

## **CFCI ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

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CHAIR STEELE: Hi, everyone. Can you hear me? Can you hear me in the room?

>> Yes. I will power on the mics now.

CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much. I am a competing obligation keeping me from being there. My cohorts are there or in route. Member Lewis is on her way. Member Crunk was parking. Are you here? Cool.

MEMBER EAKINS: I am coming up Grand.

CHAIR STEELE: Be there in five. Very soon. I apologize. I like to be in the room. Can I get a sense of how we are on quorum in the room?

>> This is Michelle. We have ten members in the room. I am not sure how many online.

CHAIR STEELE: We have more on the way. I had a quick conversation with Adam who talked to county council. The process of the allowability of moving forward with the virtual. Do we have to vote or talk through it?

>> The advice is we vote. We don't have to go through the up down. We are supposed to do it before the meeting can called. I don't want to take anything. We will wait for one more body.

CHAIR STEELE: I was talking to member (inaudible) from the RD office. She got a cancellation e-mail. I know sometimes we are cleaning up the invites. That was a little confusing for her. I think she is virtually on.

>> I am. Virtual.

>> Appreciate that.

CHAIR STEELE: Of course. Let me know when we get the one.

>> We got it.

CHAIR STEELE: Cool. For members in the room, we have members virtual. Up and down vote, I want to see if it is all right for the participation of the members online as well. All in favor. All opposed. How we look? We good?

>> We are good.

CHAIR STEELE: Great. We will call the meeting to order. Can we read disclosures?

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CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much. Can we pull up the land acknowledgment. Acknowledgments. Is that something we pull up? Thank you. The land acknowledgment. The land beneath our feet is the land of the people that lived in LA for thousands of years. I would like to acknowledge is the Gabrieleno Tongva, the Fernandeno Tatavium Tribe and the Ventureno Chumash. They respected the land. Connected and respected the creatures that roamed the earth freely. Their hearts told them never to take more than they could use and always give back to mother earth. They are still here today giving back to the community. Thank you to our ancestors. Next one. Please.

[Reading]. The foundation of the nation and the equitable wealth. We acknowledge the debt to the enslaved people whose labor and suffering grew the economy and infrastructure. Many cases still do this day.

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While the 13th amendment ended slavery, we know that slavery is still felt by countless people forced through threats to work for the United States. We recognize our debts to those that had their labor stolen through unjust practices.

I will take this one. Thank you. Can we read the community agreements? [Reading]. The Chinese immigrants would build the railroads. Japanese Americans who had their land taken from them. [Reading]. We recognize the immigrant and American born workers whose labor remains hidden in the shadows but contributes to the community.

Our economy continues to rely on the exploited labor of incarcerated people. There are many other people who are prevented from reaping the true value of their labor.

We mourn their life, liberty, and opportunity. The theft of labor is theft of generational progress. Nearly all people of color have been robbed of the opportunity. We acknowledge the labor. Thank you very much community agreements. Can we read through together?

>> Be respect full of the diverse voices. Remain open minded.

>> Be mindful of power dynamics in this space and of the historical disenfranchisement of black and Indigenous communities. Prioritize and defer to community throughout the process.

>> Be mindful of the diverse audience. Speak with clarity.

>> Challenge the idea not the person.

>> Remember why we are here. To center communities that have been most impacted by the carceral system.

>> Deter to community.

>> Follow through.

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

>> Be an active participant.

>> Let equity lead the way.

>> Make spaces for youth voices.

>> Allow community members to finish their sentence through during public comment.

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>> Review community agreements. Amend as needed. Begin with a land acknowledgment respected the people of the land we now call LA County. Thank you very much. Can we take roll?

>> We will now conduct the roll call. We will ask all advisory committee members to be ready so you can be ready to announce your attendance promptly. If you are unable to unmute, raise your hand on the Zoom platform so we can assign you cohost privileges.

You can press star six to unmute. Raise your hand with star nine. If remote, state present remotely under just cause or under emergency circumstances. We will now begin the roll call by last name. When it is called, say present or present remotely. Member Armstead.

MEMBER ARMSTEAD: Alternate present.

>> Member Carbajal.

MEMBER CARBAJAL: Alternate present.

>> Member Castillo.

MEMBER CASTILLO: Present.

>> Member Contreras.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: Alternate.

>> Member Crunk.

MEMBER CRUNK: Present.

MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: Present.

MEMBER EAKINS: Present. Walking in.

MEMBER TSAI: Present.

MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: Present.

>> Hong Present.

MEMBER LEWIS: Present.

MEMBER LOBIANCO: Present.

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MEMBER SCORZA: Alternate present remotely.

CHAIR STEELE: Present remotely.

MEMBER WILLIAMS: Alternate present.

MEMBER WONG: Alternate present.

CHAIR STEELE: That is fantastic. If we can review them.

>> I was present in January. I am not listed as present. Can we have that corrected?

CHAIR STEELE: Indeed.

>> Any other changes or updates?

>> There is a special note section. When people are present but come after roll call started or leave before the meeting ends, their name is added to special notes section.

CHAIR STEELE: What is the premise of the special notes section? The development of it.

>> For the purposes of making notes such when a member is late or absent. An official place in the minutes for that.

CHAIR STEELE: If they arrive, they are present.

>> We can change it if you would like to. This is how it has been done. We can definitely change it. That is how the members arriving after are put in the special notes section. We can add them to present.

CHAIR STEELE: I didn't know that. Regardless if they were late or not.

>> If we want to make a change, we need to notify the team. I heard it was don't differently before. Is there a preference for forward?

MEMBER LEWIS: I know that is not accurate. How long you have been doing it? I used to have to look at it. It was absent or not. It is up to the chair. I think that shifts in the notes. I did read the note. I think that if he decides to go back to what it was, present, or absent or present remotely were the three categories.

CHAIR STEELE: We should keep it straightforward. I can appreciate the special notes section. It may be helpful. If they were present, to note them as present.

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MEMBER LEWIS: Or if you establish a threshold. If it was after 15, you are not counting. After 30, we decide. That should be something the group decides. You were late with no threshold. It is problematic.

CHAIR STEELE: If they showed up, they were there. We are keeping track of all the votes. If they didn't vote because they were not there, their vote won't be tallied any way. I don't know if we need to keep track. Especially if we are not keeping attendance. Any additional thoughts?

>> Oftentimes, in the instance of last meeting, there were additional notes for members that leave early. That could be a reason why it is noted who is late. An early member couldn't vote for the second action item.

CHAIR STEELE: Okay. You can have the notes section. We still want to acknowledge they were present. We don't want to take them off the list. Are you okay with just keeping notes of people coming into the meeting? I feel you on a threshold piece. 30 minutes is late in my mind. 15, you can get 15 from the parking lot to the building. Each vote states who said yes, no, I want to flag it.

It is reflected in every vote absent for each respective vote.

>> If there is an error, being able to reference the notes. It is not an error. Is individual left early. Is the value added? A member should be reflected present above. Additional notes are to support if we forget. Why didn't I vote?

>> Cool.

>> So the team is clear, we will mark present if people are late.

CHAIR STEELE: Or leave early. Notes will reflect a situation where someone missing a vote. We would reflect in the notes section. Or they came in late. We will note that as well.

>> Late is by minutes?

>> Currently after roll call. Sometimes it is in the order of the agenda. It is after. If we want to change it to a certain time, we can do that as well.

MEMBER LEWIS: I feel like we talked about this a long time ago. We didn't define that. I think we can have a full conversation.

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CHAIR STEELE: We would have to go deeper. Let us try to agendize that. How are we noting it now? I would like to have a fuller conversation about this issue. We have these presentations today.

For today, yes. If it is after roll call, that is fine. We have to vote on the minutes. Is there a motion? The changes that came up. Making sure Member Lewis was marked in her, after she was present. Any other changes made?

MEMBER LEWIS: I move to approve the minutes with the correction.

>> I second.

CHAIR STEELE: Moved. Was that Member Castillo.

MEMBER CASTILLO: Yes.

CHAIR STEELE: Thank you. Anything else on this? Move to public comment?

>> This commences the public comment period of the agenda. The public comment period will be one minute per person. If you have public comment, please use the raise hand feature now. We will call on you in the order your hand was raised. When called upon, state your name for the minutes before starting your public comment. Your hand will be lowered once you have completed your public comment.

Please dial star nine to raise your hand. We will say your name or the last four digits. When accessing Zoom, scroll to reactions. We will start public comment for the January 30th, special meeting. Do we have a public comment in the room? We would like to go online.

>> We have no public comments online. This concludes the public comment period. In advance of your next meeting, if you would like to submit a written comment, send an e-mail to [jcod@lacounty.gov](mailto:jcod@lacounty.gov) by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. Back to you.

CHAIR STEELE: Can we move the vote.

>> We will conduct the vote for the minutes with the corrections. We will use a similar process all members be ready with a microphone. When I call, indicate your vote of yes, no, or abstain.

>> Abstain.

MEMBER CASTILLO: Aye.

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>> Abstain.

MEMBER CRUNK: Abstain.

MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: Abstain.

MEMBER EAKINS: Aye.

MEMBER TSAI: Aye.

MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: Abstain.

MEMBER HONG: Aye.

MEMBER LEWIS: Aye.

MEMBER LOBIANCO: Abstain.

>> Aye.

CHAIR STEELE: Aye.

MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

>> Abstain.

>> Aye.

>> Motion passes.

CHAIR STEELE: Thank you. I appreciate the beginnings on the meeting. We have a presentation from the department of health services. This includes housing for health, the permanent housing expansion program. Excited to have that. There is the discussion about the criteria for those coming before us to conduct the presentations. We talked about this. There was some feedback provided.

I wanted to bring this back. Can we pull that up? Is this yours?

>> I can walk through it.

CHAIR STEELE: No problem. If you don't mind walking through, I will add some color to it.

>> I will squint. Again, this is something that once approved, we will get out to our county partners. I think we want to talk about meeting cadence also.



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CHAIR STEELE: That was the color I was going to add to it. You are look at it. You can see the top line. It is important to get through the presentations to evaluate with an understanding of what programs are working and what are not. The effectiveness. We can map it toward a full picture of the impact and effectiveness of the care first agenda we crafted over the last few years.

To do that, it will take us having to do the heavy lift of receiving a lot of information. Especially if we are trying to stay in front of the funding cycle.

As several departments are coming before the board, the budget is tight. Where the resources will come from to continue some programs without funding. In ways that I adopt know about you all, I am not comfortable with. We have an agenda we have a responsibility toward.

To help control the narrative but the direction of resources. It is important for the board to know what has been happening. How success that is all that work has been. Even the amount of people impacted. That comes with us learning how to do the work directly.

The criteria is one part. The cadence of needing to have meetings twice a month to power through these things like midsummer before we could see the content. I wanted to talk it there with you all. That captures it.

>> That is great. I will stress. There are a lot of meetings and discussions. A lot are gone. We will go on Friday with the public safety cluster. That is sheriff, DA, public defender. All day Friday. CFCI has come up in small part. It is its own budget unit. We believe CFCI will be one to have things discussed. We are trying our best to get the departments through here so you all can be as informed as possible.

You want recommendations for the future. I heard it in every meeting. Questions about the spending. Where are the dollars? I think Member Stevens, you ask about that. This is a way to get that front and center. We will go through this. If we vote to approve, this will be sent out to departments. We will draft a letter to send on behalf of the leadership to compel people.

Pick a slot. Come on down to share about the program. We are talking through some mechanics on how. It is too costly to run meetings twice a month. Not only for our AV friends we would hold something virtually. We would have a virtual meeting. There is no

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voting. Our team would help record. You wouldn't need all the bodies. That is the thinking. We can record those. We can have discussion.

CHAIR STEELE: That is one direction. We want to empower a group to take the lead. Regards to the work we have done together. We will have that discussion with you all now I will open up the floor for feedback from people.

MEMBER LEWIS: You are speak very carefully. I am not in those meetings. You can confirm or deny. There is a threat of recapturing of significant under spin the things you say don't track with the decisions we talked about. To renew. What are you saying? What are you saying? There will be less revenue. I understand those things to renew. I wasn't clear about what you were trying to communicate. Worse case. I would appreciate that.

>> We don't know yet. There has been lots of closed door discussion about total budget. What is with the county budget. It is something we should with aware of and planning for. It is a possible threat.

CHAIR STEELE: I want to say community standard up. Making sure the CFCI budget policy and measure J is legal. I am not talking to the county people. Stand up. We have to make sure the loopholes and finagling is within the line of what the community voted for. What the board committed to.

>> When you say every rock, are you suggesting they are looking to redirect the dollars that are allocated? The public would like to be clear. We are advocating for additional funding.

It sounds like we are looking for money so it would be moved. What does that mean? Every rock? Where would those dollars go? Are we one of the rocks?

CHAIR STEELE: I got it. What is happening right now, there were those departments who presented at the meeting last Tuesday. As they talk about the effectiveness, the dollars have gone away. Trying to figure out where the funding will come. It has been said, can we look at CFCI? No. Going in public comment to let it be known. CFCI is not a slush fund. Not a pot to be taken from and reallocated at the whim.

Dollars have been voted for by the people. They have stood and done the work. The way things stay, nothing has changed. The ideas that the dollars are continuing. There are voices trying to make their own cases. If there are dollars that may come in the future their. It circumvents the process. It engages people. What program approaches we should use. It

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is time to say no. CFCI has resources dedicated. We are not talking about moving them away.

The reason we need everyone is to get the evaluation up to tell them how well our programming that we have done with community organizations and departments has been.

Everyone who has spoken has not done a good job in expressing the impact of our work. We need to express to the board the nature of our success.

MEMBER LEWIS: Community. Let us pay close attention. There is no certainty. It is natural. People sniff around. We have measure J. It caught up with two things to stand on.

I kind of understand why you want to increase the number of meetings. It is unfortunate that it has taken this long to get to the evaluation. I don't understand how that will do anything to the board deputies. Explain that to me. How will that impact the people trying to find money. I don't understand that. I am not connecting those dots. Putting it all in one place. Why would we be called a second time. I don't get the connection.

>> It is both things. We are engaging in a third party evaluator. The timeline is a nonstarter. We need to work quickly in the next few months. A long time coming. The second part is to respond to something you have been asking for. Have them discuss what has been spent, not, and why. Discuss impact of these departments. That is the second part of it. The urgency I think was expressed has to do with hurdling toward near the end of the year one disbursement. Grants went out. Approval in spending. Making some determination.

We want to continue to fund or don't fund in these areas. It is trying to be responsive to that. Having them present. So many programs, our team has broken it down, well into next year, if we had one presentation from one department every month. That would eat all our business for the year. That is where we got to additional meetings.

[CAPTIONER CHANGE 5:00 PM]

>> VERONICA LEWIS: My last comment right now is I get that. I'm not comfortable. It's back to the same reason we decided to renew. We don't have any kind of rubric. I don't

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want to enter into this subject based on individual presentations from other departments and other folks to say because we don't have a rubric.

>> I think that's what this is trying to do.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: We need something to review this or analyze it before it's coming to us with the presentation. A rubric means how we're going to review it and make the decision and that needs to happen in addition to collecting the information. If we don't have something guiding how we're reviewing the presentation, it's subjective. Maybe that's in the works for the last two months and I wouldn't feel comfortable having conversations without a rubric and maybe I'll leave it to the data committee. Collecting it is great. We need some kind of parameters around how we're making --

>> CHAIR STEELE: Around decision making. Yeah. Yeah.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Otherwise we would have automatically renewed.

>> Just so I'm clear, so this criteria that we're going to talk through today, you would want something scoring the departments as they come through? Something like that?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I'm saying scoring on purpose and it's -- scoring on a rubric and using the information to make decisions in fact there are deductions. There needs to be a framework and in fairness to the people presenting before they present. For a variety of reasons but yes. Some type of framework to help us determine how we're going to information received. Should we have to get to a point of make those difficult decisions or make the recommendations, rather, to the CEO office or the board.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I think what we had decided upon was that one, we want to make sure that we can see all the information in a clear way. I think that was the first hurdle that we were trying to cross. So that's where the criteria and the breakdown of what information we were collecting and what information we were looking at that we wanted to see on. We got that knocked out, right? At the same time, in those discussions, the thing that we decided, unless it was something egregious like, if the programs are working and the funding is being spent down, then we were going to continue to move forward because three years was not enough time to even evaluate effectively or fully on any of the programs that for many of them had just gotten ramped up, you know, and really getting into their groove. Right? So that's where the continuing of just allowing these programs to continue on kind of came from, right?

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So if you, I don't know if you all remember. It was like yeah, if the spending was like less than, um, or if the spending was less than like 50% and there wasn't, you know, if there wasn't a lot of impact that was made or like people who were served, then those would be the types of conversations that we need to have about either eliminating or lowering the funding for that or moving those dollars somewhere else. We haven't even gotten that far. We're still trying to make sure we're looking at the information in a congruent way to be able to make those types of decisions. Do you know what I'm saying? What I don't want happening is us getting caught into this loop of decision making about the tools and which is keeping us from being able to make some decisions about the programs. Do you know what I mean?

But I hear you, though. Like, you want to make sure that we're being fair and rightfully so. You know? But it's got to be both. It can't be an either/or. We have to move.

>> REBA STEVENS: Mmm Mm-hmm. Where is the money. I have a question and perhaps a few. And maybe I'm missing something. Where is the money? Where is the money? How is the money being spent? Now, there's a beautiful presentation that is before us and it kind of breaks that down. But if I'm not mistaken, we're in year four. So throughout those four years I feel that as a Member of this table, it's my responsibility to understand and to know what is going on. How are those dollars being spent? What needs are they meeting? Are they delivering? Has the money been spent? You know, there are some information in which I feel that we are old and we can sit here and talk about all day long about the criteria which is great. I think that is important. But it seemed like that didn't even come about until we started to really push to hear from our County departments, when it goes beyond that.

People are in our community and they are hurting and these dollars were decided to do something and I can't say that I know what's being done. And to me, that's disheartening.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got it. That's the nature of what you're looking at right now on the screen. So the question at the table is, are we good with this criteria for the presentations that are coming before us, to have these things so that we can identify exactly what you asked for, Reba. That's the question. Are we good with this?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I'm trying on to make space for other people to speak but I have comments on this. I still I don't want to, I don't mind, I don't want to come twice a month. I heard you all very clearly. I heard the second part. Part of it is because we asked for the

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presentations and part of it is because we may face some difficult decisions to recommend and again, the presentations alone are not going to accomplish that. I'm glad to hear we're maybe in a 60 to 90 day cycle where we'll have some consolidated information, partly what Reba is talking about that can be done by geography and program component and I think ultimately, obviously, that's going to be probably what we lean on. But just really, thank you for taking all of our input from last meeting. I know it was a lot, into consideration.

Just a couple of thoughts to collapse this a little bit. I think number six with the gee on the ground really fee information can be added to the program overview. I don't think that's a separate section. I think you can combine three and 46789 those are my only comments but thank you all for taking all the notes from last time and trying to incorporate them.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Very grateful for that. Thank you very much for the feedback. Anyone else? Okay. Hearing none, all right. So go ahead.

>> REBA STEVENS: We're talking about the funding. So I hear that we're saying in number two, a plan for any unspent or reallocated strategies. Can you help me understand what that is actually saying to our funder?

>> CHAIR STEELE: The first piece is understanding what the funding details are, like, what they have already done. And then understanding what their spend out status is. And if there are dollars that are not spent down, what is their game plan for the dollars that need to still be spent down. Like, is there a plan for it. Does that make sense?

>> REBA STEVENS: Yeah that makes sense but should that not depend on amount of dollars that are unspent. What if they haven't spent much of all the dollars and what? We just allow it to continue to roll?

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's what I said. Knowing that information -- say they have a majority of dollars that haven't been spent down and they also don't have a plan, to me, that's a red flag. To say okay, this may be a program that we might not need to have money over there moving forward because the money allocated prior to has not been spent and there's no plan to spent what you do have and we can use the dollars somewhere else. Do you know what I'm saying? Having the information and knowing that gives us the abilities to make a decision about what to do from there.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Is the plan once it is finalized with the TPA send it to all their recipients and then to all of the departments? Is that what's going to happen?

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>> CHAIR STEELE: This is specific more so to the County departments. But yes, all the programs will be able to get the criteria to responses to when they are coming in when receiving this similar information from everyone. Yes.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: We need the same information. Even if it's aggregated or the TPA is doing it per component, we need the same information from them.

>> CHAIR STEELE: True. True story. I agree. The thing is we had already created a criteria for the TPA but the request that was made is that we need to have a criteria for the County departments. So for the last two meetings that's what we've been working on. We gave a response to the last meeting and you all gave feedback and this is bringing it back before you to make sure we're good.

>> Can I throw something out at us? This is for both TPA and County departments. The TPA will be presenting on behalf of the grantees. If you look at number one program overview, the second bullet. Specify the program area, 46 within the TPA. We have to figure out how within Year one there are seven program areas. So if we're just doing Year one, we won't have to worry about all 46 programming is presenting but the goal is to present on the program area side and not necessarily on each grantee side. But we can decide. You know, this group can decide if they want that because that's a lot. In Year one it's 118.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: For clarity, I thought when you said Year one you were talking about the first cycle. Do you mean literally Year one? TPA is a little bit longer but the first cycle? What do you mean the first cycle of funding?

>> Cohort one.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Cohort one; okay.

>> It was going to be aggregate, right? Yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Correct. Correct.

>> So all the program area one, all of those grantees would be in one presentation and maybe having a few of the grantees come with the TPA to present as well.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah. You know, I don't know if this helps -- thank you very much for that. Because I was just -- the TPA is in essence, as far as CFCI is concerned, is its only department with several program areas and 426 organizations that its funding. Do you

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know what I'm is saying? The FA conversation is different in nature. Just in, you know, how TFA conversation. The questions we're asking is still the same and the information we're trying to receive still the same so yeah.

Thank you very much for making that a deeper point on like what the difference is between the two.

I'm trying to make sure we're not taking away too much time from the presentation space. I just want to bring it back with, are we good with the criteria itself so that we can move forward and they can reach out and start to make sure that all the different departments and the TPA are preparing in the same way? Any other objections, at least? All right.

>> One quick question. To move things forward, if we were to accept this criteria, are there opportunity to see tweak it, say, as we move along, as we find it meets our needs or doesn't meet our needs so that we get something, you know, continue to work towards something we actually love versus living with.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah, yeah, yeah absolutely. Absolutely. Okay. Okay. Fantastic. Um, we are going to take today's presentation and I think at the next meeting we'll come back around to how we want to create the -- you know, we'll create a cadence for you all to respond to at the next meeting to let us know how you all feel about it and/or if we want to come up with a different strategy on how to, like, get through the information that we're going to garner. But yeah. So we'll table that to the next meeting so that we can have a deeper dive.

I want to move onto the Health Services Los Angeles County, Department of Health services and their presentation for Housing for Health. Thank you very much for your patience, everybody. And thank you for all of your questions.

I think we're getting -- we get further and further along in every discussion and I'm really, really grateful for you all's continued focus and because I think that's what is going to make this different than everything else that's out there, right? Please, let's move onto the presentation.

>> Okay. Are you ready for us?

>> You can sit here or stand?



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>> There are four of us and I think we will stand if not too awkward because we'll be passing the mic back and forth. I'm Molly Riseman, Director of policy and planning. I am glad we found you all.

We have been all over this County looking for you and we found you and really excited to be here. Housing for Health partners with about a hundred nonprofit organizations to serve the most vulnerable folks experiencing homelessness and with this project, the intersection of people experiencing homelessness who also have a history in the criminal justice system.

I'm going to be joined by Brittni Hill and Brian McCollum and [name] to talk about our programs.

Housing for Health is a division of Department of Health services. Our mission is to improve the health, dignity, and well-being of our most vulnerable neighbors who are experiencing homelessness and housing instability and we do this by integrating housing programs with social services, benefits, food, and behavioral and physical healthcare. We can go to the next slide.

So in 2023 we served over 47,000 people of our most vulnerable neighbors. That's through our direct services and in partnership, like I said, with many of our community partners.

The foundation of our work has always been our permanent housing programs and that is how we're using both of our CFCI awards and you'll be hearing about our work in Enriched Residential Care and also in our flexible housing subsidy pool. We're investing CFCI and housing fund intensive case management services for most of supported housing in the County.

We also serve people who are actively experiencing homelessness, whether that's folks who are unsheltered, served by our street based engagement teams and multidisciplinary teams and people in Interim Housing, working towards housing. Working with people who are housing insecure. And then all of our work is grounded in our clinical work. Because we're Department of Health services we have a robust clinical side to our work making sure that folks get physical and Behavioral Health care so that they can stabilize in whatever environment they are in. And our benefits advocacy work improving folks eligible for additional income.

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We work countywide and we work in every part of the County and every service area and we are based in skid row and one of the things we'll be talking about is our unique commitment to skid row. Epigastrum center of hopelessness and predominantly Black and brown community. Our niche, what we focus on are the people who have the most epicenter --

Issues impacting homelessness and we serve a subsection of people experiencing homelessness who are our most as a rule interior able neighbors.

Go to the next slide and I'll pass it to Brian McCullom who will speak about budget numbers.

>> Good afternoon, everyone. We have two CFCI projects. The first is Housing for Health Permanent Supportive Housing. Allocation of 7 million. On an ongoing based, 114ERC clots. We mean serving 114 people at any given time. We're also serving 260 participates at the Office of diversion and reentry. They are going to share more about that when they present to you all at a later date but we are using funding for our project toward those participants in an effort to draw down under spend as the project ramps up.

The second is Housing for Health Permanent Supportive Housing expansion. Larger project of 12.8 million. For this we serve 290 parents either in permanent housing or residential care. Currently the majority in perm housing and this is targeted to the justice population at skid row.

Our under spend. The first project we have a carry over into this Fiscal Year of is 1 million. This is the funding targeting at the parts of the program other than the ongoing 414 slots. We are using this toward the 260 parents at the Office of diversion and reentry. These are subsidies in permanent housing which we're dedicating our under spend toward after which point they can be taken on outside of this funding.

So we did this intentionally knowing the project would ramp up and help these folks. \$12 million spent against the allocation of seven and we do expect to utilize fully this under spent by 25, 26 serving these parents.

As for the second project we have a larger amount of under spent. 12.8 million dollar project with two years of under spend. During the first year of the project that we were awarded -- there's a way to get the slide back up that that would help me, thank you.

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Let me pull this up. During the first year of the project that we were awarded, the project design was still being developed as for CFCI and we were told to hold off for approximately a year before that again. Stele thank you, Noah. There you go.

>> So we have programmed this under spent to serve 180 additional participant inside permanent housing and we're actively identifying the personalities for permanent housing and because it's an under spend for two years and we'll ramp down but this is to serve 180 people in permanent housing. I imagine there may be questions but I'll turn it over to Brittany.

>> Enriched residential care some of the slots CFCI are funding is in our Enriched Residential Care program. This is the highest level of care. We are adding on services to support folks that need around the clock care and we do that by staffing clinical staff and paying an enhanced fee as a subsidy to the facility administrators to really support the folks that we are placing and living in the board and care facilities.

We currently have a total of 122 individuals funded by CFCI and our ERC Program. 110 of them enrolled are supported by CFCI funding and we are anticipating an additional 40 slots coming on this spring at our site based facility that we are opening in skid row. Next slide.

Our ERC Program outcomes, we have 220 placements of higher acuity parents with higher serious health conditions that have been unable to live independently. The reason why you see 220 and we have 114 slots is that we're sometimes working with folks to place them in other locations and transportation fertilizer them out of our ERC facilities. We have done a total of 220 places in those 114 slots. Next slide.

Some of the geography breakdown. We are a countywide program so we currently have 19 folks placed in SD1. Forty in S D-12. 87 in SD3. 24 in S D-4 and 27 in SD5. You can see the small breakdown of everyone placed by SPA. In SPA1, four individuals. SPA2, 86. 3, 12, 4, 34, 5, one person, 6, 14, 7, 14, and SPA 8, we have 32. Some of the reason you see some of the SPAs are more impacted is because the availability of facilities and housing and the cost of housing in those slots.

Next slide. Our ERC parents funded by CFCI, the age range: We have 3 percent are age 26 to 35. 8% are 36 to 45. We have 17 percent of our parents that are 46 to 55 years old. 28 percent are 56 to 65 and 44 percent are 65 plus. We are currently serving 68 percent males and 30 percent female and two percent of our parents identify as transgender. Ethnicity

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breakdown didn't make it to the slide. But 24 percent of our parents are African-American or Black. 12 percent Latino or Hispanic. Two 2% white. 1 percent Asian, native Alaskan or indigenous. 10% of the folks did not report their ethnicity or race.

And then we have several folks that are counted in multiple categories of race who identify as biracial.

Next slide. Our success story. This is Mr. Hadly. He was experiencing homelessness due to his justice involvement and was very apprehensive in engaging in services in our ERC Program. Had been taken advantage of in several of his other stays but really gained rapport and relationships with our team supporting him and placing him in ERC. Through that engagement he finally did accept a placement in ERC and has since begun to build community and worked through some of the financial challenges that he was faced with due to victimization that he experienced with homeless on the street. He has reengaged with his family and begun to build relationships with children and family and doing well and thriving in our ERC facilities. Next slide.

Some of our engagement. We do work with one nonprofit currently. They will be operating our ERC facility that we are opening in skid row this spring but we are working with 56 different facilities across the County. 56 different homes, 56 different administrators and that's just with the CFCI funding. The larger program we're working with about 150 different facilities countywide.

Next slide.

>> So we are funding our ERC work with both our first award and our second award but we wanted to talk a little bit going into the second award about the skid row action plan which really informed the second award. We were requested in June 2022 to do the skid row action plan through a board motion by supervisor Hilda Salice. A community planning initiative really aimed at addressing the historic systemic racism in skid row and disinvestment in skid row.

This helps inform our work and when we went into for a second CFCI award we actually dedicated that entire award to serving skid row and we're using that award to fund Enriched Residential Care as well as our flexible housing subsidy pool.

We are opening the first Enriched Residential Care facility in skid row which is amazing, given that we have a lot of very highly vulnerable folks that we're serving in skid row who

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want to stay in the community but may not be able to live independently without the 24-hour support that comes with Enriched Residential Care. So we are in the process of opening the skid row care campus. It will be opening April 1, including this facility which will have 48 beds of Enriched Residential Care operated by JWCH. It's partnership with DMH so half funded by DMH and half funded by CFCI.

Next slide. I'm going to pass it over to Molerna.

>> Good afternoon everybody. How are we doing today? All right so I was given the opportunity to discuss the for example I believe housing subsidy pool. As you may be aware, this is a great program that offers supportive services along with housing to the individuals in countywide areas. So the flexible housing subsidy pool is managed by brilliant corners and they are the ones currently providing locally funding housing subsidies and services to our vulnerable population. In addition to that, the flexible housing subsidy pool is able to engage regularly with landlords to be able to secure a very diverse portfolio for housing opportunities for our population. In addition to that, there has been a lot of engagement with developers to be able to secure Permanent Supportive Housing opportunities countywide as well.

In addition to that, the FHSP has been providing temporary financial assistance in which it assists individuals to immediately access funding that will allow them to be able to move into housing as quickly as possible. Next slide, please.

And the impact of the CFCI two funding has been tremendous in our community. Just with this funding we were able to provide services to over 337 unique individuals and out of those 337, 122 were able to successfully move into Permanent Supportive Housing. Next slide, please.

All right. So here we take a look at the demographics. I know that the table, the slide has a lot of information here but just to give you an overview here as far as age range.

The majority of our folks are between the ages of 35 to -- 36 to 45 and 46 to 55. As far as gender, predominantly is by females. 91 clients were housed and serviced. And then we also is followed by the male population as well. Tremendously by 71 percent there. As far as the ethnicity, as you may be aware, the data is limited and so not all the time we're able to collect the ethnicity data. But as of right now, the data shows the majority of the population are Hispanic Latino 44 and nonat 112. When it comes to race as Molly

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mentioned, our program is proud to provide service to our Black African-American and African community. Predominantly clients receive services from this race and then followed by the Latino Hispanic community. Next slide, please.

All right. And this, you're able to see over all the impact of the CFCI funding in the areas, especially in service planning area. We're able to see the service planning area four and six able to house the majority of our parents. We see as far as the supervisor district data set that the majority of our folks were housed within the second District followed by the first, first District. Next slide, please.

Here you can see an amazing story of one of our program parents, Luke, who was born and raised in Compton. Unfortunately, he faced homelessness for the past seven years. He ended up in the skid row area and fortunately he was connected with one of our case managers and the client was connected just last year. November 24 right before the holiday as long with his daughter and granddaughter. This is the reason why we do what we do, right? The ability to see families like that being housed Permanent Supportive Housing and for them to sustain housing. Next slide, please.

Thank you to this funding. We've been seeing a tremendous collaboration amongst all partners. Brilliant partners, nonprofit developers, private landlords over the 65 nonprofit intensive case management providers all coming along to surf can you know goal which is to provide stable and secure housing to our vulnerable population. Thank you.

>> A few last slides we'll finish up with. In terms of way that we have had to adapt. There were delays in yet being our program designs approved which led to one time funding, the carry over that you have saw. We have employed a number of strategies to spend down balances and get people housed as quickly as possible.

We're working to balance how we ramp up our housing supply and ramp down in order to spend those one-time funds but not go over our annual allocation when we're back to having only the annual allocation to work with. We're also always trying to figure out how to balance supporting project based housing which allows us to increase housing supply which sometimes, as anyone who has worked with housing supplies knows, there's delays which leads to end spend.

We're doing a lot of tenant based strategies which is the fastest way to get funding expense which was the balancing of those two things.

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Both of our CFCI awards are permanent housing programs. We were asked to talk about if the funding was cut. This could result in the loss of housing of parents and we wanted to be transparent about that.

We are always trying to find ways to move people off of local subsidies onto federal rental subsidies. At times there are federal rent subsidies available. There are not a lot right now and so it's been harder to implement that strategy which means that folks are really relying on this funding source to cover their permanent housing cost. Next slide.

And finally, just wanted to talk about some of the things we're doing to strengthen our programs. We are really working to increase our clinical support of everyone who is in our enriched residential care facility programs. We really want to help people gain I understand. Lot of folks need that 24-hour support but anyone that we can support to get to a point where they can stabilize. We want to help them make that transition to be in a more independent setting. We are working to strengthen our partnership with our Enriched Residential facilities to serve the CFCI population and really help our folks to maintain housing stability, even though they have a lot of complex issues when they are coming.

We are one of the largest providers of Cal AIM community support and uniquely, we are able to leverage significant funding through community supports for intensive case management services, housing deposits. Some of the core CalAIM community support which helps these dollars go toward what can't be covered which are rent costs.

Rental acquisition strategy to see bring units online and partner with more landlords. We have an open RFP for landlords to come in and we're working on ways to make it more transparent for people searching for housing. A big part of the skid row action plan is really about community partnership around program design and program implementation.

And evaluation so we are partnering with Community Members who are being well compensated to be actively involved in program implementation. Community surveys of parents living in the programs to hear where their experiences are and where there is room for improvement and partnering with providers to help with those improvements.

Our last slide is contact information and we're eager to here questions here today and happy for folks to reach out to us directly after today's committee meeting. Thank you. Stele thank you very much for this presentation. This is phenomenal. Phenomenal. Phenomenal work. Indeed. Indeed. This is good.

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Just a couple of things. Can we go back to the top financial slides.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For clarity. Forward. Farther. There we go. Just as a point of clarification, because you know I wanted to make sure the public didn't miss this. Your annual allocations is 7 million, and 12.8 million in two rounds of funding. In totality it was 28 million and what is that? 52 million total?

>> It's been three years of the program and 37 million.

>> CHAIR STEELE: So it's 37 million for three years and the first one is four years and that's 28 million total.

>> Correct.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Cool. Go to the next slide, please. So yes. You said \$37 million. I'm doing quick math. So about 34, so this is money, these are dollars, the dollars that are carried over into this year or these are dollars -- is that from the totality of dollars spent or is that from the year prior to this year. Does that make sense?

>> I think there are similar answers and apologies if this is a slightly confusing way to represent it.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It's all good. It's all good.

>> As for the first project. Part is 11 million of funds to this year that we're devoting to this part of the project. At the beginning of the Fiscal Year we had eight million dollars out of the \$21 million that we had received prior to this year. So we had spent 13 in the first year of the project.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got it.

>> And we expect to fully spend the under spend by the end of next Fiscal Year.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I appreciate the plan that you have outlined as to the things that you're going could and giving more detail in the slides that came behind this. Yet, I think -- thank you for answering the questions that I had. The only last question I had was a demographic question. And the last program that you were talking about, there was one person or one percent of folks who were Native American or Indigenous, right? That's, you don't have to try to get to the slide. It's close to the end. Is that, I know you said that it was a difficulty in trying to get the demographic information. Is there targeted work that is toward that



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community of folks? Is it hard to reach? Can you give some context to why that number is so low?

>> That's actually pretty similar. It's a little, I believe the point in time homeless count finds that 2% of people experiencing homelessness are American Indian or Native Alaskan. So I think that that is not too far off what we actually see in the overall population experiencing homelessness.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got it. This is a count of percentage or count of total number? Of people?

>> This is number of people.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay. Cool. All right. So just asking the question again. Is there targeted work to, you know, support that community of folks.

>> I think that's a great question. There is very targeted work around skid row. This is CFCI two and we have a concerted effort of outreach to that population in skid row.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you. I'll take a step back for the folks in the room or folks online who have questions for the presentation.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: I had a question about the demographics for clarity. This slide is just total amount of people?

>> This goes not percent.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: And there was a slide before that was people that were serviced?

>> I think we're talking about our Enriched Residential Care program versus flexible housing subsidy pool and so there are two different programs funded with CFCI.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Those are the ones that got services from the funding?

>> Yes.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Can we compare those two pages again if you don't mind.

>> Yes. We would be happy, I would say, we had to pull this deck together very quickly and I recognize some of this is percents versus absolute numbers and so we're absolutely happy to provide a one pager on the demographics piece and I feel like this was pulled together

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quickly from two different programs and it may look like apples to oranges and we would love to get this so it's easier to read.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: I would like clarity on who gets it, who needs it. It's not bothering me. I'm a numbers person. I say 30 over all white and I saw 22 on one slide. That's what I'm trying to get clarity on. Twenty-two got services and that's a huge percentage of that demographic getting services and then I saw a huge number of something else but that number was not the same percentage. It wasn't that same percentage. Did anybody else see what I saw? And I always wonder how that happens.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It sounds as though you need to go back to make sure, you want to provide a one pager? I heard that part. So that is definitely something we would want to find a little bit more clarity on for sure.

>> We're happy to provide that.

>> I want to thank Member Steele for uplifting the Native American community. I would like to know how you are outreaching to the AIA community. I know personally a lot out on skid row and I don't understand how there's only one person being serviced. [Member Chavez]

>> I would like to talk more about strategies to increase that partnership.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you for the presentation. Amazing working done. That under spend number was shocking and I'm glad you have a plan and the way that DHS has figured out how to leverage CalAIM is amazing. Maybe if you can send us something with the full that are amount so that folks can understand the amount of leverage. I think that would be helpful to see.

Couple of questions. One is about the ERCs. On the very last slide it mentioned they are licensed and I want to clarify by whom?

>> It's community care licenses under C.B.S.S but yes, they are licensed by the state because they are board and cares.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: You having one person in SPA5. Are they dedicated sites or could some sides have one portfolio of Interim Housing.

>> We are often doing this as a tenant based strategy and partnering with them when they have open tenancy.

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>> VERONICA LEWIS: Boarding care.

>> We partner with board care facilities to enrich the services which is why it's called Enriched Residential Care because as we all know, the boarding rate is extremely low and it's not enough to provide all and so we provide a supplemental rate.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: One separate question. I know you don't do fee per service per se, but what is it costing for ERC bed, per month, per year. I don't think you do per night.

>> It does vary by facility.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Just a range.

>> It varies by facility and it varies by a level of care that an individual requires. So we do pay the Social Security rent rate and then the service tier levels are different and it could be from 500 to \$1,500 depending on the level of care per person.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Per month?

>> Per month.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Okay. All right. And then the last thing is, I understand the flexion I believe housing subsidy pool very well. What is the plan come July 1st, 2027 when you go back down and reduce from the 180 you increased to use the money, what is the plan knowing that this population, many of them will not necessarily be able to sustain.

>> This is an ongoing conversation for the Committee to have with the community housing programs. They are in this environment with the federal administration. We don't have a lot of options. So we do hope that permanent housing programs will be looked at a little bit differently because of how important it is for people to maintain their permanent housing. You know, I think, you know, this is an evolving picture of what's happening in terms of federal funding for rental vouchers. But not looking rosy for the next few years.

>> The one thing I'll add is the opportunity to leverage Medicaid dollars is one of the big opportunities that we thought to be ahead of us. Given the federal potential changes, there could be pretty significant hits on the Medicaid investment in these housing and justice TACEs overall and it's something we have to keep a watch on. One example specifying to Enriched Residential Care is a lot of these folks who otherwise be in nursing facilities but we have a shortage of nursing facilities and they sit in hospitals for six to eight months and

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different things happen and we're able to move these individuals into communities in an ideal environment. There is nursing facility diversion which pays the five to 1500 rate that chemotherapy people in the board and care setting and out of nursing facilities. That is the piece to medicate. That piece is something we have been pushing health plans on and they haven't made it accessible right to Housing for Health to leverage programs and we're not signed up for it.

We're hopeful that that could be an opportunity to fund these seems of beds that might otherwise have folks in nursing facilities and we have a lot of these folks on skid row and throughout the County that could use that support. All of this that counts in the sixth is what's happening federally as well as what's in the space.

>> I have a question. Just curious. House housing programs is the funding allocated across the program in terms of direct assistance, out efforts and so forth.

>> The funding is going to direct assistance. Rental assistance or facility support for ERCs ask I'll let Brian talk.

>> We bill 10% administrative rate on direct services provided.

>> And then I had another question. Are you all thinking about specific ways to ensure that the funds are being used efficiently?

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Member Lewis at the scene the unspent fund is staggering and how are you conceptualizing the fund down. I think you mentioned over the next few years.

>> I think that relates to the second project and I think knowing that we have this large amount of funding available, we have prioritized housing as many people permanently as we can. The 12.8 million dollars was intended to fund 290 people on an ongoing basis and we have taken this one time funding and identified that we can support 180 additional people and so at the peak it would be 470 total for a period of using the under spend. We would reduce the number of parents so that when folks leave for whatever reason, we would ramp back down with the sustainable annual total. We did a lot of analysis to figure out what's the right number of people we can start working with today and get them housed as soon as possible and not put them in a position where the program is too large once the under spend is utilized.

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>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Another question. In terms of unspent, I know that was largely related to this program but are there other areas where you're noticing the unspent funds are having impact on program delivery to our unhoused folks?

>> Because these are permanent housing programs the real expense comes when becomes become housed, it takes much longer than we would like for folks to identify a unit and move in but once everyone is housed, the under spend doesn't prevent anyone from receiving those services. Another portion of it is has been related to while we're waiting for facilities to open so the large enriched essential care facility in skid row that's opening, I believe next month, April 1st, that will obviously be utilizing a lot of the funding going forward. It's that day and other project based housing that we've been, the commitment of these funds has allowed the project to see move forward but it's taken some time before we have opened. Megan Castillo, Thank you.

>> I may have missed it but are the folks that utilize -- how do you select who gets the housing?

>> Particularly approximate when we're talking about Enriched Residential Care, we'll have something in an Interim Housing setting like a shelter and realize they have significant needs like around Activities of Daily Living where they need Enriched Residential Care and then we'll have a clinical team do an assessment and because it's a licensed facility we do an assessment to show they do need this level of care. So primarily, the primary access points are street outreach and Interim Housing.

>> Thank you.

>> I will say in skid row we have simple Microsoft forms that all the providers in the community, people not publicly funded, arts organizations, anyone can submit a referral and say we would like to get this person connected to a permanent housing program and we go through those and do an assessment of yes this person needs a permanent housing program and start getting them on that path.

>> REBA STEVENS: I want to thank you for the presentations. A lot of information here. It appears that there's a lot of great work going on. But I think too, and I'm going to talk to you as well as to us around what we could do different as we move forward with presentations and one is to be very clear about what they were funded for to begin with. That would be helpful for me.

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What I'm noticing here is that, you know, I'm not sure if you were funded initially to serve service area four skid row because it seems like there's a lot of emphasis in that particular community and I was looking at some of the data here. You had mentioned the homeless count and when I think of the homeless count, immediately I see S D-2 which holds the large he felt number of unhoused people and we know that downtown skid row is very resourceful and it doesn't mean there's not room for more needs or to meet those needs. But deeply concerned about communities that are such as Service Area six that also -- so I would like to know more about what are you doing with some of those or plans for some of the unspent dollars to meet area that the data that you have, as you stated, the homeless count, to really dig in and make sure that those areas are served.

And then I'm really impressed with your Enriched Residential Care. Because boarding care facilities are really important and necessary. But I'm concerned about the numbers and as to, does it have anything to do with particular communities that don't have a lot. And then I notice that there was a lot focused on the SPA two. And so when I'm looking at this, I just want to be clear that what I keep thinking about is unserved, underserved, Inappropriately Served communities. And not seeing it reflected here, particularly for the second supervisorial district.

>> Allow me clarify what you're seeing. You are seeing SPA two and four. These are folks currently. The folks in these beds are coming from all over and we're placing them where we have bed availability. This is where they end up, not where they come from.

>> REBA STEVENS: That raises another question.

So then it makes me wonder if there is availability in underserved, underserved communities that are actually serving people from outside of the community and not the people that are in the community. Am I making sense?

>> Yeah. You are.

>> REBA STEVENS: You're Brittany? L.A. SA?

>> Housing for Health.

>> REBA STEVENS: Okay. Wait a minute.

>> So yes. For enriched right-hand lane care, these are licensed facilities, privately owned facilities and we're working countywide to establish these relationships and get them to

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support our people and take our people. There are people coming from different areas being placed outside of, you know, where they are coming from in this program.

With this program design, just given the limited bed availability that we do have. We try our hardest to place folks where they want to be, for one, and where they have connections to their Primary Care doctor or case management services, et cetera. Or where their family are. We try hardest to place folks that way but there are going to be occasions where people are placed outside of where they are coming from and vice versa.

>> REBA STEVENS: Chair Steele the left question I have is around the work we did with Jenny and Jessie. It makes me question, how the dollars, the funding is being used to ensure there is equitable distribution of funding to make certain -- I mean, this is really important. And I'm certain it's important to all of us. But I think there's a lot that we have learned, at least that I have learned from this presentation today as to what we can do moving forward and what it is we can expect or some expect from those who are presenting. Thank you.

>> I would like to add one thing. We did a surge of our clinical team and supports in Interim Housing in SPA6 really to support the folks that we know that meet the level of care and requirements in our ERC facilities so we can make the transfers from the Interim Housing in the SPA to interim facilities and we are surging and sending resources to the historically underserved communities wither we know folks are not getting service.

>> Hello. Thank you. I will be acting for chair now. Since I have the mic, I want to tell everybody that I'm a grandma. Five days grandma. Sorry. I've been dying to grab ahold of this mic. Just as a matter of time, it's 6:02 and I want to make sure we go to Public Comment. I know I speak on behalf of the members here and I just want to thank the Housing for Health team. Thank you.

Perfect. Thank you. And then Petra, I'm going to pass it to you to go to general Public Comment.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Really quick. When you sent the one pager, it would be helpful to have the information where people are coming from versus where they are placed and the correlation. Separately, if you are able to track that decarceration was the underlying theme for CFCI in the first place to demonstrate those outcomes as a result of your

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program. The decarceration piece, Adam, should be added to our questions that would be helpful to see as well. Thank you.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Thank you. I'm passing the Mic to Petra.

>> Thank you co-chair Fuentes - Miranda. We will open for general Public Comments, one minute per person. Telephone users please dial nine to use the raise hand feature and star six to unmute yourself. Computer and smartphone users locate your raised hand. Feature to be placed in the cue. We will call on you. Please remember to state your full name. Comments are limited to subject matter jurisdiction of the CFCI Advisory Committee. We will now begin the general Public Comment. Do we have any Public Comments in the room?

>> Yes. Absolutely. Public Comment?

>> Please state your full name for the record.

>> My name is Eddie Fleming. These last few meetings seem dysfunctional. Is there any way we can get an accountant.

>> Speak into the mic.

>> It just seems dysfunctional with the last few meetings, right. It sounds like we need an accountant. The community-based organization, they need legal representation. Does anybody agree?

>> Say more.

>> Am I the only one? I mean, we ask where is the money because the communities is not seeing it. So for all the allocated funds that's coming in, the community-based organization need a voice. They need to be at the table. There's so many meetings outside of the community-based organizations. They need recognition because community-based organizations stop doing the work, then the engine don't run because the community-based organizations are the oil to the engine. My question is can we recognize the community-based organizations and fund the organizations as a coalition because we don't need everybody speaking to us because we're not getting nowhere. These pieces of paper I've been getting for two years and it's not getting me anything. I digress but we need legal representation for CBO.



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>> My name is Martina Gladney in SPA6. I have two businesses and I have a housing facility. The homeless population, the underserved community that I serve, my people, I go to my business and I have people sleeping in front of the doors, on the side of the doors. I have been at one location, almost seven months. We have served about 400 clients that are unhoused.

That are sleeping in their vehicles. It's just, I'll call it a shame, right? And I don't normally come to these meetings because I'm kind of, like, not a public speaking person. But when I see the need every day when I walk either to into my business, you have people that are outside that are in wheelchairs. I have them lined up in the rain are last week. I need referrals for my people that I serve. So if anyone in the room can give me a legitimate referral, I would appreciate that. And for me, it's not always about the money. It's about helping the people and that's what I'm here to do. I'm here to serve the people. So if I can get some good decent referrals, I would really appreciate that. So okay we do housing. We do medical transportation. We have one vehicle. We have another vehicle but still, it's not enough. I'm going to turn the mic over and I'm so glad that I got up and said something because I wasn't. So at least one person stop and give me a referral before we leave this room. From your organization and I'd appreciate that. Thank you so much.

>> Thank you. Thank you. Do we have any more Public Comments in the room? Seeing no hands in the room, we'll go online. We have one Public Comment online from Byron Jose.

>> BYRON JOSE: Good afternoon Advisory Committee and thank you for tracking some of the new budget process with the department at presentations, chair Steele, and uplifting the need that make sure we are respecting and honoring all the community engagement this body has led to make sure the funding ask prioritized and allocates accordingly based on what the community needs are. Obviously, thank you commissioner Stevens for accountability.

We definitely need the rest of this body to ensure that CFCI's funds are not supplanted to fund other things and they are respected and prioritized and if the department has unspent funds maybe those go today. The CEO and not given directly to the providers and community-based groups. Thank you.

>> There no more hands raised online. Thank you for your Public Comments.

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>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Thank you community and committee. This adjourns our meeting.

>> REBA STEVENS: SPA6 is counting tonight. If you're available, please join us.

[Meeting adjourns at 6:10 p.m.]