

CFCI ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

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CHAIR STEELE: Microphone check. Okay. I want to call the meeting to order. Hello. Thank you for those that have joined us. We can turn on the Zoom. Let people into the space.

I want to say thanks for, I know this was not calendared. You are arriving your calendars to be here today. That is a very important conversation. We have been trying to build toward this.

Just to make sure we prepare for it, I want to run through the administrative matters first. Thank you. Then we will get into the thick of it. Welcome you all. Thank you for being here. Meeting disclosures,

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CHAIR STEELE: Can we do acknowledgments first and then community agreements. Starting with the land acknowledgment. The land beneath our feet is the ancestral land of people who lived in LA and surrounding areas. The Gabrieleno Tongv, people, the Fernandeno Tatavium Tribe and the Ventureno Chumash people. Thank you. My apologies for messing that up. These native people respected the land connected and respected the four-legged creatures and winged ones.

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Their hearts told them never to take more than they could use. Always give back to mother earth. These people are still here today. Living and breathing among us and still giving back to the community. Thank you to our ancestors.

Labor acknowledgment. Most modern day United States its constitutions have benefitted from stolen labor. We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the enslaved people whose suffering grew the economy of a nation that refused to recognize humanity.

While the 13th amendment ended slavery in the United States, we know the impact is still felt through threats and coercion. We recognize the debt to people whose labor is stolen through unjust practices. The Chinese immigrants who built rail records. Japanese Americans whose livelihoods were taken. Migrant workers from the Philippines, Mexico, and Central and South America who have worked Pacific Northwest farms and canneries. South America who have worked Pacific Northwest farms and canneries.

We recognize the immigrant and American born workers of African, Asian, and Central and South American decent whose labor remains hidden. Our economy relies on the incarcerated people who earn pennies while generating billions in goods a year.

There are many other people who are prevented from reaping the true value of labor by unjust systems. We mourn their loss. The theft of labor is a theft of generational progress.

We acknowledge that. Thank you. Let us go over the community agreements. I want to note. I think when these were designed and crafted, they were designed, not just for the every day use about why we are here.

The conversation may have its difficult ends. Remind what we are doing and why. I just want to lift that up. We acknowledge them and read through them every time we come together. In this time together today, honing in further. I will start. Be respectful. Remain open minded.

>> Be mindful of the power dynamics and the historical disenfranchisement. Prioritize and defer to community throughout the process.

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

>> Be collaborative.

>> Assume best intentions.

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>> Challenge the idea, not the person.

>> Remember why we are here. To center the black, brown, and Indigenous communities and others most impacted by the system. [Reading].

>> Defer to community. Transparency.

>> Allow space for additional voices to be uplifted.

>> Try to be an active participant.

>> Let equity lead the way.

>> Make spaces for youth voices.

>> As much as possible, allow community members to finish their sentence.

>> Review the community agreements every meeting. Start with a land acknowledgment. Can we take the roll?

>> We will conduct the roll call. To expedite, all committee members be ready with a microphone to announce your attendance. If you are unable to unmute, raise your hand to assign cohost privileges. You can unmute yourself by pressing star six.

Raise your hand with star nine. If you are remote, state present remotely. After roll call, we will begin. State your reason. No further action is required for just cause. We will ask you to describe the emergency necessitating your attendance. The committee will take a vote.

We will now start the roll call by last name. Please say present or present remotely. Member Armstead.

MEMBER ARMSTEAD: Present.

>> Member Carbajal.

MEMBER CARBAJAL: Present.

>> Member Castillo. Member Contreras.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: Present.

>> Member Crunk. Member Cyrus-Franklin.

MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: Present.

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>> Member Eakins. Member Tsai.

MEMBER TSAI: Present.

>> Member Fuentes-Miranda.

MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: Present.

>> Member Garcia. Member Hong.

MEMBER HONG: Present.

>> Member Lewis. Member LoBianco. Member O'Brien.

MEMBER SCHOONOVER: Alternate present.

>> Member Scorza. Member Soto. Chair Steele.

CHAIR STEELE: Present. I want to acknowledge Member Castillo is here. She just walked in the door.

>> Member Stevens.

MEMBER STEVENS: Present.

>> Member Williams.

MEMBER WILLIAMS: Present. Member Hong, the alternate is here.

>> Noted. M. Williams.

MEMBER WONG: Alternate present.

>> Thank you. We have reached quorum.

CHAIR STEELE: Here we go. I want to start by thanking my colleagues. Member Castillo and Member Fuentes-Miranda. For their focus and drive to make sure this information was brought. We continue to talk about evaluation. Next steps to have. Lifting up with the members who have talked to the fundamental understanding of how the money is spent or not. Tough to evaluate without that part.

We have the information here. It was brought to us last week to have a full discussion about it in our leadership meeting.

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When it was brought to us, we said, we need a meeting. It needs to be brought to the public and the advisory committee to identify and understand what has happened and not.

I think it is important to set the framework on today's conversation too. This is not a space to admonish. It is to hold account. Not a space to put the departments in a place of having to vend.

We will have spaces for presentations for those details to be brought forward for full understanding of where the resources are. I think today's conversation is for us to talk about the highs and lows. To determine practices so we never get here again. Determine how to level set the responsibilities and accountability that nonprofit organizations are held to.

The county departments are not. Finding the middle ground. As we think through the 155 million that are anticipated carryover, how we start discussing the reallocation of those funds to community members have identified. I mentioned the community agreements. Assuming best intentions.

They are very important in today's conversation. I think it is important we have straightforward conversation and talk with each other about how we got here. Any questions on that? Any thoughts on that? Additions? Anything to give? I want to say thank you to JCOD. For hearing the specificity of what the leadership was asking for on your behalf.

Doing the due diligence to have the hard conversation with your peers to get this information. For those who provided it straightforward, I think that was important. We can address accordingly. I want to give it to Adam to walk us through the document your team was able to provide. So everyone understands what we are looking at.

>> Thank you. Thank you. Thanks for coming today last minute.

I want to do some level setting. You have taken on a lot. What you have in front of you is the document we are look at. Some last minute adjustments. The one in your packet, the numbers are the same. We have made this easy to follow. This is not an accounting exercise. Some of the ways we had the document presented got too much into the weeds.

What we want to focus on is the under spent. I want to be clear. The focus is year one to remain focused there. As Chair Steele mentioned, departments will come to this body to

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present on the various programs. Reason behind the dollars. We want to articulate that. That is not what today is for.

CHAIR STEELE: As we address it, if we were talking about one of the nonprofit organizations, they would have to wait until public comment. If you have team members here that want to address things, they can do that. In not leveraging the departments. It is to walk through this. Come up with a game plan. Not for the soapbox today.

>> This is a question. If you look at the second line, where it talks about unallocated funding, part of that 43 million is the 12.3. It will go to the board. That is where the funding is. It is part of the unspent. You have made recommendations on it. That number would be 31 million and not 43. It includes that 12.

CHAIR STEELE: It is broken down. Page 3, you see the totals. \$280 million and change budget. \$125 million estimated spend. This is as of January. The anticipated estimate is based on current spending.

>> I apologize. I think this is through November. November 2024. We get these numbers on a rolling basis. Some totals may be different. This is as of our last accounting. This is what we received.

The purpose is those totals are what we had the last anytime we pulled the numbers. They may come down. Departments may have spent some of that. Estimates are based on a projection we made. It is based on what was spent the past quarters. It is a projection of what we think will be spent.

>> June 30th.

>> I may change.

CHAIR STEELE: That is the projection based on current spend. The anticipated carry over. I want to be clear.

>> I am not our budget person. Nor do I pretend. Carry over, he is walking up. Thank you.

>> I made it.

>> I am the department's administrative deputy. The budget is my responsibility. Carry over is what we define as whatever is not spent from your budgeted amount. Column A. It is

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what we will carry over as unspent funds for that program year. What is done with the money is up to the CFCI committee.

CHAIR STEELE: The money not spent, is this over the last four years? Over the last fiscal year? When I look at this, 155 million, what does that include? Year one was determined. Most four years ago.

There has been spending yearly on going up until that point.

>> I predated him. I could speak to it. It depends. The money may have been allocated. The organization may not have existed. The contract may not have been implemented. The program may not have existed. Those funds would be able to go out quicker than if they had to develop the program, do the contract, and those would of started later. That is funding that spending would not have starting happening until in place.

Some funds were not allocated until 23/24. That funding started being spent after the period of time.

>> They were not allocated until 24/25. CFCI allocated them project one. That is the concern. I am looking at these numbers. County issued funding from CFCI over 50 percent of dollars that went out to county departments is still on the table. Community based organizations don't have the option. If I leave money on the table, I will be disbarred.

Thank you for clarifying. The nod of your head is allocated here one.

>> It took a year before it started getting out. We had to do solicitation. That money didn't go out as soon as it was allocated. It didn't come out until the budget cycle. It was allocated. There had to be a cycle. Nothing happens in real time. TPA funds don't end until 26. March. The money didn't go out until a year after CFCI started.

CHAIR STEELE: I will open it to the floor. Go ahead.

>> This is where it becomes a little confusing for me. I heard you when you said the timeline. It takes a year to go out. Shame on the county of LA for that one. It is needed. My question is, as I wonder, what is the interest from these dollars? I will never forget, one of the reasons I advocate to hear from the county department and understand the dollars, is one of the departments said to me, don't worry. It was like money in the bank. That was concerning.

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Is there interest attached? Where does that go? We need to be clear.

>> This is a question that the department cannot answer. It would have to be a question the CEO answers. We don't see that. We don't see that information. It would be the controller and CEO who would answer the question. We see what is allocated.

CHAIR STEELE: The number that was allocated.

>> I think that I am a member of the community. I don't work for the community departments. My primary purpose is community. It makes me question why we don't have that information. We are talking about community dollars. Underserved communities with high needs. The dollars are not out the door. There are unspent dollars.

We look at the need and all are aware of a crisis we are facing right now in our communities and lack of federal dollars. People are not only dying. There are more to come. The pain and suffering that people are enduring now. This is before. It is a moment that we all should stand up and make right. What is wrong. I don't know how we get that information about those unspent dollars and what happens.

The money is earning money. We don't know where those dollars are. How much it is accumulating. That is wrong to the community.

CHAIR STEELE: What you are raising becomes important. It is not only just these dollars but additional dollars that could be utilized. Bringing it back to what we are looking at and the work the members did to make these recommendations, how these dollars could help solve problems in community.

155 million unspent says to me 155 million of services of people who were not served. That becomes needs not met. I am looking at it. Less wagging my finger at the departments. The people are hurting. Dying. We are not spending the resources to solve the problem. The mandate of measure J was to solve the problem of the status quo. I don't think we have seen the true juxtaposition between dollars and status quo. The numbers don't like.

There is something to what we can identify. The board is looking to us to give guidance. We are sitting at the table to solve the problem of the status quo. I will pause.

>> We should contract the services to get to the bottom of it. I am concerned about the roll over. The other members spoke up.

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The money may be there or not the jail closure has been a sore subject. There is 67 million still in the pot. If we took away the 12 million, that is still 30 million. So much right there. Almost 100 million. Of the 155. A solution would be why it is not there. Let us reallocate the funds to people who are getting it done. Taking care of business. That is a lot of our money to the community. I am not an accountant.

CHAIR STEELE: Good job.

>> Simply what was said. If this was community-based organizations, the funds would of been revoking and redistributing. I think as a partner with multiple people on this advisory body. This much money held by this reason. You should be forthcoming with in this work. We shouldn't have to call an emergency meeting to discuss this. We are in partnership and responsible for stewarding these funds and making sure we make recommendations to the board in a way that will have the impact we are hoping to have for our community.

We can't do that if we don't have this information readily available. Point-blank. Many of you have known what is in your bank account. Many of you have known what you are responsible for. It is not necessarily wagging your finger but the hiccups. What are preventing you from equitably distributing these funds. How can we be in partnership?

The other thing coming up for me. This is on the side. It is something. Maybe the one year budget process doesn't work. Maybe we need to think a two year budget process. This is a larger conversation. I am sitting at the table with people with influence, I want to make sure that is taken into consideration.

Maybe the one year budget process doesn't work and we should take into consideration other ways to do this budget process. For example, we are working on year to year. The fiscal year starts at the end in the supplemental budget phase. You are submitting recommendations. Preparing for the next year. I am recommending that rather than doing a year to year budget process, it be two year.

We wait to rework the budget.

MEMBER LOBIANCO: I appreciate the conversation and how important it is to get dollars out and spend them. That certainly is not lost on me. I think many of the hooks are on the table. As I was reflecting on something similar to cochair Member Castillo, I think we need to have honest conversations among this group when we go through the process of going line by line through to understand what has not been operationalized. What is being. To

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your point, these dollars are still 80 percent or more out in community-based organizations to deliver.

I know from a human services organization, sometimes there is community work on the front end. The design of the RFPs. That is the intentional delivery over time. Their job training programs or capacity building programs. You won't have that -- I did want to offer that too. I am reflecting on the programs.

Some may not look like they are going out the door. It doesn't mean they are not going out. Maybe that nuance would be helpful to talk there.

CHAIR STEELE: A few definitions I think are important are funds spent and encumbered. Can you give the definition between the two?

>> Funds spent, expended funds. Cash that has gone out. Encumbered means cash or money funds that have been designated and locked in. To a certain program, plan or expenditure the department has determined. That locks it in.

CHAIR STEELE: The carryover we are talking about is neither of those.

>> That is anticipated result of us expending. It is based off actuals and forecasts that are showing the trend.

CHAIR STEELE: Got it. What is the mechanism that allows for carry over to exist? As a nonprofit organization that has county funds, I don't have the capability to carry over funds. If I don't spend, I lose. Why does that not exist for county departments?

>> Good question. If we don't ask about anything to the CEO. We need the money to carry over. It would go away. It would go to the general fund. This is NCC. We declare that we need to carry it over. We want enough money for any anticipated overages.

CHAIR STEELE: The items here, the programs had specificity toward them. The idea of like trying to use them to fill in gaps or anything like that for budgetary reason is not allowable. Correct? CFCI funds.

>> It is locked into what the committee has designated. It is reported to the board. They adopt. We cannot go from what the board has approved.

CHAIR STEELE: Okay. I think, I am asking these questions to set framing for looking through these numbers. To your point, there are reasons for the carry over. For some, there isn't a

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reason. We didn't get to it yet. The process of being able to provide people space to explain by way of presentation with the guided questions we have.

The questions we develop get to the nitty-gritty. Looking at this here for today's conversation, I want to kind of talk through some recommendations about guidelines. For dollars used.

Spending usability. So we don't have this level of carryover ever again in the future. CFCI is for a reason. The dollars should be used for those reasons.

>> Or if not, we need to know they are not being used. Not to call anyone out. One of the departments says the interim housing beds that they don't spend on planning any CFCI funding at this time. As a community advocate for those unhousing and dying daily on our streets.

This is disgraceful. I have to call it out. We have to have a mechanism so if you are unable to spend it, there is a need. Unacceptable. We have to get to that place.

CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Member Cyrus-Franklin. You wanted to add?

MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: That is not including the carry over:

>> That is the remaining balance of the encumbered. You have budget of \$1. You project you will spend \$0.50 for the year. The remaining balance stays as carryover. It is part of the original budget. It is still part of the original dollar.

You are not going to spend the full dollar.

>> They are not spent yet.

>> They are not spent. If I did a contract with you that says you will get \$0.25 of the dollar, it is now encumbered. Suppose the original contract said \$0.50, you have claimed \$0.25. The other 25 is encumbered. The remaining 50 is on the table.

MEMBER CYRUS-FRANKLIN: To be clear here, those funds are designated. Not spent yet. We don't have timetables. By when it needs to be spent. If that is the case, unspent could be larger than this.

>> All the grants are grants. You get the money quarterly if you use them or not. Usually they have to bill us for the money to go out. You could of delivered the service. We know we are

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supposed to give you the money. It hasn't gotten out the door. That is different than a check quarterly. If that agency doesn't fill all the beds or whatever services, that money is not spent. We would ask to carry it over for the next fiscal year.

CHAIR STEELE: I didn't see you.

>> I want to remind everyone that DMH was asked and decided to absorb the funding that CFCI provided DMH and to use our own funding. MHSA dollars to fund the interim housing bed. We continue to fund interim housing beds available for clients and individuals that are leaving the jail. This is unspent money. We didn't spend it as we absorb. We informed JCOD that it could be reinvested.

>> I want to look at you. We talked about partnering. It is unfair to people like myself and everyone around the table to not know that information. It makes me look at you side eyed. I appreciate what you said.

That is impressive. You were able to absorb that. That is to be complimented. There is a problem. We didn't have the information. Now the money has been sitting. Thank you.

CHAIR STEELE: I am hearing first recommendation, we need this information more regularly so these types of conversations can take place.

>> Not an accountant. Potential impacts that could play out in the future. It would be earmarked. Is there a situation where the CEO could deny the request?

>> It is part of the budget. It always stays in the budget.

>> Because you have made recommendations for specific program areas, the CEO doesn't have jurisdiction to change a single dollar. JCO advisory committee CEOs don't have delegated authority. They are the only ones that can make the adjustment.

What was explained was county budget. If you have unspent money and want to roll it over, you make the request. For CFCI, it stays. The rollover compounds.

STUDENT: Measure J.

>> When you say the board, is that under the assumption it is a board policy?

>> Even the 12 million goes to the CEO. The board votes on the allocation of the funds.

>> That answers your question?

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>> For clarification, the CFCI program year one dollars are not just one time funds. We are looking at carry over. It may be funds allocated three years ago for salaries that never were filled. The thought of carrying over for people that won't be here. We are talking about carry over.

It is not like they won't continue. They are still in the next year's budget. It wasn't spent. I think to take a look deeper. Some projects will take time to scale up. Maybe we look at projects as we fund them and do it in phases. Different costs associated.

CHAIR STEELE: You are making a good distinction. Ongoing funds still happen. The carry over from past dollars, if we decide to reallocate those to something else, that is a one time thing. Because of the reallocation. That doesn't impact the ongoing unless we make recommendations for the ongoing to change.

>> We started the care grants a year late. We promised people money for three years. If a program started a year or two late, the three years may end in five years. You have one year of funding.

[CAPTIONER CHANGE 5:00 PM]

>> ... and they need three years of funding then the three years may actually end in five years if they started in three years -- does that make sense?

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'll give an example. DYD funds from Year one, there was an adjustment in the pay cycle that happened in I think like October. So it changes the spend down of those funds to get -- do you know what I mean? The carry over that we might like, once we do this analysis again say right now we pull in from all the different departments and we are we at this point, the number may be significant different but I think it's important to do that because if we're suggesting and going to be doing reallocation, we need to know what the card numbers are for what that reallocation looks like because we need to do it in -- and this is the next item on the agenda. But within this budget cycle, if we want to make sure we stay in front of this issue and not have to get here again.

So I want to identify a couple different suggestions or recommendations that I just heard. I'm sorry. the CO is not necessarily part of the body and it should wait until Public Comment base based on the conversation but I'll allow it.

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>> KIEU-ANH KING: COE does not have the authority to create new projects or to shift funding from a project in a department with less funds for a project in a department that needs more funding. I would concur with the statement that any funding, any one time funding in CFCI must be spent for the terms of Measure J and the County charter and the CEO was unable to recommend the funds be spent for anything other than the nine allowable categories for ATI and DCI.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That is received. Thank you very much for the added context here.

So this body, because of Measure J and the people's mandate of the people's money, operates in a different space than I think any other commission has the ability to do so. Right? And I think the written deference that is in the process puts us in a unique moment in the history of the County. In my perspective, right?

Of decisions that we make on how we manage these dollars and also manage dollars moving forward. How we create levels of accountability for all parties involved. Can actually make ways of how the County does business in general. Because, for instance, if we eliminate the ability for carry over in this space, the departments that have CFCI dollars and the way they think about how to utilize these dollars begins to act differently, right?

Do they begin to start to act differently on all funds they have in the same way to eliminate, to create continuity of body of work. You don't want to be spending money one way for this and spending money a different way for that. So it actually changes dynamics, right? Same thing for the accountability measures on how dollars are getting into the community.

The way that amity has stewarded the relationship of the different organizations. There's 400 what? Twenty-six on the roster? I think I saw 406 of them now -- I was looking at the dashboard the other day. 406 that are active. It was a dashboard of how the resources are being spent. How much is out the door. How many people are impacted by it. We should have the same accountability for the dollars spent.

I was trying to type these. It is establishing timelines and benchmarks for program spending updates.

We need to have this information way more regularly so that we can make decisions on it. And we need to also examine how to align the standards between County departments and TPA funded partners. Go for it.

>> I've.

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>> JOE WILLIAMS: I've been looking through the website. A way that we can remedy that is one we create a six inform 12 month spend down and if it's not spent down -- I've done the figures. 130 million sitting in CEOJSET. If I think that just because people have to act to get a timeline doesn't mean they will do it accordingly and may spend irresponsibly. We want to have accountability and I agree with you 100% on the same thing we ask for 406 folks for amity that there should be the same requirements of these folks right here.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: That's my plan.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Go ahead Member Tsai.

>> GARY TSAI: Thank you. There are County departments that contract out the entirety of their services with CEOs like my agency and the County is one of them. To ensure the spending happens timely in a way that we all want.

I guess frustrated with under spends as well and I don't know any department lead who is satisfied with under spends and from that perspective I think we're on the same page. I want to highlight, I know sometimes we speak in the terms of County department and community. At least in my mind DPH SAPC is, the entirety of our money goes out to CBOs.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Received. As you're working through the relationships and those conversations, these enough will shift throughout the year. I have four updates a year with my board. Right? To let them know where we are with spend down.

It's usually that third one right before, right before we get into the process of getting ready to approve the budget for the next year that the net spending becomes a question, right? It's like, you know, it may be higher at the top of the year because we're still bringing in funding from the different partners and funders that we have.

Mid-Year one, the second conversation, usually a little bit tighter. If the third one is not as close as it's supposed to be with money in and money out closer to zero, they are asking me questions immediately and I think being able to have that discussion in this space about where we are so we can make some decisions matters, right?

Especially if we're trying to make sure we can tie our work toward the budget psych the while we push to change the budget cycle. I think that's a really good point. Because it's a challenge and we're spinning our wheels every year trying to keep up.

I just want to raise as a point of writing down the couple of recommendations that I did capture to see if we're consensually on the same page here. We can write them up, you

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know, for us to maybe adopt after we kind of go forward through a process even further on any of these.

But, again, it is establishing the timelines on getting the spending updates, aligning the standards between the County departments and PTA funded partners like the roles and responsibilities should align about how we actually do our programming. To Member Williams' point to the assessment of these allocations, do we have an analysis of what we will carry over and what we won't? Right?

I think the presentation that's we may have over the next -- and I guess that brings us to the next part, several weeks -- because I think in order for us to stay in front of the budget psych the, we're going to have to really get a deep dive, particularly into the larger numbers here that we're looking at in this space. That \$50,000. The \$43,000. The \$25,000. The 15 million -- I'm sorry, I said thousand and I meant to say, million dollars.

Really getting that in front ever us so we can analyze it and determine are we okay with what they are talking about and are we not okay? Is and determining what we want to allocate and what we won't so we can make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on that front. Does it make sense? To your point, Member Williams -- and I got you Member Stevens, the budget cycle first look is what? Top of May?

>> April.

>> This year it's been February, sort of.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah, yeah. I had not seen that before.

>> April is when the recommendation comes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: The recommendation comes.

>> Just to be clear we start looking at it in November and it goes to public in recommendation which is what happened in the last cycle. The last presentation was yet or the day before and we're moving directly into final changes which gets us to the end of the Fiscal Year.

>> CHAIR STEELE: So if we were going to make recommendations to the board about reallocation, when do we need to have this meeting? I'm talking about -- in the first look and not necessarily in the something fake.

>> The timeline, July at the beginning of the Fiscal Year and target for the proposed recommended budget. That starts with us November and goes to the COE January and get

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as proved somewhere around March. If you want to hit the next opening is final changes and that, we're already in the process of preparing that information. It goes to the COE in April and they have roughly until May so they have it ready by the time July comes around.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Castillo, if we want to do that we need to get it in April. That means April 15th meeting?

>> The deadline hasn't been given to us yet but mid-April and they have time to review and May for decisions.

The effective last phase of the budget cycle is in October. That's the supplemental budget resolution or budget request that we have to send over to CEO.

>> CHAIR STEELE: You said when?

>> So around October, November is when the last phase gets adopted and that's when we call the final adopted budget.

>> CHAIR STEELE: And then you start all over again in November. So you're in peripetia you'll budget cycles.

>> Just to add one more.

>> We're giving granted quarterly and it's a different process.

>> To that it makes me really, it seems more favorable to work with the TPA who doesn't have all of the challenges. One person's opinion.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: So our next meeting is March 20th. What I'm wondering and I haven't dove in too much. With this, then we know in the next budget the funding is continuing and we shouldn't be able to determine what gets rolled over. We don't have to have this match, this coming budget that will roll out?

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm only thinking about that though because, or at last I'm raising it because if we're reallocating it and it's one time funds, to maximize the ability for people who actually get the onetime funds to utilize those dollars, I want to maximize the time. Do you see what I'm saying? But I guess the period starts whenever it gets approved; is that correct.

>> One last phase which is the midyear budget adjustment. That can occur at any point and that can be via Board letter and that doesn't have to wait for the three phases that I mentioned. Those are the official that help the County to be orderly and you have option to go with a Board letter.

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>> And that's how the board has been.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I think I got a nugget. So if we are pinpointing when we want to, like, when we want to, like, oh, at this point if there's carry over, we're reallocating, whatever point we decide in the calendar. It doesn't necessarily need to be tied to budget cycle for the County and it can be a regular space -- I shouldn't say regular because we shouldn't be regularly having carry over. But it can be an opportunity for people to apply for the resources like Member Williams was saying either in those categories or whatever categories we identify as reallocated funds. Is that correct for the most part?

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: The TPA cycle would be two out of a three year cycle because the money wouldn't be spent by then. The start date is important when looking at the programs.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's what I'm saying. Whatever the date we say, when we look at the year and we get these updates, at this particular moment that's when we're like, hey, if there's carry over, we're going to move towards reallocation. We can determine that by Board letter, by whatever recommendation we give to the CEO to go to the board.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: You can make the recommendation but remember that everybody didn't start at the same point and there's things you're supportive of it and that won't be included in the carry over.

>> CHAIR STEELE: We have to take that on. I follow what you're saying. Member hunt and then Member Williams.

>> JENNIFER HUNT: Thank you. I just wanted to share the timeline thing can be confusing because they are concurrent and once we partner because a lot of our work is done through our CBO partnerships. They have time to do those things and to be able to spend the money from the time the contract is executed so the amount of timelines that are potentially involved are multiple. It's almost like a sports playbook and you almost need to track it out in a different way. I know. I don't mean to pain you, chairman.

>> CHAIR STEELE: You're right, though.

>> JENNIFER HUNT: I think this is what the judge was saying. My experience in learning all of this as well is I've gone back to my old school pen and paper and almost versus to draw it out. It's a frustrating process for us too and it's also a waiting game because we also need to make sure we have equity in the way that we solicit out.

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With Artie Baum for example which is a bad acronym. We want to make sure we're doing it in an equitable transparent way as with will and again there's more process behind that and the County has it's -- I know.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I follow what you're saying.

>> JENNIFER HUNT: The last piece is this is six columns but I don't think it shares the entire context of the story and we provide a lot of information to JCOD and I think if we had intentional times when we could unpack that ask tell the story I think it's very powerful because there's a lot of reasons why.

The programs I'm here to represent today have high numbers in the JSED box and there are compelling things happening tied to the jails which are causing some of our frustrations at a County level about trying to get these things moving forward. That's all I wanted to share.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I follow that. They got a presentation that they can come get and we can handle that at that point in time. We do that and then we start diving into all. That's not the point of the discussion today.

But to your point, though, I will note because I hear you over here, Member Castillo, the TPA had all the program started at the same time and all the dollars gotten out the door and are on a similar timeline for us to be able to understand and even look at the data. Do you know what I'm saying? I just want to be clear. Year one, year two, year three as well. Do you know what I'm saying? I want to come to Member Williams and then I'll come.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: Another suggestion is the TPA should run the County then like LA.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I didn't go everybody want to see sign up for that.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: Thank you so much for sharing that and I want to thank Member Drexler for pointing out, though the 51,000 is important. I hold onto that and thank you for giving the explanation because I think you meant to it in real time. I think about timelines and I'm going back to this. I think that anything over a half, anything over a million dollars, I think, and we look at some of the categories and I'm just going to look at them. JCOD Independent Pre-Trial Services. JCOD specialized treatment optimized programming 15 million. And the big one 50 million for the Jail Depopulation. Specifically for those big ones like there, thinking about maybe half of it gets given back immediately. This thing is not slowing down or getting better. It's growing as we are talking like a super nova. If we cut it in half now and between now and then those departments can give a plan of how they are going to spend it, like an active plan of how they are going to spend it and implement it within the next six to nine months and sit back and see we are we're at and get the other

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half back out to the community that are doing similar or mirroring funded or increase the CBOs. We'll be at a 70 million deficit at the end of the year as opposed to 130 or 155.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I already gave it to Member Carbajar.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: We wouldn't be fighting over \$12 million a would you mean of months ago.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It would have been a totally conversation.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: That was a jab. That was a jab.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That would have been a different conversation.

>> RAFAEL CARBAJAL: I'm exciting we're doing what we're supposed to be doing as a committee or body. Two, I want to take into consideration there is a difference between grants and contract -- when we start setting standards we look at them both. I'm assuming money from DPH and other partners, some goes out as grants and some contracts and those are handled differently and as keep that in mind.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's received. Member Stevens?

>> REBA STEVENS: There's a few things. One is, thank you Member Williams for your comments because what it did is it brought to mind that JCOD is so grand new. And I'm just saying. When I think about these departments like the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Health services, SAPC.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: It is rebranded.

>> REBA STEVENS: Perhaps. I am as excited you are for the discussion we're having because it makes me feel good inside. It says we are having an uncomfortable or necessary conversation that should have happened a long time ago. But it is really important. Because of the work that they are set outdo, or is it fair when it's so brand-new?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Hmm.

>> REBA STEVENS: I also want to give the shout out to amity, because if you guys go back in the years I gave amity heck and I'm sure they wanted to crawl under many tables. There's a couple of things. Using as an example, DMH, who is benefiting from the interest on those dollars?

And I think that it still is something I'm going to keep at it about that interest. The other is should we reconsider whether or not or who we're funding in the County departments?

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Because when we look at the current climate of where we are right now, you know, is it the right County departments that we are funding? Are there others that we should be considering or should we consider not funding the County departments at all? Because they are turning around and they are contracting with [laughs] -- isn't it the same thing that the T approximate. A is doing? You know, it just makes me wonder is this why?

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm sorry I cut you off. I'm sorry.

>> REBA STEVENS: The last thing because I wanted to make sure I got this on the record. Does it take four years to spend any of this money? I mean, that's something else we should be looking at. Look at how long it's been. We're talking about Year one. I just need to put it on the record. I have to ask with some of the discussion we had to, I would like to know what is the difference between the grants and the contracts and how do we define that? And I'll end there.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I would note, some of the -- there was a, just a history piece. At the very beginning, Member Casti llo you can catch me if I'm wrong in any part of this. When JCOD didn't exist and it was CEO ATR, when the Measure J Advisory Committee was doing its work with the five areas much focus, with the chairs of those areas trying to determine the recommendations that the funds will be spent on back in that November of 2020, right?

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>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Twenty-one.

>> CHAIR STEELE: 2021. During that time frame there was a big argument about how much money was actually going to go to a third party administrator because of the lack of trust that community had about money going to the departments.

I should also note that these program areas that were defined, some of the work that was made in them were, were strategies that did not exist in the County or anywhere.

Right? So to your question about, like, does it take four years? Well, for the community versus the County, it probably would take longer because of the bureaucracy that the County has versus a community org that may have programs they were already bootstrapping that now has funding to get it going even faster. There's pros and cons I think to it all.

I'm bias because I am a community-based organization. I run a nonprofit community-based organization so I would say, yeah, we have the ability to move a lot more nimbly and a lot more faster on some of these things.

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I just want to note that the making and the makeup of all things in CFCI, there's a lot of it that has been created in the period of time we've been doing this that did not exist prior to.

That part is not lost on me. But a question I have, when I look at the budgeted amounts, this is what the ongoing funding is for next Fiscal Year too, yeah?

>> It depends. In terms of each one of those, the amount. In there there's ongoing for certain programs and then there's one time for other programs. And so if all depends on the exact program, like, what it's designated for.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For the most part, though?

>> For the most part, yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: This is the number we're talking about. Member LoBianco and then Member Castillo.

>> Thank you. I wanted to reflect on why dollars should or could come to the County and I challenge myself and also this bawl to think when we come together and say the dollars should go to the County versus TPA we should be able to articulate why and why. This is a body doing things differently and prying to push the envelope.

>> WHITNEY MOORE-WHITE: I would put on the table if dollars come to the table and like my legals, we don't do direct service. Goes into the community organizations' hand to see deliver. We understand and respect the connection and ability to deliver on the grant. The things I would say is where we can build an economy of scale. Where a program or service really works and additional dollars we can amplify that impact where there's special expertise and a contract being built.

We should know why we're putting it there and I am reflecting on this conversation and when I come back and present on some of our year two programs, I want to make sure I'm emphasizing why it Mike make sense for it to come to us and to be honest, it shouldn't.

Some of the things that we're doing with the dollars is high road training partnership and employee ownership models. They are testing us in some of the ways we haven't done things in the past but they are building on things that have been piloted and mobilizing. It's not random and I do think it's a really good point and we should all be able to articulate that as we describe the impact of our programs.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Indeed. Member Castillo.

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>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Something coming up for me in the spirit of the annual budget process is perhaps implementing quarterly reports and quarterly budget updates so we have a regular understanding and are able to keep this kind of conversation going as a Member who has been on this advisory body for a while. It's often the same four or five people that are talking. So it is refreshing to hear more voices in this space and to really bring your expertise and experiences into the room.

Like I said, with more information we're able to make sound recommendations.

The other thing that's coming up for me is wondering how often would we as a body like to make recommendations about the funds based on potential regular quarterly report progress? That doesn't mean we're making recommendations quarterly. But just wondering how often, what would our cadence be?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yes, please.

>> If you want me to ask, furnish reports in a couple of different ways. Part of it too with Eric just answered about what's ongoing and what's one time because it is compounded in these numbers for sure.

I didn't want to leave it unattended Member Stevens. We did get the answer of interest. It sits in the general fund and it's cash on hand that sits in the general fund.

>> REBA STEVENS: Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay. Yes, please.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: To Member Williams' suggestion to allow for roll over for six to 12 months, last meeting we had a presentation for Housing for Health who was talking about their year two programs and they are asking for roll over \$24 million. I want to be Conference and Exchange as we set a precedence. What is the criteria and expectations that we're going to be visiting this program year. Year two program. However you want to say it.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: And to be clear, because we're talking about contracts versus grants, six months is not a realistic time period for County. Once you're in contract for those of you who have County contracts, it can do on forever, you can do additions or whatever.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: Floor not a ceiling.

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>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: But to say to have the program up and designed and running and contracts executed and gone through solicitation all of those things.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I hear you though, but we are expected to do that. I feel you but, like --

>> JOE WILLIAMS: Can I get into queue?

>> CHAIR STEELE: We are expected and if we don't, not only that, to have 90 day's worth of run way before we get a check.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: You mean the TPA?

>> CHAIR STEELE: No. I'm talking about working with the County in general. As a county funded partner, I am expected as a nonprofit organization when the county is ready, the contract is signed, to ready to go on Day 1. And I don't get my money until 90 days if that.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: You get start up depending on the contract.

>> CHAIR STEELE: No.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: We do start-ups in the contract.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I understand that you strike to do that as JCOD I'm saying as a County funder outside of CFCI funds, the expectation of the grace you're talking about, we don't get that grace.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: I think it depends on where you're contracting and how.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I've had several contracts with the County and we don't get that grace.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Still depending on the contracts.

>> CHAIR STEELE: We have questions about the LAFSA funds and people who have not been paid for over a year.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: That's not a -- .

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm saying there's somewhere in the middle to meet that doesn't allow for the status quo to be the status quo. Do you know what I'm saying?

>> JOE WILLIAMS: That's what I was going to say. We can talk semantics all day but if we're thinking about solutions, contracts or grants and we know everyone is not the same, maybe we should suggest. I know JCOD is a new org. Why are we giving the large grants? Are we

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making the right grants to the right places and I think we should adjust the numbers and bring them down to where they should be for an org starting out.

I was at the Magic Johnson center last year and a community partner came up that was getting funded and said they were not getting paid for nine months. And I see the Member shaking her head and saying it's not like what you're saying and not like what you're saying. I would just invite folks to really listen.

You don't live in the communities and I don't live in the Magic Johnson communities but if we listen to communities of people around this table we can come to a solution. But yeah I think right sizing it, be Member Fuentes - Mira in, da. Right sizing the grant. Creating a framework that's going to create roll over and at the same time if you're going to get the roll over for \$24 million, at least have a plan of how you're going to spend the funds. Doesn't have to be spectacular or a philanthropy final report but a bullet point of how you're going to get there.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm sorry Member Soto?

>> Member hunt.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Go ahead.

>> ROSA SOTO: I've been listening intentionally to the conversation and what I love about this space is we're able to uplift real challenges that exist in the County. Sometimes have very polarized opinions and sometimes have varied opinions but be able to come together at this table. I think that is what I have appreciated the most about this space, right? Departments have a lot of protections in terms of how you do business.

But the partners that you have around the table around you as nonprofit partners we do not. I think what chairman Steele was emphasizing is we are not on equal footing. We're trying to understand the symptom at the same time as trying to responsibility at the same time trying to be the grantee and player at the same time we're trying to respond inform a community that has dire needs that are constantly being uplifted to us and communities saying please be our voice.

So it's important that we, you know, just take that opportunity that is at this table to not be dismissive of what's being heard but of being open and not justifying by saying, well it's only some departments or it's this way or it's that way. It exists and more so in this last cycle of the last two years for the nonprofit partners around the table, does it exist that we get a higher level of scrutiny, a higher level of responsibility and a higher level of ask that we still continue to deliver on to this day and what we're talking about this day is for the did

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opportunity for departments that do have the protections that the County has to respond to what the community has been requests, which is important, is transparency. Right? Measure G passed because people believe that transparency need to see exist and we need to work together to be more open at this table to find those solutions and opportunities to go forward. Right? Otherwise there will continue to be those that want to be disruptive from the outside and what we're building here and continue to build here will also be destroyed. Please, let's work together to understand each other and to support each other in getting to a better conclusion. I think that's why we're all here and making the huge effort to come to the meetings is because we want the money to go back in a way that has never been touched before into our communities to benefit our most vulnerable and that's what we're doing every day.

Ein just want to ..

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you meth. Just a second. Member hunt and then I'll calm back around. I want to make sure we leave spate for community. Go ahead Member hunt.

>> JENNIFER HUNT: Thank you. I want to uplift the transparency and accountability component. The reason I offered up earlier to have this someplace to have this conversation is to be able to bring those things and be able to provide that information transparently and candidly so that that can be the conversation. That was all it wanted to share with that. That is the reality of what others are describing about the payment cycle and those things.

That's been my experience that that is very real and we have been trying to combat that in different ways and so just, I think that that's at least, I can say my commitment to this is to bring those things and bring those facts forward and explain why and I feel bad that Member Joey Williams is not here. Hate to say this without him present here.

But we can explain that and it's more than just a commitment but it's a plan and it's concrete plan of how that money is either in process under contract and being spent or what we are waiting for in order to do that.

So it's, I look forward to the opportunity and to be able to have real conversations about any and all of the programs that are outlines there that I have participation in.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you, Member hunt.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I will say to both of the last two comments, thank you from both the County perspective, community perspective, and the idea of transparency and also us working together to come up with a path forward, to take the information that has been

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talked through in this space to bring back to the next meeting at a series of recommendations just based off of what has been lifted up for you all to respond to so that we can do the alignment, that we can set the timelines of when this information is coming, the platform of how we receive it so that we can actually negotiate how we want to move forward. Some rule that's didn't exist that can exist in the future around how resources are utilize and had how we communicate that to the Board of Supervisors for approval. So we'll do that work.

I want to ask from the JCOD team, we have a potential schedule to talk about the presentations we need to do to start the big picture for the carry over discussion. JCOD has offered to be first to start the conversation. I'm looking forward to it. I didn't ask for that. They just offered. We'll go first. Okay. Say less.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: Somebody has got to do it.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah. But to really set the tone and I think we have, we look at the last several meetings, we've been getting to this, this was a point that was, that was coming to a head.

So can you pull up the -- yeah, there you go. Give me the list real quick?

So the proposed meeting schedule, you can go back to the one right before that.

Largely anticipated carry over amounts and Special Meetings to be health virtually and open to the public. Quorum is not needed because we are not voting on anything unless an action comes up and we'll let you know a head of time. Priority is to listen so we can make a determination about when we want to do with the carry over and make recommendation on next steps.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Point of clarification, I thought if there was discussion it would make its way to become a vote in future meeting that we would have to have a quorum?

>> CHAIR STEELE: For the discussion?

>> Not for information.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For voting. Not for information.

>> REBA STEVENS: We can't speak at all?

>> CHAIR STEELE: We can ask questions. Yeah, yeah all of that.

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>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: It just has to be informational.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Not giving guidance and making determinations. It's asking and sharing information. And we can do that. I have a feeling all of us are interested and so we'll probably have quorum in these meetings.

>> REBA STEVENS: I'm always going to be off topic because it's always about adding something that's missing.

So as I sit around this table, I'm often times wondering why are certain people here that don't seem to really participate? Please keep an open mind when I'm using this saying "participate." Because I have real life experiences with people who are suffering. And I mentioned last month the Department of Public Social Services because -- and I'm going to keep at it because I'm advocating because the Department of social services provides 16 day vouchers for hotels and it's usually a one-time deal and sometimes extended depending on the circumstances. I don't want to limit some of the people or the agencies that are present at our table or participate in our table because it may be an opportunity to better understand how to redirect some of the unspent dollars.

When that 16 days are up and only then can knock on the door for another resource. I believe that we -- play along with me here -- may find a solution to a buffer so that when that 16 day comes that it will still allow that person to remain in a hotel paid for by this body, as an example.

I'm bothered by it. It hurts me that people who need a service have to wait for it to be exhausted completely before they can go knock on the door and then they end up right back outside because the agency doesn't have funding. I'm using this as an example and I don't want to make it seem like I'm putting DPSS on the chopping block here.

But it's really important that we look and talk about gaps because I believe that it also is bothersome to them that a case manager or worker who also has to allow this person to go back outside when we brought him in. Are we wasting dollars? What are we doing? Then it positions' individual to perchance, just perchance -- I know I did, to commit crime, I know I did, petty theft, crime, trying to survive. I think it's important to add them at some point.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm going to say, we got priorities in front of us. But I would mention that if there's a proposal of how resources can go to maybe that we reallocate from the carry over to a pilot program of what you're talking about, if that's something that comes up as a recommendation, that's something that you can bring up at that particular time.

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But I think these proposed meetings in this schedule is built around getting a furthering understanding of these carry over requests or what the body of work is tied to. I see.

We got JCOD. We got JSED, DHS, DYD, arts and culture, Department of public health as the first set of meetings to go over in the next several weeks and we have to come together weekly to work through this.

I just want to make sure that -- yes, go ahead.

>> So sorry to interrupt you. This is not the exhaustive list and Member Carbajal, you will get a chance. There will be other Year one programs that are. We have to start with the highest under spend first and that's the descending order and others don't have the highest over spend except for us. We're not the top ranked. We just volunteered to go first. This is not the exhaustive list. You'll here from the JCOD team as we schedule these and give you as much lead time as we possibly can so you'll be prepared.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Castillo.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I was going to say, I know throughout the last four years of this process we've done pretty deep community engagement around recommendations for the funding stream itself and that is truly what makes this space a unique space as well and I want to make sure that is something how factored in. I know we have the tiered recommendations for things not able to be fund and had so on and so forth and so you might want to visit that as well but wanting to uplift that that is central to whatever new process we are developing.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I will say that decoupling the recommendations that we have from the budgetary timeline gives us the ability to do just that in my mind.

So thank you very much. I think today was a very robust discussion. Judge Armstead?

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: One of my goals and I think the goal for the Committee in the spirit of trying to figure out community and county together has always been to figure out how the TPA recipients can help fill the gaps in the County. To Member Stevens' example if we have housing programs fund and going how can DPS make those referrals directly and so that's something we've been trying to figure out and work through and we've notified all of the Counties departments and these are the things that kind of apply and we're still trying to get there. To Member Williams' and Sotos' comments. We're not to expand pretrial services to Compton and Lancaster and we're need emergency housing in those areas and we're trying to contract with people but maybe through CPI their grant

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recipients already in the area. Those types of things of thinking how we can be more intentional in those spaces and that's what we're trying to figure out.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Received. Dates. Thursdays are our days. I'm sure folks had other things on their mind or on their calendars for this. I just had a very intense conversation with my wife about this on my way here by letting her know that, yeah, that the next several Thursdays I'm tied up.

So that is my proposal.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: And it will be available virtually?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Virtually as well yes. That is the thing about the quorum piece because we're staying in the space of information, we'll have the ability to navigate online and in person as well. Please, Member night?

>> WENDY KNIGHT: There is a virtual option and a quorum is not needed because no votes are taking place but how does it impact the overall attending policy?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Do we have the ability to suspend it? Is it Brown Act?

>> Our plan is host the monthly meetings will continue where we will still take up this business. I'm thinking aloud so please forgive me. The business will continue and we'll have monthly in person meetings with the schedule you have established that you all have agreed to and voted. The Special Meetings will happen in between those meetings and it will be virtual so it did you want require the travel and we won't have it in person and that saves us on the AV and our friends that come and do all of these other services of.

I think we can run through those and because they are informational only we can run through those and do this way and we're all accustomed to that for sure.

>> CHAIR STEELE: When is the next scheduled meeting?

>> March 20th.

>> CHAIR STEELE: So we will collect the information that we talked about in this meeting. The thing I was talking about for us to respond to and make decisions on and how we want to operate and also align the work. We can have that discussion at the March 20th meeting so that will be in person. So that's next week, right? Two weeks. I'm sorry.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: One thing is any self-respect be Angelino would not schedule a meeting on Thursday the 27th as opening day. I won't be here and neither will alternate. Have you seen stub hub?

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Noted. Think we're all in agreement there. Yes? Yes? Cool. Thank you very much for today's conversation. Let's go to Public Comment. I want to say to all of the Community Members listening in, the ones in the room, thank you for your patience. I've been watching the head nods and I've been watching the smiles and the shaking of the heads.

I know you got opinions so please feel free to share them in the Public Comment space.

>> CFCI: We will now open the general Public Comment period. As a reminder the Public Comment period is one minute per person. Telephone users please dial star nine to use raise hand and star six to unmute. Computer and smartphone users locate your raise hand feature to be placed in the queue. General Public Comment are limited to the matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CFCI advisory committee. We will call you in order that your hand was raised. Remember to state your full name. Any Public Comments in the room? I see a hand. You can come up.

>> I'm good with it, thank you.

>> CFCI: Please state your name for full record.

>> Good evening, everyone. I'm ... good to see you again Member Stevens and good evening everyone. Thank you for the meeting. I'm claim my seat and I know I have one minute. Committee with the jail closure implementation seam. We believe that our mission is about closing central jail safely and methodically and it's about the ecosystem of care you are all promoting through your work and just want to preview that change to come. Thank you for the questions that you all have raised. The contrasting structures that we've talked about. Before this role I was in the nonprofit space as well so this is my return to government and I too have the same questions of how we get money out the door to those doing the work more quickly and how we monitor that and track progress and the JSET team has been monitoring programs listed above. We have the unallocated pot and the eight programs listed above. The baton has been passed from JCOD back to CEO. Our current director nab in place for 90 days and we've been asking questions about the spending.

I noted the dates and two weeks from now will be JSED's presentation dates. Any questions we don't have the answer to we will certainly take those back and keep working on it. Just wanted to share that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much. Welcome.

>> CFCI: Thank you. Any other Public Comments in the room? Seeing no other hands in the room we would like to go online.

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>> CFCI: Thank you. We have five online comments. I will start with the first comment from Yvette Crayon. You're unmuted. You can speak.

>> YVETTE CRAYON: Good evening. I'm Yvette Crayon the executive introductory or and program director for the grit program which is a reentry program in SPA one. We've been working with JCOD representatives to seek additional bedding for the incarcerated being released from Antelope Valley court. You guys raised some important questions and one of my biggest questions and recommendations to chairman Steele, do you think that an advisory audit committee would work between LA County JCOD as well as your organization in maintaining the money and holding the organizations accountable for the funding in showing some type of positive results in a report? Thank you.

>> CFCI: Next comment from Maria Gonzalez. You are unmuted and you can speak.

>> MARIA GONZALEZ: Hello. Thank you so much. I am leader in the community and an Angelino and founder of pride and truth and I work with youth justice correlation. I'm here to speak on pride and truth because my concerns are that pride and truth has not gotten the support from a CFCI as we should have. For one, I'm being asked to return funds back and it's very concerning knowing that there's over \$155 million unspent and asking for money back instead of sending support to small organizations that are all over Los Angeles County probably going through the same things that has been going on red tape with the punitive report backs they are asking and smaller organizations don't have the support they need and so it's very concerning for me and as a leader in the community, I would like to see this being resolved and I would like to see that we have outcomes of, like, all these organizations that are out there doing tremendous work. Get the support that they need. I was part of the Measure J campaign. We fought for this money so that communities can get the help. I am asking, please, I will be attending these meetings and I want to see progress. I want to see these roll every freezes lift up because I know we can do that.

>> CFCI: Pardon me Ms. Gonzalez. We only allow one minute for speaking.

>> CHAIR STEELE: You can finish the last thought.

>> MARIA GONZALEZ: I just want to see an oversight to be able to oversee what JCOD is doing with this funding and make sure that everybody is being done the way it should be. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you.

>> CFCI: The next person whose hand is raised is Shirin Senegal.

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>> SHIRIN SENEGAL: Good evening, commissioners. I love the passion that you are all rooted in so thank you for that. And I think that two things can exist at the same time. I'm an executive Director of Ronnie's house and one of the grantees with JCOD and I can tell you that between JCOD and Amity that's being built right now is something truly amazing with agencies that are committed and that are supported and from my years of experience, what I truly see is that it's one of the few departments that really focuses on being rooted in equity.

So a couple of recommendations is I think grace is important because even a small agency, I agree with you, we always get the heat. We have to deliver and we have to be time. But I think what JCOD is doing and Amity deserves us to have grace and possibly rework it and get their recommendation on where the funds should go and second at the end of the year or whatever time you decide if the funding is available that it good to one time fees to support the agencies in things they can do to offset the grant because often times there's little resources and that could really make a difference. Whether that's scaling one time grantor around the summertime to help violence prevention. So I just wanted to support.

I think we don't always get it right but I really appreciate being involved today and seeing how you are all truly amazing being able to have the uncomfortable conversations but definitely Judge Armstead's leadership has been incredible and I'm truly blessed to have this department in Amity. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you.

>> CFCI: Next person to speak is Kruti Parekh. Apologize if I mispronounce.

>> KRUTI PAREKH: Good try. I'm with the youth justice coalition. First and foremost so much gratitude to the co-chairs and the ability to speak the language of the community and the language of the County. It's phenomenal so thank you so much for bringing us together for positive, productive conversations and accountability.

Agree with so much of what has been said. I would suggest that you move on a quarterly basis and have a small working committee of some of the genius that's in the room, smart thinking solution oriented system navigators, data divas, we have so many data divas, all genders in the room, to have a small committee come together to make -- decisions. And also just to lift up what Maria Gonzalez had named coaches for smaller organizations that are still trying to get off the ground. Navigating this as one of the recipients of CFCI funds, we're so grateful. We're grateful for Amity and grant advocates and I know that smaller organizations need the coaching support to make sure the funds are spent down. Looking forward to supporting and please reach out if I can be of any help.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Thanks, Kruti.

>> CFCI: Thank you. The next Member to speak is Motoro Moto stylist guest. You've been unmuted.

>> Hi everybody. My name is Stephanie Serrano and I'm calling in from seeds of peace. We opened up a wellness resource center to serve our communities mental health through a variety of resources and we have people walking through our door asking for housing navigation services to get access to housing and rent rooms to get off the street of being homeless. We have people walking in from mental health services and we're connecting them to emergency mental health services and therapy. We have an amazing IP support group supporting students and parents with disabilities and we have we have been supporting undocumented families and students to know their rights. And so we have a variety of community-based support groups. I've been a service provider with Independent Living Program and we are meeting some of the services that they provide with a lot more funding and I know that because I've been working in those fields. I want to share that I appreciate we can do this work and we need to keep all of our funds because we are going through learning curves. A lot of us had to do a lot with a little bit of money and there are large organizations doing a little with a lot.

We have made so much out of nothing and we're grappling on how no maximize the funds and please give us some time.

>> CFCI: Pardon me. Your time is expired.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I want to note for those in Public Comment, let's try to stick to the one minute but your energy is definitely well received and understood for sure. We got you. Thank you.

>> CFCI: The next guest is actually before the next guest, for any member who has participating via telephone you can press star nine to raise your hand and I can unmute you that way if you would like to make a comment. Daniel Rodriguez. Speaking time is one minute.

>> DANIEL RODRIGUEZ: Senior manager for the JCOD recipient and I work in LA County and San Fernando Valley. I urge you to maintain your commitment to care first initiatives because you have raised life changing programs and service that's our communities rely on. My work allows me to connect intergenerationally and to hear the stories of people never getting a chance to fully live their lives is truly heartbreaking. They call our hotline in

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terms of record clearing services and housing and mental health services and we're meeting them where they are at and the demands of the community is to be in a healing space. To redirect this funding would negatively impact already marginalized communities and it perpetuates cycle we're working to break. May I approach taken your commitment to the care first any bodies. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you.

>> CFCI: Thank you Daniel. The next guest is Byron. You've been unmuted and you can speak.

>> BYRON: Good afternoon CFCI Administration. Thank you for time to be here at the Special Meeting. If the JCOD team are not able to respond fully around the funds whether they are encumbered or not encumbered, it makes sense for the CEO to be there in person. Us wholeheartedly stand with Member Stevens and all the other members of this body who are ensuring the funds are going out to the community through the third party service models and those here. All of these unspent fund, that would just not fly. When all of every year when meeting with the CEO and reconciling your budget that's a moment for your account ability and we want to make sure these funds roll over to be directed to the service they are meant to provide. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you, Byron.

>> CFCI: Thank you. Next guest is Holly Aslop.

>> HOLLY ASLOP: Pretty close. I just want to keep saying the same thing I've said for the two years. Small organizations need what's called technical assistance in the grant world. Absolutely been stated over and over again and I'm glad it's being heard. By supporting small organizations you give them leg cease and sustainability and the ability to thrive after the CFCI goes away and in these times we need you and they need you and I am so grateful to see this and I applaud you and I am proud to hear organizations stand up and say don't take away our money because we comply. They need to see the metrics and numbers and the feedback to improve. Thank you and I yield my time.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you.

>> CFCI: Next guest. (626)296-4868. You've been unmuted and please state your name and for the record as a reminder you have one minute to speak.

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>> DIANA: Hi everyone this is Diana with Las Lunas consulting RAC and reimagine LA. I want to thank the Committee so much for all the work you have been doing to get this money out and the commitment to accountability and so thank you so much.

I just want to remind everybody that we're almost ten years away from when the board said we were going to close the jail and we're almost five years away from when we first developed the alternative to incarceration report. And so it is disheartening to hear that millions of dollars have not been intent down when in reality we were creating the report we knew which programs were working and which needed to be expanded and those were prioritized in the original report. I hope we can go back to that and really hit about what has been working for a long time within the County and reallocate those dollars to what's working or if we need to, focus on basic income strategies that can support a lot of our relatives that are hurting right now within Los Angeles County. So again, the last part, I think it's going to be really important to have a clear schedule of when you analyze, how the funding is getting distributed and used across departments, and across community-based organizations equally, as folks were saying. And that this could be a standing part for how this community continues to hold accountability in the system. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you.

>> CFCI: Seeing as there are no more hands online, that concludes the online comments.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Any more comments in the room? All right.

Thank you very much. I think that's tremendous feedback from the community. We have a mandate. I think we're on, we're in the right pot posture. There's a lot of work in front of us and I'm really looking forward to work with you all, as always, to get to the other side of this issue. I think we do this and come up with a game plan of how this gets done, it's going to be transformative. I fundamentally believe that. So thank you very much for your time today. Thank you for coming today. Thank you for your attention and for your N for those who are online and those in the room, keep paying attention and keep coming through because the energy you're giving to the space is helpful for us and the mandates that we're standing on or at least the points of view that we're standing on and knowing if it's right or if it's wrong because we're hearing from you about us making sure that we're heading in the right direction. With that, I'll adjourn the meeting.

[Meeting adjourned 6:15 p.m.]