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>> CHAIR STEELE: Hello. How are you all doing?

>> Tencha Chavez: Good afternoon to you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Just want to be transparent here I am in the New Orleans airport coming back from a college tour I'm head deposition back to Los Angeles and my flight was delayed I was expecting to be back by now. However, I'm still here. I also have a flight out in about 40 minutes. And my flight boards in about 24 minutes after 4. So my colleagues are supposed to carry on with the meeting. I'm work to set the table. And we are looking to hear the recording on the other side if that's okay. I do apologize. Just couldn't be helped today. Counsel will be joining us today? Anybody on JCOD team know that?

>> I am not certain. I can chat Robert.

>> CHAIR STEELE: If not that's fine, I was just asking. Just kind of want to make sure I was understanding of today being that this is kind of a virtual meeting officially, unofficially. Also, hold on. Let me put it in the chat. Okay everybody.

Thank you very much for making the time for today's meeting. I want to officially I guess call it to order. As we are at starting the recording, thank you for that. Quick procedural question, again, because this is a Town Hall meeting, do the rules around commentary in the chat, do we need to read the disclosures and all those things, do those things count in this particular space? Just for clarification.

>> The disclosures we will read as they make reference to public comment as well.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Let's go ahead and read the disclosures then.

>> Thank you I'll go ahead and read the meeting disclosures now. This meeting is being recorded for the purpose of meeting minutes. Excuse me meeting minutes are not being taken today by remaining in this you consent to be recorded. This is subject to the Brown act since conversations on the chat are not visible to people on the telephone and people are unable to participate the chat function is limited to technical assistance. There will be no response. If members of the public would like to provide comment please do so either during the public comment or the during general public comment period. For a closed caption assistance CART services are available you may access these services by clicking on the Streamtext link provided in the chat after the reading of these disclosures. When accessing Zoom through a computer browser scroll to reactions at the bottom tab and you will see the raise hand feature when accessing Zoom through a smartphone browser school to more at the bottom tab and you will see a drop down menu with the raise hand feature. For anyone experiencing online technical difficulties, telephone dial in information

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Sorry, I was working to come off mute. Thank you very much for the meeting disclosures can we please read through the land acknowledgement and bring it up. I'll read through. The land beneath our feet is the ancestral land of people who lived in Los Angeles County and surrounding areas for thousands of years. I would like to acknowledge the Gabrieleno Tongva people, the Fernandeno Tatavium tribe and the Ventureño Chumash people. These native people understood and respected the land connected and respected the four-legged creatures who once roamed the earth freely the winged ones and everything in the ocean. Their hearts told them no never take more than they could use and always give back to mother earth. These people are still here living today and giving back to the surround that surrounds us. Aheehe. Please bring up the labor acknowledgement. Most modern-day institutions have benefitted from the unaddressed legacy of the stolen labor of foundation of this nation and vast inequitable wealth. We respectfully acknowledgement our debt to the enslaved people primarily of African descent whose labor and suffering built and grew the economy and structure of a nation that refused to recognize their humanity. While the 13th Amendment ended slavery, they are still felt countless people through forced through violence threats and coercion to work in the United States. Please we recognize our debt to exploited workers whose past and past continues to be stole Epp through -- go back through unjust practices. We acknowledge our collective debt in the indigenous people whose lands whose labor was forced and exploited the Chinese immigrants who built the railroads and allowed for westward and American Japanese Americans whose properties and livelihoods were taken from them. Mexico and central America who have worked Pacific Northwest farms. We recognize the immigrant of American born workers of African Asian and south American

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descent. We recognize that our economy continuation to rely on the exploited labor of incarcerated people largely people of color who earn pennies an hour while generating billions of goods and SF-s each year. We know there are many other people too numerous to mention who are prevented from reaping the true value of their labor by unjust systems and cruel practices. We mourn their loss of life, liberty and opportunity. We acknowledge the left of labor is the theft of generational progress nearly all people of color have been robbed of the opportunity and wealth that their ancestors might have otherwise passed onto them. Thank you.

All right. Bring up the community agreements again this is very, very important as we read through to go if you all don't mind I'll start. Please respectful of the diverse voices being represented and remain open-minded.

>> Be mindful of the power dynamics in this space as well as the historical disenfranchisement of Black and indigenous communities. Accordingly prioritize and defer to community throughout the process. Be mindful of the diverse audience you're presenting to and make sure you speak with clarity.

>> Be classify active. Assume best intentions.

>> Challenge the idea, not the person.

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

>> Transparency and follow-through.

>> Be intentional about hearing and allows spaces for voices to be uplifted.

>> Be an active participate and try to be sue sunk in your thoughts.

>> Let equity lead the way.

>> Make spaces for youth voices. As much as possible allow community members for finish their sentence thought during public comment.

>> Review communities agreements and amend as needed and also begin CFCI community meetings with land acknowledgement and recognizing the indigenous people of the land we now call Los Angeles County. Thank you everybody very much. I want to, Julie if you can please pull up the calendar draft that we have at the moment and I want to address a couple things that have been happening in the background. While we've been working on this. As you all know, we have decided together to continue to move forward with our process of vetting the unspent funds and also put ourselves in the posture of coming up with recommendations for un -- for those unspent funds as we acknowledge

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and identify how much of them we actually have left based on the findings and learnings from the presentations we have in front of us. So that requires us to have several different conversations with the County departments to get a learning of why funds are unspent to get a sense of over the next -- in 6 to 8 months how much of those unspent funds utilized at one time funds so we can identify how much we're reclaiming that we can also reallocate through our community engagement process. So there's a lot of moving parts that are happening all at once. As you remember from last week -- I'm sorry the last meeting, the CEO's office is kind of like in this boss chair of well we have a mandate that says by way the Board motion that we can make the decisions about the reallocation that we'll come and have conversations with you all. Like no, that's not okay.

And so we have gone through the process of beginning to push on that issue. And, you know, I want to lift up my fellow leaders in this space with you all's permission, you know, of doing that advocacy and getting some audience with the board offices. We've got a few meetings that are coming up in that regard. There's also been leadership and community on making an issue about this, about work we're trying to do. But I want to make sure that we are outlining and understanding the timeline that we're developing too on this. So you can take a look at the agenda as is and I apologize about the background noise I'm at the airport and I'm going to be getting on a flight moment Terrill. We have a mixture of in person and Town Hall meetings that are scheduled every other week, right. So we're here today an April 3rd the next one we have will be April 17th destination to be determined and virtual again May 1st and then you can see. You all are reading it for people who can't read it and you can only hear it April 17th will be in person. May 1st will be virtual. May 15th in person. May 29th virtual, May 26 in person. July 17th, August 21st and so so we're determining what we need. The last thing I will say we also didn't have conversations with the different departments. I had some very in depth conversations with the J set team which has renamed the work they are doing as well, I just can't remember the acronym. And there have been conversations around us trying to have them come and especially on April 24th, so once we try to finalize that, I think at the April 17th meeting we can have a conversation without having a special meeting in between that maybe we can do it as a Town Hall but maybe in person. It's up to how we decide to maybe bring Jason in. I think it's important to figure that part out because they are one of the departments that want to be able to bring things forward and new leadership but also have very important discussions around the amount of resources that they have as far as carry over is concerned.

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So I say a lot of words but I wanted to give you eyes on this. Does anybody have any questions about like how we're looking to proceed because I know the scheduling of these things was kind of like up in the air for some people and I wanted to make sure we're all on the same page about what we're looking to do. Any questions about anything?

>> No questions. I know how it asks to ask a question and nobody says anything

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much I appreciate that. Cool we can take this down let's move forward with today's Town Hall. We are having a presentation in a continuance with JCOD. There was one portion of their work that we did not get a chance to go through in their last presentation. So I want to make sure that we can bring forth the work of Doris, I do believe. So they can also present to us the working and also talk to some of the findings and things we want to know about the resources to continue on. So please.

>> Adam Bettino: I'm going to start us on doors, miles Meshak is also here to assist in the presentation and I apologize I'm a little under the weather so my voice is doing that thing and I will do my best to pull us through this.

Next slide, please. So developing opportunities and offering reentry solutions. This data is focused specifically on Antelope Valley. Already a hand up but I think -- everybody can hear me all right?

>> Yes.

>> Adam: If okay Ms. Digs we'll take the hand in a little bit. But others, again, chime in here if there are questions. So we're focused specifically on doors Antelope Valley. We did receive funding for DOORS generally. We launched virtual services last year so we got the fund not guilty April 2022. That was transferred to JCOD in November 2022. Virtual services started last summer and we launched the brick and mortar site which is I'm not going to get the address correctly but I think it's avenue J. Other folks know a little bit more specifically but we have a brick and mortar site in a strip mall and we've been providing services there on site since November. If you guys are in the area you should drop by we have a lot of providers there. Many of you, most of you are familiar with our DOORS LA site but for the purpose of this conversation we're focused specifically on Antelope Valley. Our contracting providers there we have five keys advancing communities together. Timeless group, family reunification, catalyst foundation is there providing housing support and stabilization. Children's center of Antelope Valley. Neighborhood legal services, alliance for California traditional arts. Again the mission there is folks pop in, anybody who is just involved who needs services can pop in there and receive services from our folks. We receive a referral from probation, from court, from any of our justice partners and the main

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purpose there is that we're providing folks with services so that they can overcome reentry barriers. And it is noteworthy that our DOORS sites we have JCOD staff on-site but really what that role is to kind of why manage the site and navigate people to services. And all of those services are provided by contracted providers, community-based organizations like the ones you see listed here. It's a little bit of a different group at DOORS LA but as an example what I highlighted during our last meeting, everything JCOD is done through community using our providers out there on the front line. Next slide.

Here is some demographics. Specific again to DOORS AV and these are from July 7th and this is data as of pretty close to the end of March. So if you look here Black or African-American is our highest number there. And then Hispanic or Latino is next. And then just focusing on the age you see majority is 35 to 44, really close is 25 to 34 but that's all mapped out there and gender is almost half, half. But mostly male.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Adam, is this an active platform or is this like data that you all compiled together for the presentation.

>> Adam Bettino: I will defer to miles I don't know if this dashboard is one of our active ones or if we're doing -- so if it's not currently active, it will be shortly but this is one of the, I mean, you all have maybe seen some of our dashboards some are live and updating on a regular basis. I don't know if our folks are inputting into this so we can only pull it so often. Miles do you know that for sure.

>> Mr. Meshak Meshak: I don't believe this is live on the site but we're adding it shortly.

>> Adam Bettino: Does that answer your question.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It does.

>> Adam Bettino: Next slide is more demographics it's just bulleted out. And I want to highlight service utilization trends here. Excuse me. Coughing and I had a child walk through. The joys of working from home. Service utilization trends if you look high school diploma, GD support is is our highest employment intensive case management, family services 11%.

Okay. Here is just outcome highlights and these are for the current fiscal year and so some of these touch while we were providing virtual services and then we've continued to track obviously since we've been up and running as a brick and mortar site. So again these are highlights that we're pretty proud of. We are always seeking to do more engagement with the community. We are trying to get as many folks to the site as possible. We've had regular conversations like I said with Sharif in the area, probation, we're starting to have

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some conversation with the court a little bit more deeply. In the Antelope Valley. We have hosted a series of community events. We have an event coming up for second chance month on April 11. We will be blasting our flier far and wide. Our comms team have conversations about getting the word out about all those events going on and April 11 there's a series of events up in the Antelope Valley for anybody that wants to come out. Any questions on the outcomes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: This is fantastic. Can you go back one more slide, right. I'm sorry, I just wanted to check one more thing. Cool. Got it okay. Thank you.

>> Adam Bettino: We want to make sure we're celebrating as much success as possible. These are a couple of testimonials I think you all have this in front of you. It's in the agenda I don't want to just read off of this, but again one is through our five keys provider. Again these folks on the ground are doing really great work navigating folks to services so we're just really excited about the ongoing partnership we have. We know that the Antelope Valley is often overlooked there's been a lot of focus there. We were really excited to just get going on services and really for all the folks that are on the call, those of you that are up in the area please help us get the word out about services we are providing there because we are there. Our folks are there. Right now Monday through Thursday providing services to folks walk-ins all the time. There's really no reason to even make an appointment or anything like that. But just come on down. We would love to provide services to you and your loved ones if needed.

Next slide. So this just gets into the funding a little bit. So again your one funds these really do go to service provider agreements. That's the bulk of what we're paying for. When we got the brick and mortar site, there were some tenant improvements required to make the space beautiful. There is 6.7 in carry over from the previous fiscal year. And since February we've spent down 540,000. So the real plan to continue to spend this down involves expanding the current contracts, funneling as many people to the site as we possibly can.

You know, we really want to get the word out about what's being provided there. And in the allocation kind of in the program area and the description of this area, it highlighted DOORS Antelope Valley as a priority and which we've launched and spoke about DOORS more specifically or more generally, rather, excuse me. And so our plan is to use some of the unspent funds to launch DOORS Long Beach. We've had conversations with the city, we've had conversations with some procedures in the area just to kind of get a lay of the

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land. We are also working with the supervisorial district because there's a huge need there as many folks know.

And we're kind of just working through the paces right now. We actually released an RFI last week so start virtual services in Long Beach which we're really excited about. And again, we'll see what we get back through the RFI. Really wanted to do a competitive process because we know there's a lot of providers in the area who do a lot of the things that we've detailed that, you know, during this presentation and some of other services that we provide elsewhere.

So that's really our big plan to get these dollars spent down is to start to launch the DOORS Long Beach site while also increasing supply of the services up in Antelope Valley. And some of this spending delays, we were limited to virtual service until we can get the physical location up and running. It's a strip mall so the space we needed required all kinds of odd things that we didn't anticipate honestly like low voltage build out and things like that.

And just, you know, the typical learning that we need to do with our providers who are on-site, getting them onboarded and trained to provide services in the area in the manner that we would like them to do. And because some of that was virtual, you know, that created some learning curve for some folks as well. Derek, go ahead.

>> CHAIR STEELE: All right, so thank you very much for the breakdown you just gave. This, do you have a more specified breakdown of the resources that are needed for this Long Beach site that you're talking about and what is the timeline as far as that's concerned as well.

>> Adam Bettino: We can certainly provide that back. It's detailed in the RFI. I don't know if any of our team has the detail, I don't so I don't want to misspeak it's similar to what we've launched at DOORS LA and DOORS Antelope Valley.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Have you built the possibly of having this site into the ongoing funds that you all have.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Was it the 12 million dollar or whatever that allocation is [indiscernible] I don't remember if it was but I feel like that was in the batch of projects to consider to fund or maybe it didn't pass but I thought we voted as a part of the 12 or whatever was million dollars that recommended recommended to the CEO I thought the Long Beach DOORS project was a part of that.

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>> Adam Bettino: Yes Long Beach doors but it wasn't for services at the site it was for tenant improvements we might have to do to the site. That's going through the process now. It was for a Long Beach DOORS and also for one landing place. But that's, those are one time funds that would be just for capital improvements, tenant improvements and that's going through the process that has not been approved by the board yet.

>> CHAIR STEELE: So then for what you are talking about as far as carriers are concerned for the project this is to go towards services.

>> Adam Bettino: So, again, because we look ongoing funding in a lot of areas we do need some ongoing CFCI but we don't get, we don't have a lot of other sustainable funding sources. We are unfortunately sort of utilizing some of this one time as if it were ongoing and so that's why you see us kind of spread out across multiple years.

Now, we've made a request in our budget for ongoing funding for our DOORS locations. We need appropriate staffing at those sites to make sure that they are running well so we've proposed a particular staffing model that we think will be beneficial.

As of right now those requests have been deferred so we don't have an answer on that. So today this is what's available to us and so that's how we're strategizing at least to get started. Understanding it's not an ongoing funding stream but there's been requests the Board to get us started so we're moving in that direction. I mean, we also go to public safety realignment team to try to get 8109 dollars. We go everywhere we can to try to seek funding to sustain these programs.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I want to make sure I'm clear in understanding this, so you have this 6.7 million dollars that is unspent funds and what the conversation is that you're thinking of utilizing these dollars towards breaking it down over years so that you can use it as ongoing funds even though it was one time funds right? The budget per year that you would need to even do that, one, is not even do-able, like is that something you can even do. And then two, what is the number that you are allocating it from a programmatic standpoint each year as far as breakdowns are concerned and how many years are we talking about.

>> Adam Bettino: Again this is just to get us started and I agree this is not a great way to plan in terms of future funding but we've been asked to build something and so we're seeking to do that. Miles if memory serves we budgeted 3 million a year for the DOORS site for the programmatic side.

>> Miles Meshak: That's about right for DOORS service a year is about 3 million.

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>> Adam Bettino: About 3 million would be spread across those contracts and providers at the site. The ongoing cost for us is 3 million annually for one, to run one DOORS site.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's the estimate for the Long Beach DOORS site is what you're telling me is 3 million a year.

>> Adam Bettino: Right.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Basically if we were to move forward without making any recommendations and changes in the carry over you have basically two years of resources you're trying to split up as the beginning of the process.

>> Adam Bettino: While we seek other more sustainable funding, yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: But the conversation about the sustainable funding so as far it's being, the can has been kicked down the road by the different entities that you have tried to seek funding from? Like it's been deferred as you said is that right.

>> Adam Bettino: Correct.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'll take a step back I have other questions that I want to leave it open for others as well. And to the public we will get to public comment on this momentarily but I just want to, we're having the advisory committee members speak on it first.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: My hand is up, I know you said you're on your phone.

>> Adam Bettino: I can see it, go ahead.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: This is more so to Chair Steele there's some work that the community is doing to make sure the voice of the community is heard in the coming considerations related to CFCI I understand, but is there any pathway where we could lift this up potentially as part of the dollars, part of the some of the unspent dollars can be used.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yes, for sure. Yes in short, yes. The answer is yes.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: The last thing I got can we get the concrete information from you in terms of the actual projected needed for the operational pieces of this.

>> Adam Bettino: Sure.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: On an annual basis.

>> Adam Bettino: Sure. Okay. We'll provide what we use a three year budget estimate for our programs so we can provide that.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you for that question member Lewis.

>> Adam Bettino: Are there other questions? I think the next two slides are just kind of some things that we're planning up at the site at DOORS Antelope Valley. March 26 we did a family movie day spring Fest cal coming April 25th. And that's, again, these are just community events and yep. DOORS AV block party. That's in May. And then I think the date on the second chance summit may be incorrect. But we can -- as I said what we'll do is make sure that we have a a flier of all the second chance and the month events sent out to our kind of CFCI email so I'll work with our comms team to make sure that we do that. Member Lewis I see your hand again.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Is it the organization that's part of the DOORS even before this money was tied to it, it was SB678 and other resources in the south LA the original DOORS and we're still there in some capacity. I wonder if we ever planned to do some comparisons to folks that are connected to the wraparound supports at DOORS and like the general population for lack of a better term that comes to seek regular probation services to demonstrate the impact and the difference in outcomes for them whether it's recidivism, housing stability, economic stability have you all had conversations about that especially if you go now we have to and hopefully we'll have three, so have you all thought about that a way to show the comparisons.

>> Adam Bettino: I know our team is gathering a little bit more detailed outcome information similar to what you're describing. I don't know that they've gone into that level of detail yet but let me do this, I want to get back with the team to figure out what that analysis looks like and what other things that we can start to show and we'll get back -- we may not have the actual data but we might have the data elements that we're starting to dig into. But I think that's a really great suggestion and we should be doing that.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: I raise it because as we think about the essence of Measure J CFCI about transformative change, equity, access to opportunities, et cetera and trying to shift how folks are served in the community, I think that that kind of data, if it shows what we think it's going to show, to be able to shift the system and not have DOORS be like the exception, right and be able to actually look at how we're investing in these spaces where folks are under community supervision et cetera and really shifting how we do the work. Probation has gone through so many iteration probation officers doing CBT themselves we balked at to attempts to do things. If we have a successful model that while it may be more expensive but in the operation of it but we can show long-term that the long-term impact and outcomes of keeping people from cycling in and out and some other economic

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health and housing stability data then we can start to push for this to be the norm and not the excepting. Does that make sense or systems change that's the reason I asked the question because that's where my mind is at this table that hopefully we can get to and that applies, Chair Steele to all the smaller programs doing different things as well. Obviously we're a few phases away if this as working to get the formal evaluation stood up but I want to remind folks and for people who are newer to this committee ultimately that's what we're trying to accomplish here getting money into the community, getting money into the hands of organizations who have been congratulations roots forever all that is a part of it but transformation and systems change is ultimately what we're trying to accomplish here so we need to collect data and use the information we have from all these innovations and very effective culturally responsive models to help how to shift the system.

>> Adam Bettino: I agree.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Couldn't agree more and really appreciate you opening it up in that way Veronica because even in the process that we're going through in the conversations that we're having, with all the folks who are utilizing these resources it's a fundamental learning about the change is actually taking place and how we steward and utilize the resources effectively to continue it and also study it effectively as well. Sorry.

>> Adam Bettino: Any other questions?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Give me one second. Anyone else can chime in in a moment. There we go. We got a chance to look at DOORS and the other programs we went through in the last meeting, right. I think an analysis of answering the question of resources can actually utilize in the next 6 to 12 -- 8 to 12 months is a very important piece but I think in the way that you explained this and I don't know if you answered this question or not, able to break it up the way that you're trying to break it up, is that something that is actually do-able, can you actually take on ongoing funds and break it up over years like that? Is that something, a way that we can be thinking about how these can be done.

>> Adam Bettino: So up to this point, CFCI has functioned a little bit differently than other county pots of money. So generally ongoing funding that doesn't get spent this year becomes one time funding next year. Right. So if we said we were going to spend \$100 this year, we spent 80 then \$20 that we didn't spend becomes sort of one time money and then we would go to CEO and say hey, we need that 20 bucks next year for these other things that are in line with what we thought we were going to use it for.

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Part of the reason that this unspent has accrued at such a high rate is because CFCI hasn't operated like that. In other words, county departments have not had to go to the CEO to say here is the funding that we need for next year. Here is the specific plan for that. It's just kind of continued to buildup.

Now, I think in light of the huge surplus that we're seeing, that is likely to change. So to answer the question, can we do that, yes. Is it advisable, probably not. I mean, what we would prefer obviously is to have ongoing funding so we know that when we build the thing, there's a way to sustain the program. As I've shared, even in our last conversation, most of these programs are braided, we've utilized other funding streams, and to sort of make sure that we're delivering the service at the level that we know that people need, and then we sort of have built and decided okay, we're going to go back and show people the great work that we've been doing so that we can -- so that we can go get more sustainable funding for these program.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I think that's also why it's so important what Veronica, member Lewis has been mentioning. It's not just CFCI resources and other resources can be a seed until we actually have finally made the case for it's growing the way it's supposed to grow we're seeing that every year. The funding allocation piece of the conversation is something that we are still pushing forward and we've got to get to. But it's transforming how other resources are also spending their dollars. You know what I'm saying. So the evaluation piece that we have, I got you, the evaluation piece that we have becomes really critical to that issue.

So I've got to go. I want to turn it over to member Lewis, I'm sorry member Castile yo and Cyrus-Franklin and how much with we actually need and hold over and process wise of taking recommendations for the future of the conversations around this as well because that's why organizations don't have the ability to move and also have conversations around [indiscernible] The way departments are you know what I mean. From a standpoint to continue to have that as a disadvantage and I'll be honest your contracts have not increased while the inflation is it high. Right. So how are we going to make sure the resources available to them to support them in this process ongoing we see them in the short-term of one year plans is important. I've got to go because they are looking at me wild because the plane is moving. I've got to go.

>> Adam Bettino:

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much everybody for coming to the meeting I'll see you at the next one. Thank you very much.

>> Adam Bettino: Are there other questions? Okay.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

>> Adam Bettino: Cochairs. Castillo, Fuentes-Miranda, I don't know how you all wanted to take that.

>> Megan Castillo.

>> Member Fuentes-Miranda: Go now to the public comment.

>> As a reminder the public comment period is one minute per person telephone user be style star 9 and star 6 to unmute yourself. Computer and smartphone users locate your raise hand feature to be placed in the queue. We will call on you in the order your hand was raised please remember to state your full name we will begin the general public comment I'll pass it to Noah do we have any public comments online. Give us one second while we pull up the timer.

>> Hello.

>> Adam Bettino: Member Williams ask your question I'm not going to are.

>> Tencha is representing us to do it's more like I definitely understand the building out an Antelope Valley and I know we've been in a situation discussing the underspend, and I think Chair Steele asked a really good question because otherwise we're in the same place we've been for all these other presentations of a nice timeline, you know, and this and that. What are the hard like deliverables along the timeline to ensure that we get to the place where you want to get and we're not in the same situation we are in a year from now and we're having the same conversations so I'm not lacking the need in the Antelope Valley just about the timing and hard benchmarks that need to be hit in order to have success. It needs much more than carnivals and clowns and events. What are the hard deliverable skills, soft and hard skills to the community to be able to fill that need because I know there's lots of orgs who are hitting me up after the meeting saying hey we need more funding, federal funds are getting cut. I'm thinking about the timeline the harder deliverables of what those look like so we're in the if in the same place a year from now and we have an underspend and have to go through all this again.

>> Adam Bettino: Understood.

>> Byron I see your hand is raised you may unmute yourself to provide public comment. You have one minute.

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>> Good afternoon everyone. Just building off of some of the comments shared for some of the advisory committee members that have been there longer beyond some of the impact and some of the data to best evaluate the program. It can be hard to transform systems when we are moving the goal posts. So if one time funds or if funding then that was not unspent became a one time fund and we find ourselves in the same place a year from now. Will those, how many times can you move them as one time funds anything that's unspent and how are you carrying over that balance. And again, just the way that the departments and the CEO have been framing this have been hard to track for community members and advocates. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Are there any other public comments if so please raise your hand and we will call you in which the order your hand is raised. Seeing none, this concludes the public comment period for this presentation. I'll pass it back to our cochairs.

>> MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: We're ready for the next presentation and thank you for presenting on DOORS.

>> Adam Bettino: Byron I want to make sure we answer your question we're trying to get CEO to come back to provide a little bit more specific detail. I don't know when that's happening but likely at a meeting in the next couple of weeks we can have them come back and then I think it's appropriate to kind of go into a little bit more detail to address what you raised so I want to make sure we don't lose sight of that. Thank you for the question I'm going to pass it over to my colleague Gina Euchus to walk us through the next set of programs. .

>> GINA Eachus: Can you hear me and see my slide presentation.

>> We don't see slides, Gina.

>> Gina Eachus: I'm sorry I don't usually use Zoom to let me.

>> Gina we can screenshot on our end if needed.

>> Gina Eachus: How about now. I might have to have the team do it, I'm sorry.

>> MEMBER FUENTES-MIRANDA: We were able to see it.

>> Gina Eachus: Let me go back then. Okay. Thank you. We can go to the next slide. Okay. So we're obviously talking about pretrial surfaces. So this is funded by CFCI funds they've come directly to the county and the justice opportunities department and it's really focused in the area of diversion, behavioral health and health services. Our pretrial services was launched officially in 2024 but we've kind of been doing work to go through to develop this even before the department was officially started. But the goal really is to provide integrated personalized pretrial services for individuals who have cited arrested

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charged, incarcerated in partnership with everybody who operates in this space. That includes the Superior Court but community-based partners, partners who are in court every day and we want to empower and invest in the communities that are doing the work. And be focused on serving those unique and individual needs. We can go to the next slide.

So as you all probably recall, in August of 2021 the board approved this funding for year one at CFCI and then officially directed the creation of JCOD in March of 2022. Leading up to that time we launched a couple programs that operate in the pretrial space. One is pretrial release evaluation program which launched in July of 2022. JCOD was created in November of 2022 officially. In June of 2023, the department started developing it's target operating model for what is pretrial services going to look like. Relying on all of the work that had previously been done in this space using that to help inform and create what pretrial services would look like as an independent agency within the justice care and opportunities department.

In September of 2023 many of you are familiar with the rapid diversion program that operates in 7 sites. It launched in Pasadena courthouse and we continued to build the infrastructure and develop what pretrial services would do in October 1st when the court released it's new bail schedule JCOD stood up the justice connect support center which is the call center that operates 7 days a week. I'll go into it a little bit more as we get further into the presentation.

In March of 2024, we launched our emergency housing. In June of 2024 we had a motion specifically from the board of supervisors to really emphasize that JCOD would be the County's independent pretrial services agency and to make an agency that was responsive to the needs of the community and those individuals who are impacted by the criminal legal system. But also providing services that are measurable and I'm happy to share a lot of the data that we have been able to develop and show the success of what we're doing so far.

So in July of 2024, we launched our first pretrial services pilot location at airport courthouse. And I'll go through a little bit about what that process looks like actually in court. We launched a care management system that same month to help navigate and connect people to the services that the rest of the department provides in JCOD to connect people and be comprehensive to meet their needs.

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In August we presented our target operating model of what we propose pretrial services would look like and grow into be as a completely comprehensive agency that kind of spanned across the county. In March of this year we launched our permanent steering committee. We also have a monthly steering committee that maybe some of you participate in for pretrial services but this is really an opportunity for people to come together to understand what's happening, to give us feedback, and we are planning on tentatively launching our next two pretrial services locations in court in May and June of this year. So we're working on that kind of scaling and optimization of what's happening in the pretrial services space.

Let's go to the next slide to talk about what pretrial services is in JCOD. So we're focused on serving individuals who have been involved or impacted by the criminal legal system. What that means in JCOD is people who are over the age of 18, all genders they can be anywhere in the pretrial process but we help people outside of the pretrial process because that's the mission of the department. People can be in or out of custody and these are people who may not be eligible for one or qualified for one of the other programs that currently exists like maybe rapid diversion, ODR's program, even something through DMH. And we really want to rely on the express need of the individual to connect them to that service. At the bottom we talk about some of the services that are being addressed, transportation is a significant need, we also provide referrals to -- with existing JCOD programs to care management services, legal assistance, some of the things Adam talked about when he was talking about DOORS and the services they provide there. Court hearing reminders, making sure people are getting back to court, can get home after being released from custody. Go to their probation, and parole appointments if they have those. And really just being there in the services as they are navigating through different systems.

Go to the next slide. So independent pretrial services the funding and spending. So the budget for the fiscal year 24-25 was 31.6 million so that includes kind of the money that was originally identified in August of 2021. This year, because we have different funding sources that we've braided we anticipated that we would spend approximately 6.425 million of that when we started our budget for this year. And carry over 25 million so I'll talk a little bit about the breakdown of how that fiscal year estimate goes for the existing programs that are funded through pretrial services with CFCI funds. Some of the delays and what we are looking forward to to plan to expand this across the County.

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With the CFCI funds. Some of the delays and what we are looking for to plan to expand this across the County.

So funding supports pretrial divergent program touching cases before filed, offering connections to comprehensive services. We work with our partners to operate that program out of three different law enforcement locations. We're also working with sheriff department when a need arises and get them connected. We see an increase and anticipate this to happen even more with Prop 36 in the way in which more people are interacting with law enforcement. The funding supports approximately 30% goes toward the justice support center. I'll walk through the programs in a little bit more detail.

We have emergency housing which is a need for individuals as they are coming out of custody. So we have emergency housing that's available for people who call the call center, or who are at Airport courthouse and getting released from custody and need a place to go and be housed.

We have a small portion of funding at Pre-trial Services at Airport courthouse. We anticipate because the Rapid Diversion Program is growing every year that in fiscal 25/26 this will continue to support that program.

Pre-trial Services has led to some of the delay in spending and that large amount of carry over. We're coordinating with justice partners, with the court, creating relationships in the spaces that offer services. Reaching out to all of you and doing our monthly steering committee. Focusing on feedback from our justice involved panel and working on empowerment permanent steering committee to ensure we operate as we develop and understand it is actually meeting the needs of people who are impacted by the system.

Every two to four years we're will go ceasing some changes in the administration in different offices and that can sometimes have some impact on willingness to continue like some processes that have been previously developed so we're always kind of navigating that as well.

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In terms of scaling, right, and what we'll address in the spend down is really, like, making sure that this is available Pre-trial Services at all criminal courthouses throughout County in some form or another and make sure people have accesses to these resources that are available.

Depending on the unique needs of each locations, having transportation and emergency housing and expanding what's available. Work force housing development services.

We will see as we continue to grow what is the high need at those locations. We have some good data right from airport already in providing those Pre-trial Services. Let's go to the next slide.

So as I mentioned, we're planning on launching two additional Pre-trial Services locations Lancaster and Compton courthouse. Internally, right, we're hiring staff and we have secured equipment ask exploring physical space to use at the courthouse to have staff to be there to do that connection to service. We're thinking about ways we can enhance the program to increase the impact, right? Creating opportunities for individuals to get more individuals with supportive services, right, out of custody.

We meet weekly with our defense and prosecution partners to come up with what that process will look like to protect the clients' confidentiality and meet the needs. And we're also expanding the emergency housing to support those new locations and looking at what case management services we need.

We're often relying on and you may be familiar with JCOD's reentry management program. We use the service to connect people when they are in need of a more comprehensive or intensive care management program.

We also assess how this program is doing. Every quarter. We work with our community-based organization Providers who are actually providing the service. The staff in court, interacting with people and getting them connected to services.

The judges, defense counsel, prosecutors, and I think I'm probably forgetting somebody. But to see what changes do we need to make. And also the individuals. We're doing anonymous surveys to justice involved individuals who are active with our staff to see what changes we need to tweak as we continue to evolve. Next slide.

In terms of a tentative roadmap for expansion. As I mentioned, we want on to expand to all 23 criminal courthouses or to be able to support those courthouses in some way. In

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quarter three, 24 we launched Los Angeles location and we're planning to launch Compton and Lancaster as I mentioned in May and June. Our plan is Year two, three, four, five, six to continue to do this, at least one new site per quarter, assuming we have the buy in from our Providers and how we get into the courthouse and identifying where we need to go next, right? Where that service need is greatest. This is a roadmap for had a we propose and how we want to move forward, utilizing the existing fund being that we have. The carry over and the one time.

I want to talk a little bit about data and I think it's important and what Member Lewis mentioned earlier. What are the impacts of the programs and how can we measure them? Next slide.

In the justice connect support center, our call center operating seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.. We have agents answer the phone and doing the immediate connection, services, emergency housing, transportation if they need it. We have a live dashboard. It's linked on the presentation but I'll show you the slides as well, that has a lot of data about the individuals we serve. Their status and what service they have taken advantage of. Since we launched October 21, 2023 through March we have served different connections and types of services.

We officially launched July 1st 2024 we have had over 1500 encounters. What is important is for those individuals who receive transportation assistance or court reminder or both and had a court date within July through December 2024, 90% of the individuals did not have a failure to pear and came back to court for their next court appointment. 81% of those remained arrival time free. We're continuing to refine that data with the access we have to existing systems.

We want to continue to measure that to see what is the impact of this and how is it really helping to support people to be successful with their case and also with their live and getting connected to the supportive services. Next slide.

In the diversion and care management -- I'm sorry. Diversion and emergency housing, on the left we have pretrial and diversion, almost 500 individuals that have been served. 116 have officially completed diversion meaning no charge filed. We operate out of three locations. Santa Monica police department, LAPD Metro and Lancaster sheriff station. This is the comprehensive case management services and can keep them to intermediate housing. Interaction with law enforcement and their case doesn't need to be filed.

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For the Rapid Diversion Program in seven different courthouses. 9,900 cases assessed and over 3,000 diversions granted. Of that number people navigate through the program in different which I think things. One year misdemeanors and two years felonies and almost 1,000 graduations meaning charges dismissed and they will get them off their record.

For a study done on the program, 91% of the individuals who have successfully completed have avoided having new criminal charges filed against them.

In the emergency housing, I think that's important here is that we have four sites and 24 beds and since the program launched in March 2024, so just a year, with those 25 beds, 234 people have been served. So that's men and women across Los Angeles County. Low barrier, 24-hour access. Meals are provided and they are able to connect people directly from the call center or airport Pre-trial Services program. And we want to continue to expand that to our other locations as well. We'll go to the next slide.

Thank you. Okay so this is our dashboard that's online. It's also linked to our slide eight. In the bottom right-hand corner. Specifically, about airport, right? And pretrial. You see the number of engagements. Some people you know say they are not in need of services, right? So we work with them kind of based on the unique needs of the individual. And you have tracking about people over time. The majority of people that we do interact with are pretrial. And some people take advantage of multiple services so you'll see that reflected in the engagements. Next slide.

Okay. So you see the breakdown here of race and ethnicity, genders. It's majority of males who are taking advantage of the service. The average age is 38 years old. And there are a smaller portion of individuals who are unhoused versus housed. But we're still seeing that need for, um, referrals to housing maybe in the long-term. Next slide.

So this looks a little bit about the referrals to the actual Provider. So you can see the referrals on the left-hand side. Right? I mentioned are our CMS program and DOORS program. That Adam talks about before. We have the type of service. So we do have a high housing need.

You see that reflected there. Employment, mental health. The biggest service need that we see though is transportation. So we're transporting people from custody to home, from home to court. We will connect people to a parole or probation appointment if they have that. We can transport empowerment to their way to court for child care so that is not a barrier for them to get back to court.

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We're enhancing our court reminder program so that every individual who is pretrial and has a future court date will get a court reminder and make sure that them not knowing or remembering about their court date isn't a barrier.

So you have a little bit of information on the right-hand side about where the people are being transported. And then on the bottom for the referrals that we have made to our emergency housing. Next slide.

Okay so this is the justice. So this is similar to the airport slide but this is specifically for the justice connect support center. The call center that I mentioned. Over 18,000 engagements. A lot of people are wanting to be connected to services. We do speak with people who may not be impacted, involved in the criminal legal system directly themselves but may need referrals for their family members. We engage the people to get referrals to get them connected to where they need to be. Dashboard is inter active online.

This shares more of the demographics in terms of ethnicity breakdown. Again here the majority of individuals who are taking advantage of the call center are male, average age is 40 years old, and you have some information about whether or not people identify themselves as being housed or unhoused. Next slide.

So like I said, transportation is a very in-demand service need. We also do the court reminders through the justice connect support center. And they follow up with staff to be able to -- I'm sorry, with the individuals who call to make sure if they need to be set up for future court reminders that that happens. We've had placements to emergency housing through the call center and then we also track how people are learning about JCOD. We're trying to find ways to get the word out so other people can take advantage of it. The if they are at a location where we don't have staff to make the connection, we want them to still have this for the resource.

That's the end of the presentation slides. There's a couple slides for reference at the end. But I want to pause because I said a lot. And answer any questions that anyone may have.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Member Lewis?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: That was a lot of information and I appreciate all of the data. I'm doing admittedly some multitasking. I don't know if that was included in the, if it's on the link.

>> GINA EACH US.

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>> VERONICA LEWIS: I appreciate that and I look forward to focusing.

>> GINA EACHUS: If you see something and I went through a lot in different programs and if you see something, please feel free to let me know. Happy to answer any other questions that people have now.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I do have a clarifying question for partnership with probation department. For now there's no way around that in some ways but I want to underscore and just have you clarify that there is no commingling of funds?

>> GINA EACHUS: I don't want to cut you off. Please finish.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: No worries. I just wanted to underscore that in this space.

>> GINA EACHUS: Definitely. We know CFCI is providing the alternative. We're focused to providing this funding to support community-based organizations out in the community doing that work.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Thank you.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Gina, so impressed and honestly just looking at the data and the impact and my eyes are watering and Measure J and appreciate the department and all of the community partners and organizations that have been a part of this impactful and restorative work. So just wanted to first appreciate all of you. The second, I do have a question just regarding the funding.

>> GINA EACHUS: Yes.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: What exactly is the department requesting for one time funds, defined as what will be spent down in one year? Imagine the whole 25 million to be spent down in one year.

>> GINA EACHUS: I think it's a portion of the onetime funding over time. Part of that will depend on what we hear from our partners who impact, right, our ability to expand. You know you showed on the road mall we want to expand to more courthouses to get to more people.

We rely on the collaboration of the different programs that I went over to have those be able to support people in the pretrial space. I think we would like to have at least, what we have already identified as the, you know, the Fiscal Year estimate 25/26 to be available for next year. We want to have really all of the onetime funding to be available so we have it over

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here. Like Adam said, we rely on one time funding to support what we're doing. Our plan was to utilize it over this multiyear period to continue to support us as we're expanding to those different locations, whether it was the one time or a portion of the ongoing.

Because we, for all the programs in JCOD, we try to do three year budget projections so that we have enough funding to continue to support the work.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: I understand that's your hope. The hope and intention of having spent this previous years was the hope, right? But I'm not hearing that that's an option that the funding is going to be available over time. I'm hearing one time defined as 12 months. So, you know, the concern of the Advisory Committee is that there's going to be more money that's going to continue to be left in a reserve and not going out into the community.

>> GINA EACHUS: That's our concern too. If the one time funding goes away the expansion will be limited and if we're limited to the ongoing funded, allocated to \$8 million to support the Pre-trial Services, it may limit the department's ability to expand the Pre-trial Services programs to other areas. You know, we can roll out and expand contracts to provide services, thanks for sharing the timeline, to expand services right away. But that won't be necessarily to address each location. Rights? And we are doing an analysis before we launch. We're planning a second and third pilot location. We've looked at Compton and Lancaster. What is the highest need? Do we need housing or case manager? We can use contracts now to get that but if we don't have the ability to meet the needs of what each location needs.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: What's the cost per expansion per courthouse?

>> GINA EACHUS: It's unique of what the courthouse is and a combination of what we have estimated and maybe our team can get back to you with specific details as we're looking at planning the launch of the second and third pilot. I want it to be a comprehensive number in terms of what we think it will take, right, to be really a full and robust program.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Yeah. And then my question, I, like, I am so impressed, truly, around the work that this particular project is doing. Program is doing. My concern once again is that, you know, depending on what that cost is, and then looking at the timeline for that expansion, those millions of dollars will remain, like, there won't be any

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impact to those. Right? But during that time frame, that's time to be able to go out and seek other dollars, you know, to support some of that expansion.

This is an incredible initiative but there are a locality of other incredible initiatives to do to have similar impact and to mobilize the dollars in the community now. And so, you know, I would like to -- if you don't have an answer to what is the amount to be reasonably spent down in the 12 month period the one time.

>> GINA EACHUS: If we know it's going to be taken away, we're going to do our best to spend all of it. We don't want to lose our ability to serve the people. I can get back to you Member Fuentes-Miranda he's specifically with Prevail services and course how the houses and a more comprehensive look at all the things we are doing or support for individuals who, as they are exiting custody.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Yeah. Because we do need to have a more comprehensive response. That should have happened Year one. We projected and thought that things would be spent down but there were a lot of other players involved from like the courts to, you know, like other departments and offices that needed to also, like, align in order to get things really off the ground. So yeah, if you could follow back up with us on that. I'm going to pass the mic over to anybody else who might have a question? Okay.

Pass the mic back to you, Gina. Thank you.

>> GINA EACHUS: If nobody else has any other questions, I'm happy to answer them. But if not, I don't know if the, if either of the Co-Chairs want to provide an opportunity for Public Comment.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Yes. I would like to open it back up to Public Comment? Case anybody has questions or comments to this project. Thank you.

>> JCOD: Thank you. We will now open the Public Comment period for this presentation. As a reminder the Public Comment period is one minute per person. Telephone users star nine to raise hand and star six to unmute. We will call on you in the order that your hand was raised. Please remember to state your full name. Do we have any Public Comments? Please raise your hand.

Okay. Seeing as there's no Public Comments, this concludes the Public Comment period for this presentation. I'll pass it back to the Co-Chairs.

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>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Thank you. Once again, thank you Gina. And Adam, for the presentations and just really want to appreciate all of the hard work. And just honor the work, right? I'm grateful for Measure J and this beautiful opportunity that we have to be able to service community with community and so just thank you all so much. I want to thank everybody that was able to join us. Our next meeting we will have on April 17th and that will be in person and it will be a regular meeting. With that, I don't believe there's anything else on the agenda. That concludes our meeting. Thank you, everybody.

>> ADAM BETTINO: Thank you.

>> Thank you. Bye-bye.

>> MICHELLE FUENTES-MIRANDA: Bye-bye.

[Meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.]