal date for money to actually be allocated?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: It depends on when in the fiscal year it's happening. So the next annual allocation of funding would happen in the new fiscal year. So should they run out ahead of that fiscal year, it would replenish at the following beginning of the fiscal year. So it just depends.

>> DEREK STEELE: So there would be a gap and we would have to figure out what to do to fulfill the gap.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Potentially. It is ongoing funding and they will get the funding but it just really depends on the funding and each program.

>> My concern would be for other projects to then over spend, just knowing that that's okay if we spend all the funds in two years when this goes a three year contract, then as long as it lines up with the next fiscal year, we can get replenished. Does that make sense? I don't know if replenish is the right word.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: A change in that would require a recommendation from you all and an action from the Board.

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>> DEREK STEELE: We should also mention their funding was 7.5mil but when you look at the total of the expenditures, commitments, and encumbrances, it's 5 million. So that means then there was, the timeline of the shifted. What does that mean?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: So I mentioned the different types of programs. So there's a wide variety of programs. There's housing here and other folks are doing grants which can get out the door quickly and can become encumbered quickly. I don't know the specifics of this program. It could spend rapidly as opposed to others that could be spaced throughout the year.

>> DEREK STEELE: Got you.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: So this one in particular is on pace that we would want them to be. It's a much faster pace in a shorter amount of time.

>> DEREK STEELE: Yeah. And you should now I'm familiar with this one because this one is mine. This is ours and so the timeline we have for the dollars that are actually coming out, it's not like spend it and then we get it right back. There's a dollars come out at a certain period of time throughout the life of the cycle. So it will reach September 25th. We're not going to run into a situation with this program but not all programs are operating the same way. The contracts may be different where the spending is happening faster. Your question is still valid. What do we do with those programs when we end up with a gap before it's time to get to the next fiscal year. We don't -- so we have to determine that together.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Okay. Next slide, please.

>> DEREK STEELE: I will mention when we get to have a conversation about that, I will recuse myself from the conversation. We'll keep going.

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>> DAWYN HARRISON: Here are the 3-Year Terms from January through March, 2026. I'll note we included the TPA so you'll all have a visual of that as well. The funding is disbursed at a consistent rate quarterly and so that's why, you know, it's structured this way.

>> DEREK STEELE: Mmm.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Yes?

>> Back a slide? I just want to understand -- so for the key, the key remains the same regardless of how much, what percentage of the three-year term has been completed?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Yeah so the key was a request at just the spending rate and we included the percentage of the three-year term completed as a point of contrast for that. But yes, the color is at the percentage.

>> Right but so, so the yellow 28% given 31% of the year is -- it would be a good thing.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: We wanted to make sure the three-year term is next to that so you all can see where the point of contrast is in line with where the time elapsed but the color was a request that we adhered to.

>> DEREK STEELE: This is the figures time everybody is seeing this presentation, right?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct.

>> DEREK STEELE: All right. Cool. So I think what we'll have to do in the committee is actually, now that we have seen this, go back and reexamine how we want to actually do the key. The whole point of that part of it was to be able to determine who is not doing what they are supposed to do with these resources and who it. That is what it really came down to. You're making a really good point that it has

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to take into consideration where the percentage of the term completed is in it as well to be able to say if it is in good shape or if it's not in good shape. So we'll have on to reexamine this when we get back to the subcommittee.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Point well taken.

>> DEREK STEELE: Please.

>> I don't know if I'm speaking for other departments also but I would like to request that JCOD preview the data with the reps on the committee prior to making the data public. I understand that the data on the finances has been vetted with our finance teams but the % of the three-year term completed has not been vetted and this is the first time that I'm seeing the data and that my team is saying the data is on these slides. I feel like before we put data out that's public, we should be sure it's correct. I don't have conversation for at least two of the DHS projects that the data is correct. There might be a rational explanation and we could be wrong. I don't know what's going on and we're going to have to dive into it. I would like to get to the point where there's enough behind the scene collaboration and implementation so by the time we put something in a public document, everyone thinks it's absolutely right.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Absolutely. Thank you. The service start date is in a Board letter from CEO and we can provide the under lying data.

>> The problem is that the service start date isn't relevant for some of the projects depending on how the funding award was made and depending on the timeline of the JCOD process. We may have had existing programs with other funding streams with a similar start date with a similar program and it doesn't mean we can spend this money or that we knew we had this money to spend. The relative

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service start date is not necessarily what might have been communicated for the same start date for the same program because they are different funding streams.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Thank you. Happy to get with your teams in the future to share.

>> DEREK STEELE: Hold on. I respect the request. This is where it gets interesting because the request for this data in the way that it's presented is actually created by this body. And so I understand you want to make sure your departments and even the organizations in the TPA are being represented correctly. I definitely understand that part. But what I don't want to create a situation of is having the departments get a chance to see things before the public gets -- before we even get a chance to see it as well, right signed the paper we have to figure out how to reconcile that piece as we go through this process.

The think the subcommittee space, we probably should have had this conversation and seen this presentation there because I think some of the departments are represented in that space as well. And I think some of the types of questions you're asking can be very thoughtfully vetted before it gets to this body in a public setting. But I just want to be mindful from an equity standpoint of how information is being shared and who sees it and when. You know, making sure that we're all operating on the same level. As far as this is concerned. Please. Member Garcia.

>> NORMA GARCIA: Maybe not sharing the entire document with all the departments in advance because I understand that but if it pertains to, like, for example, if this is the CBO side of the report, shouldn't the CBO look at and validate their data before it is put in this body and put into public record and that puts them on the defensive and having to respond. Validating the portion with the entity whether it be the department or the community organization.

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>> DEREK STEELE: I definitely agree with that. I think that's a great meeting in between of the thank you very much, Garcia.

>> Chair Steele, I agree. What I'm hearing is that the accuracy is there so we can continue to push forward as an organization. A question: Is it possible for us to get as a committee? I thought I heard from Member Ghaly, could the Committee receive the presentation ahead of time and give feedback? Is it possible to do that?

>> CHRISTINA GHALY: What I was saying is what Norma was just describing and it applies just as much to the community-based organizations to make sure there wasn't a miscommunication or understanding of what's presenting and the transparency is important and all the information should be public but there's no point in putting out a document with a number that's just wrong. Since the data comes from the CBO or contractor or department or whoever it is, anyway, it's just being sure that it's being interpreted in the correct way so there's not misunderstandings and the process needs to take place before the document is made public. In addition I think it is important to have the documents ahead of time so they can be reviewed and looked over with Staff to make sure we understand. That's always helpful as well. My point was a different one.

>> I agree. The accuracy for every individual organization is important but I do know that because of the Browne Act there are certain things we can see and not see and I wanted that clarification for our transparency for our community.

>> DEREK STEELE: That's where I was saying the subcommittee space may be helpful in that regard because it gives us to have a space to look at it. But the idea of working directly with the data for that department, you know, that's a different conversation. That's specific to that part of the presentation. Not necessarily the whole presentation. My point of view was about sharing the entire document and

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having people have access to it before the body has a chance to have access to it which is a different conversation all together.

And I also want to mention this ask and this level of detail that we have not had this. You know, I feel like this is something we probably could have -- could have had prior to but to be able to try to align or come, have some level of alignment amongst all programs that started at all different time that's got funded different ways and you know, to try to be able to align it all. You know, this is, I think a really, really solid attempt and I think there are some ways we can clean it up to make sure it is as accurate as everybody is saying but I'm really grateful for this direction that we're headed in. Please continue.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Okay. So this is the three-year term ending April/June, 2026.

>> DEREK STEELE: I will also say ignore the key for now. For everybody. The public, everybody. Ignore the colors now. This is for the numbers. Clearly we're going to have to go back and reiterate this and this will be a different scale. To that end. I don't want folks walking away saying, "yo," they ain't spending the money they are supposed to be. That's not it. We're not there yet. Go for it.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Next slide, please. This is a three-year term ending July/September 2026. Next.

Next slide, please.

And here is a three-year term ending October/December 2026.

And so now we're transitioning to JCIT Programs which I have noted in the past are on a slightly different timeline from the rest of the CFCI programs and those programs currently have an end date of June, 2025. Next slide, please. Next slide. And this is continue JCIT Programs more recently started with the same end date of June 2025. Next slide, please.

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>> DEREK STEELE: Looking at it this way with the JCIT Programs, particularly the ones where the dollars have not moved at all or are not encumbered or do not have commitments, does that mean those are probably the dollars that we are going to have to reinvest in certain ways?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Speaking generally for JCIT, those programs in particular require massive amount of coordination and planning with the courts and with law enforcement partners and so it takes -- and it has a housing component which takes a long time. So the JCIT team is working with the respective departments to make sure everyone is ramping up and serving clients but they are a particular type of program that requires a huge amount of collaboration and planning and making sure things are in place to make sure people have a safe place to come home to. I would say they are a distinct process. Next slide, please. So that concludes.

And like I mentioned, if there are any questions, please feel free to reach out. And for my colleagues from County departments, I'm happy to meet and make sure our teams and everything is accurate for the presentation going forward.

>> DEREK STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> I just want to say thank you for this. For an accessibility lens and I understand this. So thank you. That matters, right? Already I'm having thoughts in my mind of if these contracts are 3-Year Terms and funds are being used up within two years that, you know, we know these are contracts that will cannot, that there's going to be a gap. Programming stops?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: So for a three-year term, a program wouldn't end in two years in the front end of the three years because they wouldn't get that third installment of the annual funding until the third year. I think in the case we were talking about the program hasn't started in the first year and the

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second year really ramped up and so they made up for lost time, essentially. Not to say the time is lost. They ran quickly and they spent in two years but it's not the front end and it's not a lump sum but by year. To your point, there's a huge amount of tracking and coordination for the purposes of evaluation that we'll be sure to communicate with you all.

>> That's helpful and there are other variables that it's hard to tell in this chart but maybe there could be a little narrative next to certain ones or to be able to grade it in a way that yes, they are on schedule to do the spend down. Or not to do the spend down. Yeah, they are paced correctly.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct.

>> DEREK STEELE: And I think to Member Ghaly's point, that's the reason why making sure the three-year term completed is important to be accurate on. I think the match between that and also the percentage of dollars gone out the door, right, those two things together can help us to understand who is on pace and who is not, right? So we just have to make sure we evaluate that effectively. This is great work. Thank you so much to the team who put in this. Please?

>> CHRISTINA GHALY: Can I just ask one other quick clarifying question?

I don't really remember all the exact dollar amounts that we did in the first year for example when it was Measure J before CFCI but I thought some of the numbers -- like that column that says funding over three years.

Is that the amount that was awarded as an annual every year for three years or this truly is the number multiplied already by three and it was a third of that money awarded in year one of Measure J?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: The latter. This is year one and not including year two and year three and it is the total funding over the three years.

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>> CHRISTINA GHALY: For example if it was year one it was back when it was the Measure J committee and was the amount voted on by Measure J to be awarded. Is that correct?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: The total amount over the three years if I'm following your question.

>> CHRISTINA GHALY: But you have excluded ARPA.

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct and we're happy to come back on that one.

>> DEREK STEELE: Still working with CEO on that?

>> DAWYN HARRISON: Correct. That reporting is through them.

>> DEREK STEELE: This represents from a fiscal side and even like a program analysis from the fiscal side how we're trying to evaluate the health of the programs and the dollars being spent.

But then the other side of it is also from more of a narrative point of view takes us into the next piece but we're not going to be able to get into it in five-minutes. But from a narrative point of view how we're also evaluating the programs that are being supported at the same time.

And, again, this idea of trying to make sure that you bring something together in a way that fits for the, for all the programs that are being funded, it was a -- we had to figure out, like, how we really wanted to ask those questions and what we really wanted to do. So this is the second time that we're tabling this conversation and that is, that's on me. I got to do better with the time management, I'll do better on this. But I should say that the subcommittee has established its set of North Star Goals.

And also established a set of program impact evaluation questions that we can provide to the different funding partners.

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I want to lift up Paving the Way Foundation because as we were talking through -- I don't know if somebody showed this to them or something but I don't know but they were answering these questions along the way in their presentation. And that's kind of the vibe we want to be able to see. How can we look at things from a money side but then also from a program explanation of where you are and what's going on and what the challenges are and the successes and give us the full picture of the programs and all the dollars that have gone out the door.

We'll need to table this to the next meeting which gives the subcommittee one more chance to vet it further and we'll make this a priority in the next meeting to have this one first so we can go and talk about it in depth. Okay. Any questions on that? Is that all right? Thank you.

Let's go to Public Comment. General Public Comment.

>> As a reminder, the Public Comment period is one minute per person. Telephone users dial star nine to use the raise hand feature. Dial star six to unmute yourself. Computer users, scroll to reactions on the bottom tab to find the raise hand feature. Smartphone users, scroll to more on the bottom tab and select raise hand feature from the bottom menu. We will call on you in the order that your hand was raised. Please remember to state your full name. We will now call, we will now begin Public Comment for the general Public Comment.

>> DEREK STEELE: Anyone in person?

>> No one on -- yep. There is a hand raised. Hector Ramirez, please unmute yourself.

>> HECTOR RAMIREZ: Thank you. I really appreciate this presentation. Follow up from multiple years but I think one of the things that I really would like to request, particularly for the program reporting as it pertains to -- the allocations awarded to Los Angeles County Department of mental health as a

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stakeholder requests budget Terry program information from them it's nearly impossible and the information the department provides is consistently inaccurate. In this particular forum I would like to request as a community Member updated information regarding the expenditures that have been awarded back to the -- process to the Department of Justice for transparency purposes since those types of transparency are not possible for the County Department of mental health. Thank you.

>> Are there any other --

>> No more hands raised.

>> This concludes the Public Comment period. Back to you, Chairman Steele.

>> DEREK STEELE: All right everyone. Thank you very much for your time and attention to the great day of presentations. I'm really taking a step back of where we started to where we are. And even thinking about the event last year for the year two awardees and how that is even growing. Having this process really down pat is going to be so critical for the future.

We talk about it in a subcommittee that we're not going to get a full picture of what the impact really is in this first three years. It's going to take some time. There's a larger story, a story arc that we're good-bye to go following along the way but we just have to make sure the pieces are there to follow along in the story in an effective way and to be able to tell it in an impactful way. I'm grateful for all of the energy you have all put into this. This is something different that I don't think that anyone else or anywhere else in the nation is trying to take it on the way we are in partnership together with leaders from our governmental entity as well as leaders in the community.

This, we're showing what solidarity can look like if we do it effectively. So thank you very much. You all have a great rest of your day. And meeting adjourned.

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[Meeting adjourns at 6:00 p.m.]