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>> CHAIR STEELE: Can folks hear me?

>> Yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm on my way, I'm at 8th street, I'm almost there. But I was hopping in on Zoom. You all didn't like my humming? How are we looking folks in the room? I can't hear that, I got an echo. I heard four members but there's still an echo as well. We'll see if we can get ready. I am pulling up on first street right now. How many folks do we also have online?

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>> MEMBER LEWIS: I would like to be there in person but there's a lot going on.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I totally feel you on that it's May day. There's a lot of actions happening, reactions to certain things are happening in the landscape too. I saw Janet yesterday as well what was kind of talking about a few things in that space. So there's a lot happening, I got you no problem.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: D-Day for allocations that came out today. As well as termination letters for contracts.

>> CHAIR STEELE: What?

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Yep. So I had to stop so I wasn't able to drive. We have termination contracts across the county, termination letters and allocations came out today. So dealing with that. Like all the subcommittee centers for single adults across the county are being cut where people go in a housing crisis. They got cut for single adults.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Wow.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: This is a Town Hall, does this virtual appearance count against my two.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It does not. The Brown act does not apply in this as well because it is a Town Hall and not one of our regular scheduled meetings. Yeah, so what we can do and to that end, we can go ahead, I was asking how many people do we actually have online and also in the room. Just so I can get a sense of it. JCOD can you help me out with that? I'm talking about members. You all are funny. We can go ahead and kick start it then too as well. Will you please read the disclosures. We can start the meeting. I'm about to be there in a moment. I'm parking in the garage. We start with the disclosures? Thank you.

>> This meeting is now beginning and I will read the meeting disclosures. This meeting is being recorded. By remaining in this meeting you consent to being recorded this is a public

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>> CHAIR STEELE: For clarification does the Brown act apply or not apply to the Town Hall meetings I want to be clear about that?

>> It does not.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Cool. Can we move on to the land acknowledgement and can I get someone to read it for me.

>> 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 for us to acknowledge the Gabrieleno Tongva people, the Fernandeno Tatavium tribe and the Ventureno Chumash people. These native people understood and respected the land connected and respected the four legged creatures who once roamed the earth freely the winged ones and everything in the ocean. Their hearts told them never to take more than they could use and always give back to mother earth. These amazing people are still here today and breathing among

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us and still giving back to the community that surrounds us. Aheehe. Thank you to our ancestors.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you member Crunk I really appreciate that. Move on to the labor acknowledgement.

>> Most modern day United States institutions have benefitted from the unaddressed legacy of stolen labor at the foundation of this nation and its vast and equitable wealth. We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the enslaved people, primarily of African descent whose labor and suffering built and grew the economy and infrastructure of a nation that refused to recognize their humanity.

While the 13th Amendment to the Constitution technically ended slavery in the United States, we know that slavery's ongoing impacts are still felt by countless people forced through violence, threats, and coercion, to work in the United States. We recognize our debt to exploited workers, past and present whose labor was and continues to be stolen through unjust practices.

We acknowledge our collective debt to the indigenous peoples of this land whose labor are forced and exploited. The Chinese immigrants who built railroads that allowed for westward American development, Japanese whose properties and livelihoods were taken from them while incarcerated during World War II. And immigrant workers from the Philippines Mexico and central and South America who have worked Pacific Northwest farms and can Reese. We recognize the immigrant and American born workers of African, Asian and central and South America descent whose labor remain hid eastbound in the shadows but still contributes to the well-being of our collective community. We recognize that our economy continues to rely on the exploited labor of incarcerated people largely people of color who earn pennies an hour while generating billions in goods and services each year and 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 that the theft 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 otherwise have passed onto them.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Reba, thank you for that. Member Stevens I really appreciate that. I am walking in the door.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: Our leader has arrived.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: I think that is an appropriate acknowledgement on a day like today, May day celebrating those who put in work, those who do the work, and their lived experience have suffered in order to be able to even get us the opportunity for, the opportunities we have in front of us.

Okay. It's good to see you all, good to be in the space. Let's go through the community agreements and then we will jump into the presentations. I do have a setting that will do as well. But let's bring those up and let's read through them together. I'll start.

>> MEMBER CRUNK: I saw something in the message, I don't think we're there yet.

>> Do you want me to start. Number one be respectful of the diverse voices being represented and remain open-minded.

>> Be mindful of the power dynamics in the space as well as the historical disenfranchisement of black and indigenous communities. Accordingly prioritize and defer to community throughout this process.

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

>> Be collaborative.

>> 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.

>> Defer to community.

>> Transparency and follow-through.

>> Be intentional about go ahead, sorry.

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

>> Be an active participant and try to be succinct in your thoughts and contributions.

>> Let equity lead the way.

>> Make spaces for youth voices.

>> As much as possible, allow community members to finish their sentence/thought during public comment.

>> Review community agreements before every meeting and amend them as needed.

>> Begin CFCI advisory committee meetings with a land acknowledgement statement recognizing and respecting the indigenous peoples of the land we now call Los Angeles County. What's up everyone? All right.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Just a quick update. Important update. As you know, the draft budget was budget update was provided by the CO's office. There were community members along with several folks from this body who participated in advocating on behalf of the care first community investment work that we have been doing, more importantly Measure J making sure that the board of supervisors understand very clearly the mandate that exists not only for this body but for how those resources are actually to be utilized. And what the intents and purposes are. It's real easy to do it in the good times, it's real hard to stay focused on what a Care First agenda is during the tough times. And, you know, I want to lift up the my fellow leaders in this space member Castillo, member Fuentes-Miranda, who have not only working alongside several of us. Member Stevens has been out there with us. Who else was with us, Reba, member Lewis was pulled up on a couple of things. The leaders being in the meeting with the board of supervisors office walking through and talking through what work we've been doing. Yep that's right, Tencha Chavez and also Member Williams Joey Williams has been in space with us as well. And making the case for what we are looking and working to do each month that we get together every conversation we get together. The conversations we're having with community.

And, you know, those efforts do not go unheard like they, there have definitely been listening. In fact there is a motion in next week's meeting giving the CEO guidance on how to interact with this body as far as and even with recommendations that go to the board of supervisors being very mindful to make sure that recommendations from our space past and present are at the foreground of decisions that are made for resources, where resources go. So this is not an arbitrary filler resource for unfunded board motions or holes that may exist in different departments. There is a specific mandate for how we take care of the alternatives to incarceration that have direct community impacts. And I want to say thank you as well to all of our members, right. Those of you who sit here. Even with the department representatives and also leaders who sit in these meetings with us every month and don't shy away from being a part of the conversation.

That is a value add and a unique positioning of what we do here. It it sets the table for a different path forward for how the county can do business when it comes to a Care First agenda. And, you know, there are some innovative resources that are coming out of this that actually are meeting the moment that we are in in LA County.

When I think about what, you know, member Carbajal and what your office is doing and when I think about Member Lobianco and what her office is doing and what DMH and also

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SAPSE work and DHS there's a lot of good work that is taking place. JCOD even. So the last thing I'll say on all this is that we have a process to not only allocate the resources but also to identify the effectiveness of them as well. You know we have established the work for and the scope of work for the third party evaluator and the evaluation team on the JCOD team has a mandate in this focus based on some of the guidance that we've been able to give to them. But even in this moment where there's all these unspent dollars and people asking where they can go, we're able to go back to the process that is tried and true of the things we've been able to do historically to say here is the recommendations of what it looks like.

This motion that is coming up is important but I think the fact we have continued with our work regardless of what the conversation has been is just as important. So I'm grateful for you all's trust in the path forward. We're going to have a big presentation today, an introduction but also a very important update about resources because one of the fundamental strategies of Measure J was the closure of the jail and there have been start stops over and over again with this project and I think the board of supervisors a couple weeks ago expressed that as well in their updated in our conversation around jail closure and what that means for people and what reentry, like, with all the fundamentals of what we do here.

So I'm really looking forward to the CSIT presentation today so that we can continue our work and the, last thing very last thing, part of our strategy now will also go back to engaging community to get potential recommendation focus areas, what did we call them before, we had a name for it. Say it again. Program areas. Like so the process that we have done prior to survey community survey what needs are and opportunities for them to provide potential recommendations. We're going to make sure we get those from community as well and it will be a part of our deliberative process. We will be marching toward the supplemental budget process with our recommendations so not only are we taking in the information from the departments, we're taking them from community and we're going to deliver it together and come up with a set of recommendations and that will be the process moving forward.

>> Can you speak to the motion that you referenced

>> CHAIR STEELE: Supervisors Holly Mitchell put forward a motion that went and willing to the board of supervisors that identifies, that acknowledges the unspent funds.

Understands that there isn't a process, you know, outside of like what the board motion

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states, so it is updating that framework by stating that the recommendations can only be, let me read it. Because I think, you know, what I'll do is make sure I send it over to you all so you can read it. I don't want to change -- as we get to the presentation, I'll bring it up, we'll circle back after the presentation and have a conversation. Can we do that?

>> Because we need people to show up.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure absolutely.

>> To support the motion.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It is the call to action after the presentation is over. I got you.

>> Item 21 on the agenda next.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much I appreciate that member hunt. I'll bring it up so we can read it and send it over to JCOD so people can see what it is and we'll leave it from there. Without further ado, thank you for the framing and the setting. I want to bring up the CSIT team, the community safety implementation team formerly JCIT. As they bring forth their presentation, their introduction, they have in leadership here. Really, really amazing young brother. Welcome a friend of the family here Steven Caesar, him and family they got new life in it so he didn't run away from trouble. He ran into a whole other set of things glad to see you back.

>> It's a question when afternoon ends and evening begins I'll start with saying good afternoon. Thank you for having me I'm happy to be here today my name is Wil Pinkney I'm the executive director of the community safety implementation team as was I acknowledged I'm here with my colleague Steven Salazar and my other colleague my Deputy Director Chidinma. Ume you may have met in passing. CSIT formerly JCIT is closing men's central jail, we're tasking with closing men's central jail without a replacement. We're taking a holistic community centered approach that really speaks to the importance of this body and all of you. And we're doing this in conjunction and in the spirit of Measure J and CFCI as well.

So I've been around five months. I got here in December of 2024. Came as an interesting time obviously a lot of unfortunate things happened after as the fire since then my heart goes out to those who are impacted by the fires. I have mobilized county departments to meet with stakeholders. I started on a Monday and we had a meeting that following Thursday. I've been fortunate enough to work in other industries. The problem is idea is not action. We weren't going to be slowing thing down we were going to put some structure and framework in place and get things moving.

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We are really working with those departments and those community partners to support that effort to close the jail without a replacement. I don't know I'm here to talk about CFCI funding, JCIT, now CSIT has -- administers about 42 million dollars in CFCI funding I don't know if anybody knows but that is the only fund that go we have any direct control over to effect the closure of men's central jail. This committee and it's members haven't a lot of transparency around what has been done to this point with that funding. And that has obviously created trust issues which isn't surprising as well.

So we're committed to changing that, myself and my team. And we will share what we're doing, what we learn, and the challenge that we face and where we need support as we go forward. You know, as Chairman Steele knows and hopefully all of you know you will have access to me and my team directly and we do expect you to hold us accountable. Next slide.

So the way we're doing our work, you know is not unique or unprecedented. We are following what was really actually in the motions that created JCIT. We are working in three levers. We want to reduce inflow so we want to make we're, we have programs and strategies in place that stop someone who is at imminent risk from going into the jail. We want to reduce the length of stay so we want to make sure that we are minimizes the amount of time people stay in the jail so we are shortening the time it takes from the beginning of the case to a disposition. And increase outflows which means getting people out of jail in real time. And so we are assessing this current environment that exists to make that we understand what's working, understand the current facts and conditions that are at play. Also that we can put forth a plan and a framework that will work, right. We want to do this right, we don't want to take long because we understand the urgency and the importance of closing the jail and how it's impacting the negative impacts on people in the jail and obviously their families in the community.

So we are really vested in making sure we get this right. Going forward I want to point out and make sure you know that we are looking to fund programs that actually comply with those levers, right.

So there's a lot of great work going on in the community but we want to make sure we are funding programs liked that are actively getting people out of jail and actively stopping people at the point where they are high risk going into the jail. That doesn't mean other funding isn't important but given the pot of fund we control that's what we would like to make sure what happens. This slide gives a little history. JSIT has been around a long time,



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the effort has been around a long time. Back in 2021 this 42 million dollars was JCIT was authorized to administer these funds this gives you a look at what happens the fiscal year. Ongoing funds is the 42 million and the carry over is identified. So, you know, once again, I know this body didn't have a lot of knowledge input into what was going on and we're committed to sharing the needs that we identify with you and getting your input when we are considering decisions on new programming outside of what is already there.

I think this board already knows, but I believe in the decision that Chairman Steele mentioned around that last hearing I believe approximately 70 million dollar in carry over funds that is being quote-unquote swept interest this pot of funds that we have control over. So I just want to make sure you guys know that. Next slide. I think the next slide is the current year's budget so you see the programs that are highlighted are active programs and many of them you'll be hearing from. Today you'll be hearing from JCOD but what we have done as we have come in is really surveyed each of the departments about these programs to get a clear understanding of what's happening, the impact the programs are having so we can right size the ongoing funds that are being appropriated to those programs.

Everybody should be concerned about, you know, money just not being used and sitting around. And so we're going to right size the funding according to what programs have actually spent and we will monitor and we are building in regular monitoring with the departments to monitor their effectiveness and their spending. With any savings that we may have, we are intending to solicit proposals for programming that will help facilitate the population of the jail and we will definitely be seeking input of this body if we go down that road and reviewing those proposals.

Next slide. So this is just where we are illustrating where these programs fall in our levers, you will see right now level 1 there aren't any programs that address the immediacy through CFCI there are programs obviously but that address the influence of the jail so this is going to be a focus area of ours going forward.

In the reduced length of stay lever you will see there are two programs, with the public defender and alternate public defender that divert those with mental illness in the jail who are on pretrial diverting them to community-based treatment. They will be reporting out in the next couple of weeks on that work. And we have one of the members here who is over ODR who is supporting those departments.

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There are six other programs within the increased outflow lever that align with that lever. Not all of those directly release, we want to develop strategies to shift the focus of the programs to match the lever. You see DHS ODR is in this lever. They had a maternal health program winding down in terms of CFCI. That diversities pregnant women with supportive housing. DHS decided to wind down that year we're supporting that through the funding on the previous slide to ensure that obviously people are receiving services we don't want them to be, you know, that to be discontinued abruptly. The other program you will see the ODR beds program this is based on a board motion to serve those with the highest level of serious mental illness, P3 and P4. Program is designed to provide services to in jail mental health popping with the greatest needs through expansion of community-based secure and not correctional placement. Another program is the DMH capital beds 96 mental health beds built at LA general. 7.\$3 million in CFCI funding was allocated it was a 14 \$3 million project that will expand the network facility of locked facilities for individuals who are conserved or individuals who are incompetent to stand trial. Lock tier doesn't mean in a correctional sense locked means here in a clinical sense and that program is due online and they are going to report soon within the next six months, I believe.

The D EPA SAPC community treatment program connects individuals that are exiting county jail to needed substance use disorder services. JCOD stop you will hear about today. Stop program provides interim housing and services to both presentence and sentence peoples for those presentence it creates a pathway to be court ordered to a program instead of being sentenced to custody for those who are already sentenced, it offers an alternative to custody allowing individuals to serve their time in the community.

And then JCOD stop interim stop program this funding goes towards interim housing for justice involved individuals. Next slide.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Can we go back one?

>> Wil Pinkney: Two, another one.

>> CHAIR STEELE: This is this year's budget.

>> Wil Pinkney: Yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: In this, do we have a sentence of this is the budget but the actuals.

>> Wil Pinkney: That's actually spent, yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Particularly the carry over one time funds.

>> Wil Pinkney: The carry over one time funds are the ones swept so that's part of that

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70 million. The ongoing funds, we got reports from the departments as of I believe it was as of March, end of March. So we have what was spent through the end of March.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you for that. The anticipation from the ongoing piece is that the programs that are identified here with ongoing funds since there hasn't been any recommendations for any changes on ongoing, these are the programs that for sure you're looking to make sure that the work continues on?

>> Wil Pinkney: Yes, like I said except for ODR, so yes. And we will be making recommendations, we have made recommendations to CEO around the current, the programs that we will continue funding.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Cool. But the carry over one time funds.

>> Wil Pinkney: Was swept out.

>> CHAIR STEELE: You've had conversations with those departments about that means.

>> Wil Pinkney: Yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you.

>> Wil Pinkney: Thank you.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: My hand is up.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm sorry Member Lewis.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: You said a 70 million of the 90 million dollar carry over was swept did I hear you correctly.

>> Wil Pinkney: Yes, from my understanding about what was presented by CEO they are going to be recommending that approximately 70 million dollars of our carry over is.

>> 70.

>> CHAIR STEELE: .

>> Wil Pinkney: 70.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Wow.

>> CHAIR STEELE: The definition of swept for those who don't know.

>> Wil Pinkney: Reallocated. Thank you for that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For those particularly community who don't know what swept means, it means reallocate. Member Crunk you good, anybody have a question.

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>> MEMBER CRUNK: I'm good.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Anybody online who else has their hand up because I can't see it from my end?

>> I have a question.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Go ahead.

>> Could you just speak a little to the services with SAPSC the community treatment program. My question would be what are the SUD services exactly, what are they.

>> Wil Pinkney: I would leave that when they come up to present, do we know what day they are coming up? 29th of May. All right. So I want to leave it to them I don't want to speak for them but yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Please, let's move forward two more slides. Here we go.

>> Wil Pinkney: Thank you. Today you're going to hear from JCOD on their programs so this is, this slide just shows you the recent budget for each of the programs related to JCOD. This is the RICMS on top in fiscal year 22-23 this was meant to cover carry over, any potential funding shortfalls it was ultimately not needed and no funds were spent but we wanted to make sure that you knew about these funds in our presentation.

And one note on JCOD's interim housing you notice two separate budgets but they function as one pot for interim housing and I'm sure they will speak to that when they come up. Next slide.

So these are just next steps that we've identified to better collaborate with the committee. We'll be establishing regular communications with this committee. We're going to work with you to create a process to receive direct input as we move toward receiving proposals for any funds that aren't allocated. We'll establish regular updates in terms of presentations or written updates to this body and we obviously would like to hear from you about programs that you think will support any of the levers that we've presented here tonight. So I think this is it. Next slide. Yeah, so thank you for having me here. I appreciate the work you do, the role you play and I'll take any questions.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Welcome to the team.

>> Wil Pinkney: Thank you. I don't get a uniform?

>> You don't get a uniform but I want to make sure that the public is clearly aware that you are very young to this work and I think it's important because JCIT was around for awhile, two years or so, and so I just want to make sure about just reminding us the

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importance of giving you the opportunity, your unit the opportunity to be successful.

>> Wil Pinkney: I appreciate that.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: And a chance.

>> Wil Pinkney: We understand the urgency as well so I do appreciate that grace, but, you know, hold us accountable, hold me accountable that's what we're here for.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Really briefly as well, Will because I've had the privilege of understanding regarding your background but those who have not, why the county chose you to lead this effort.

>> Wil Pinkney: I was in St. Louis before this for about six years and I went to St. Louis originally to work on bell reform because the city at the time was looking to decrease it's jail population they had good work going on in the community around that. St. Louis is ground central of criminal justice reform. So in doing that, would, brought together people in a similar way as to this committee in the community which is really important. So I'm not here because or just because I'm supposed to written in some motion. I believe in this, this is how I do what I do wherever I am. I brought together people to really look at reforming the pretrial process there, built out some really great what would be called here alternative crisis response work and crisis intervention work.

I was in task with starting a office for children's office and family. Early childhood education, secondary education. Worked with many youth development organizations, all the school systems to really shepherd the city through the pandemic. We made sure kids got Fed. Kids who eat at school were going to eat during the pandemic so did a lot of that work, continued to build on that crisis intervention work and really worked around place based youth services so in the summers we wound up launching in partnership with community organizations, you can call them programs in communities where we mapped out and I'm big on data we looked where there were deserts around programming in the summer for kids who with any large city, you know, I can't always go three blocks over because walking those three blocks might be hazardous to my health and my existence. So we wanted to make sure we placed programs in places where kids wouldn't have to worry about that. And where their parents didn't have to worry about them. So did a lot of that work, managed change, the Mayor who just recently lost the election there Mayor Jones came in. I was doing a lot of work both in St. Louis but working with national partners to sort of really look at community violence intervention, look at addressing root causes of crime. So I was tasked with starting an office of violence prevention there. Similar to JCOD

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and there we, St. Louis is a lot smaller obviously so we did a lot of grants to community organizations so the office I developed contracted out with about 50 different community organizations a lot

>> CHAIR STEELE: Can you say that part again.

>> Wil Pinkney: I developed contracted out for 50 different, it doesn't sound a lot compared to LA but 50 different community organizations and it was really important to work with as anybody who knows about community violence intervention and I know LA city has office of community safety and LA County has an office of violence prevention but working with those closest to the problems and solutions and all that stuff.

We really worked to develop a ecosystem and cohort of organizations that do that we built up and worked with similar to the incubation academy, I know Steven was a part of. Organization that traditionally wouldn't get funding to make sure they got funding and build capacity with them. So I built out that while I was there the jail, one of the jails in the city, the medium security institution closed because of the work that a lot of people did, not just myself, but even the bail project dropped 50% in three years and that jail closed. We decreased EMS calls by 50%. Right now they are experiencing the lowest number of homicides since I think 2005. In my office and myself we became part of the public safety ecosystem. Anyway that's the work I did before I came here. Actually I initially said no to coming here I'll be honest. I was not because -- I was happy where I was. And, you know, I had to learn more about what this was here and I'll tell you truthfully the name initially was a reason I wasn't. They just want to close the jail. What is that but as I learned more about CFCI and those principles, that was what really drew me here because this has to be more than just about quote-unquote closing a building, right. This is about long-term things. Anyway. That's who I am.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Member Crunk and Stevens.

>> MEMBER CRUNK: Just listening to what all you did, I don't know if you didn't want to come to LA but God does what he does for a reason there's stuff heavy on my heart trying to keep it as short as I can but everything you said is bringing it out. I was raised in south central Los Angeles. Got impacted with the lived experience to the extreme with gang culture. Ended up at a young age, 17 tried as an adult in the county jail and some of the things in that culture that we thought it was nothing because we were young with no conscience, some very cruel things and I want to say that we were kind of allowed to do it. If not, so much as encouraged to do it in a lot of things got destroyed then.

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Here we are 30 to 40 years later just because I think of the music that I'm still into, when you go online you are attracted to certain things so I'm starting to see these lives by these young men that are in the same county jail that I was in 30, 40 years ago that was horrible and they are entertainingly telling stories and being allowed by the media to tell stories that are going on in the county jail that was going on when I was there. These are horrible stories and I'm a father now of 20-year-olds and to see that you're doing that work and to understand that Los Angeles has one of the most violent county jails in the country, and for the stuff that just continue, it's the whole cycle. I don't even blame the cops anymore because it's the system. They are in there all day and it's like some type of gladiators want to watch this and these kids are talking about this and getting their views up and talking about very, very detrimental things that need to be stopped.

And I don't think we're at a time just because we're so differently diverse or whatever that we don't know everybody in this room has somebody whose either related or you have seen those same videos I've seen and understand that is very, very important and I think I'm very happy and applaud the work you're doing and I hope you do the same thing in LA that you did in St. Louis.

>> Wil Pinkney: I'm from the Bronx by the way, I grew up in the projects in the Bronx so I've seen all sides of this to your point and have family and everything else. So this is what, this is what drove me to do this type of work and to really invest in it. It's not just words on page for me.

>> MEMBER STEVENS: I appreciate you sharing, you know, where you come from and all the wonderful work that you did where you were but I also thought about Los Angeles County is over 10 million people, and compare it to where you have come from, not taking any credit away from you for the great work that you've done, but it does say that you've got some, you know, I don't know who was trying to see how big your feet are because this is some real, this is the real deal here in LA County but then on the on the other hand I realized something else, I am pardon my ignorance unaware of the structure of all of these changes that are happening which makes me wonder about the connection and the relationship and all of the newness of this team with JCOD itself. I want to make sure, I'm going to make sure that we are all working together and that it is harmonious and because of the shifts and changes of something being moved from one place to another then creating something different and that's really, really important to me because too oftentimes as a member of the community I'm blind-sided and not understanding well what's really going on. And so with all of the newness I will be keeping a watchful eye not

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only on the great work that I'm believing that you will do, but how that is working well together. You know, with JCOD and others in the other county departments. So but congratulations and welcome to LA County.

>> Wil Pinkney: Thank you. And I'll just --

>> MEMBER STEVENS: I want to see them shoes.

>> Wil Pinkney: Just one thing I 100% agree. None of this work what I did in St. Louis, what I've done in others doesn't work with one person, one organization, one department it doesn't work unless everybody works together. And so that's why I mentioned about bringing the department heads together we meet regularly including JCOD. So yeah, we have to work together and it's not -- just coming together in a room doesn't mean you work together just because I ask you for something you give it to me doesn't mean we work together. From all the department heads I work with and everybody coming to the meeting everybody is truly committed to closing the jail. So the challenges come in the how and the what. And what needs to be done and everybody dealing with resource issues and all of those things. You look, look at deeply and closely as you want, no problem with that, because yeah, that has to happen. So that's part of what we do every day and just in terms of the differences between yeah every place is different and not different at the same time. The challenge are the things you need to do to be successful is find an approach that works no matter where you are and use that approach.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Our hands have been up for awhile.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Honestly I can't see it.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: It would be helpful if somebody at JCOD could let you know when you're hands up. Mine is up and so is co-vice chair Castillo.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm not sure who came. Member Castillo and then member Lewis.

>> MEMBER CASTILLO: Thank you so much for this presentation. I want to underscore what member Stevens has shared just around, you know, the level of confusion that any community member may have in regards to all of the changes that are constantly happening within our county and in particular around the Care First agenda. But also underscore the confusion that committee members and advisory members also have. And so that level of collaboration is going to be incredibly important, so I'm just, you know, glad that you all are coming to present to us and you're willingness to be transparent because it is that lack of collaboration that has got us and the lack of transparency that has got us to



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where we are where you can say 70 million dollars is going to be moved elsewhere. That's because folks dropped the ball and there was not that level of collaboration to make that the funds were being put to good use.

So I think it will just be really important for this sustained collaboration and I would be curious to know what are the immediate next steps. I know we just had the presentation but any immediate next steps and anything that you all need from us as an advisory body to help keep moving the needle forward feel free to uplift that as well.

>> Wil Pinkney: One of the biggest meeting next steps is what's going to happen. Departments are going to come on the heels of this presentation and talk more specifically about what they are doing and the importance of it as it relates to not only their departments but, you know, we all talk about these levers like they are always in meetings all the time and the focus of CSIT. That's definitely the immediate next step. Another is Steven will work with Chairman Steele and whoever to set up that cadence of us communicating and doesn't always have to be us coming here we can send you something in writing if there are questions that and clarification that's needed. We have been meeting with community organizations. I have, and I like to go to where people are and so that's going to be important for you also to help identify to us who you think we should meet with including anyone here who may be a member of an organization or not.

I think it's really important that people hear from us directly in regards to everything that member Stevens and everyone else is saying because I think that's also can create distrust and inaccuracies in what's going on who heard from somebody else what I said. Whether we agree or not is a different story but you need to hear from me directly. I will, you know, answer any at any point in time. And to go to the point about newness, this is new in terms of this construction of this team but the work we're doing is not new. We're looking back and we'll make sure we explain this but we're looking back at the work that's already been done and building from that. It's not like we're going out saying let me figure out what needs to be done here. Engaged through the ATI workgroup and people have come together and things that will effectuate the closure of the jail. We pulled about 280 recommendations from five different reports over ten years. And going through them to see which ones were really recommendations, which ones are alike, which ones actions have been taken on, which ones actions haven't been and then we'll work with groups like yourself. There's this committee and others to say okay, if they are related to our levers what's the feasibility and what will it take to do that.

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So while we are new, this isn't a new approach so it's nothing that, you know, we're going to be inventing new things. Those are some next steps but you stay in touch you'll be able to get in touch with me and let me know.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Lewis.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you for the presentation and really glad to hear about what your approach to collaborating with this committee is going to be. Given the history that we've had the effort. I am very concerned about the 70 million. I understand in this budgetary, in this difficult budget cycle it needs to be used but also just knowing how much ground work needs to be laid to pull all three of the levers that you presented, definitely we could have used that 70 million. With that said can you say a little bit more, and also before I say that I appreciated the slide where you showed the existing projects that are happening related to each of the three levers. I would encourage you to incorporate the community-based.

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>> ... can you say a little bit more. Also, I appreciate the slide where you show the existing projects that are happening in each of the three levels and I would encourage you to incorporate the community [indiscernible].

There are other grassroots things that directly impact at least two of those levers, and I would encourage you to continue to expand the acknowledgment of recognition of what programming on the ground falls outside of court administered.

In terms of level one which is the catalyst of why any of us are here today. Can you say anything more about high level of what you all are thinking about related to the reduction of influx into jails? Because I didn't really get that part. So if we can talk a little bit more about what you're thinking in that area.

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: We have surveyed 70 or 80 other programs and we have been doing work and reached out to the Office of safety in the community.

We surveyed about 80 other community-based programs and I think we found about 46 or so are related to our levers and so we're going through that information to identify if that's

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the fact and then we'll be asking those programs more information and we'll be mapping that. And those programs exist throughout the levers.

I will tell you a lot of the programs in the city -- St. Louis -- not St. Louis. Los Angeles. More focused on lever one. The grid and the program. Will have it's at the point where the police are with them or about to be called and ultimate psoriasis response type programs.

Anything that's going to be a deflection. Some people call it a diversion. Any program to support the person and engage to not go into jail. It's not so much preventative programs focused on down the road. It's really programs active in that moment. We're trying to close the jail in the shortest period of time possible so we really have to be focused.

I hope that's helpful. Once we get through the survey, we can provide some more information about what we found and more of the types of programs that will fall on lever one. We're just going through that data now. So did I answer your question?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Kind of. But I like forward to seeing the categories of what falls under lever one.

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: I think that's going to be easy to give you examples because it's sort of hard to say. Right?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you.

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: And I know you come with several sets of skills. Certain set of skills. Sorry. [Laughs] but I know members on the team do as well.

I have the pleasure of being in other spaces with [name] and she's the deputy?

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: Deputy Director.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Deputy Director on your team? In her body of work and the work she was doing in New York is similar function and the close of records and similar things like that too. I'm grateful for the experience that comes to what we're talking about. And looking forward to seeing, like, how those things kind of influence and also set the table for us getting to the closure of MCJ.

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: Thank you for that. There has been thought for constructing the team and she has a lot of experience in jail closure and working with CJI. Center for Justice

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Innovation. And the McArthur work. She works in New York working on jail closure. Steven QFCI and the Incubation Academy and Ron Fisher who worked in the County for a long time and I believe connected SD-2 for a long time and has a lot of experience engaging community and holding tough conversations of the.

We have Suzanne Blossom we share with the DOJ compliance team and she has a Public Defender background and she shares that perspective. Dennis [name], an emergency room physician, and he has a legal background and part of whole-person care back in the day and helping on the health system side and building out the System of Care. We have a great data person. Domingo Mura in, ta who is not only great in data but he's worked in probation and seize worked in DHA, I believe, as well. But on the data side. So he has that experience and able to bring those lenses. So you know, we really put a lot of thought into constructing the team.

>> CHAIR STEELE: The website so that we can see your team?

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: I ain't going to have no pictures of my feet on the website. Steven is doing a great job of working on the website. We are, we do want to make sure that information is out there around the work we're doing and what is happening, to be transparent once again. So yes, we will have that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Any other hands raised online? No? All right. Great. Let's hop into the rest of the presentations. Thank you very much.

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Great to meet you and welcome to the team. Excited to see where you go with this.

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: As a continuance of today's presentation under the CSIT work, we are going to be starting with the STOP program. Yes? All right.

>> Let me just lower this mic significantly.

>> CHAIR STEELE: [Laughs]

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Hi, everybody, it is a pleasure to be presenting for you all today. Long time listener, first time presenter. My name is Erica Webster, the Justice Program Director over at the Diversion Programs at JCOD and that includes the Rapid Diversion Program

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stop, a program rated out of the court how the and our pre-filing diversion program but today I'm here to talk about STOP.

Our program launched in February 2024. Our main goal is design to increase community safety and decrease the jail population by connecting justice involved individuals to housing and services and I will talk more about how we do that in the rest of the presentation.

Next slide. The primary services we offer is Substance Use Disorder treatment and co-occurring disorder treatment. We have 400 contracted beds, licensed residential treatment and outpatient treatment and both co-occurring for both mental health and SUD needs. Part of our overall goal is to provide people with the opportunity to get well. Outside of the criminal legal system. So what we're trying to do is offer instructed environments that are based on the best practices of SUD treatment that allow for the nonlinear path to recovery.

People can be court ordered to a program or defense attorneys can refer to our program as a way of pursuing mental health diversion. We also offer a referral pathway for probation. The goal here is rather than violating a person and sending them back to custody, we are covering a way for them to say; okay, hey, do you want to do a residential treatment program instead? It's giving them another option outside of custody.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: And then the one that we'll probably get more in the weeds on is we are covering a referral pathway for people currently in custody post sentencing in the jail. We worked out an MOU with the sheriff's department to have people who are technically still in custody and serve the remainder outside in the treatment program while earning time credits outside of the jail setting.

So in terms of the CSIT levers we are operating on the reduce the length of administrative and I know accuracy the outflow levers. Eligibility is 90-day minimum participation in the program up to a year. That year is kind of flexible. As we all know, we're kind of in a housing crisis and if somebody comes up on a year and this close to getting housing squared away, there's flexibility on the other side of the maximum program time.

We offer both services in English and Spanish and anybody who speaks a language other than English and Spanish is reviewed on a case-by-case basis just based on the availability

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of programs. And then something that our program offers that is unique is that folks convicted of arson and sex related offenses are hard to place but a number of our Providers are open to taking those folks on a case-by-case basis as well.

Our placements are not licensed medical Facilities so if anybody has a high needs medical issue, it's not a good fit for them. We don't take folks on parole because there's a parallel version of our program for folks on parole and our eligibility is focused mostly on mild to medium mental health symptoms and no split sentencing.

Did I say everything I wanted to say? Oh yeah. Okay. Cool. All right. So for our budget you can see our spend down for last physician Cal year and then our projected spend down for this Fiscal Year. And I can talk more about our spend down. We have a timeline of kind of ramp up on the remaining slide that I can go over.

For the next Fiscal Year you can see there's quite an increase between our past and current spending compared to our future spending so I'll go over why we have that projection.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Okay. We can keep going. So how our funding is allocated that we have a daily bed rate for different modalities of services that we provide. So most of our licensed care Facilities are paid at 152 daily rate and then outpatient and clinical groups are 50 and 90. And then our reentry and Recovery Housing which is Interim Housing is 73 daily rate. We offer a 15% admin fee to our contractor.

Okay.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Going back, real quick.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Sure.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. So I got you on the breakdown. On the contract with Amity piece and the rates, right? But I, you know, we got, I was -- we'll get to the reason for the increase later in the presentation?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yes. Right now.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Cool. Got it. Right now. I'm listening.

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>> ERICA WEBSTER: Cool. So this is a timeline of our program's ramp up. The contract started on July 1st, 2023. This was really the kind of building portion of the contract terms so hiring, ramping up in terms of the total staff for our contractor.

Setting up -- we have a lot of kind of communication set ups where we created all of these different email addresses so that people have one email to refer and et cetera, et cetera. So setting all of that stuff.

And then, of course, on boarding the Providers whose beds we'll be utilizing to own sure they understand the goal of the program, agree to the rate that we're offering, and are clear on the reporting requirements of our program because we have so many court ordered clients.

And then in January 2024 we started receiving referrals, primarily from the courts. And while we were receiving referrals from the courts, we were working on MOU with LASD referral pathway that I mentioned at the top of the presentation. So that involved basically working out the details of how this whole thing was going to happen with the sheriff's department. So how they were going to inspect and approve the sites that we were using to refer people from out of custody.

The reporting requirements to LASD, if someone were to leave a Facility. And like what kind of forms were we going to use? What are the protocols? That kind of happened during this nine-month span.

Moving forward, so the MOU was finalized in November and we've spent the months after that -- there was a, you know, uh, a little bit of a gap due to the fires. But in February through March we started actually implementing the MOU and getting these pieces in motion. And we got our first list of eligible candidates from LASD in this past month in April, which is very exciting for us.

Meanwhile we're also working on bolstering our court referrals and we're in the hitting the pavement stage and ensuring they understand this resource is available to them and they know how to refer and given where everybody is at in terms of staffing and capacity, we're continuously trying to figure out weighs to make it easier. Form shorter. Should we be shooting a commercial and playing on a loop in the probation offices? We're trying to get creative here.

So that is going to be our primary focus for the next year, basically.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Go ahead. Finish your thought. I'll get you. Please.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: So we're going to make sure we're kind of starting slow with LASD making sure it works and then slowly ramping up. As everyone has mentioned, we are definitely interested in getting this process moving and so I think we're like right at a point now where we can really start receiving more people and going into the jail and assessing them for STOP suitability and offering them this linkage for treatment. And then we're going to do a tour of the all the courts and court leadership to again make sure they are aware of STOP. Yeah.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Question?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Mmm hmm.

>> CHAIR STEELE: What is the potential population of folks that we're talking about that are even eligible for stop?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: In the jail for the LASD pathway?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: So for our first list -- it kind of changes. They are going to send us a list month will ally and it changes every time they send it, like who in the jail today is eligible. The last list was 150.

>> CHAIR STEELE: 150. Okay. So okay. Okay. Go ahead. Member Stevens, I got you and Member Crunk, I'll come back around.

>> REBA STEVENS: So LASD is the Los Angeles sheriff's department. Who sends the list?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: LASD.

>> REBA STEVENS: Where is the Public Defender? The attorney involvement in this process? And the reason I ask that is, um, you know, because it's the sheriff's department, I'm just trying to really see how that works. You know, I was a bad actor. Which could possibly prevent me from benefiting and so how, are -- biases, right? So just curious, is that the only pathway is through the sheriff's department? Currently?

>> It is not. We have three pathways. One is through the sheriff's department which is post sentencing. So this is, their case is no longer active. So in terms of Public Defender involvement, their case is sentenced.



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We also have the court referrals so that can either be post sentencing or active case. So it could be that the court ordered somebody to participate in drug treatment for X amount of days. They can refer to STOP. Or a defense attorney could be pursuing mental health diversion and they need their client enrolled in treatment to make the case for mental health diversion. They can also enroll their client in stop.

>> REBA STEVENS: --

>> ERICA WEBSTER: And then -- I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR STEELE: You have the and then --

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Then probation in lieu of violation. With STOP.

>> REBA STEVENS: Which some way makes sense to me. I can grasp of probation department and perhaps I need to understand more clear around what that looks like with the sheriff's department. And then I would be curious to know around ethnicity. How are these folks being chosen or selected. Because you know, unfortunately, it's difficult and challenging when you've had some experiences with law enforcement.

Are you, even if it's happening around you, which makes me question whether or not they should be involved in the referral process. Is it a fair process? I'll end there and then I would like to -- I'll probably reach out and ask for more information.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Sure. I mean, I can answer that now, too, which I think that was Member Crunk's question as well. How do they decide?

So we receive a list. So the population that comes from LASD is an AB109 population so they have a total pool and then people who have, are convicts of statutorily serious or violent offenses are not eligible. You might have to reach out and get the specifics.

People with active court cases are ineligible because they are not post sentences. There's two more. People in high observation housing, so the high needs mental health population in the jail, and there's one more that I can't remember right now. So I'll have to get back. There's the pool of AB109 and the numbers of people that fit the criteria are removed and that's what gets us to that 150 number.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'll come back to you Member Crunk.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: It would be helpful to have a chart of the flow process. 150 is a number of the section of the jail or the whole?

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>> ERICA WEBSTER: AB109 post sentencing population of the jail that are not there for a violation.

>> CHAIR STEELE: So it's a section of a section of a section.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yeah.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: So it may only be 200 people in there period.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That are eligible.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: That are eligible for STOP. I would have to get back with you on like how many people the criteria deselects but, again, it changes as people get sentenced on a daily basis.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: I think you can come up with a general population of AB109 and work your number down ask that would give you what you're looking for.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Right. Exactly.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Crunk, I see you ruminating.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: I was trying to read it. I'm getting older, you know, with glasses. The top says something about individuals may be referred and part of mental health diversion program. And then down here not eligible is people with Serious Mental Illness.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yeah. We're differentiating. ODR has a program serving people with Serious Mental Illness and we are serving mild to moderate.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: That kind of hurts me. My mother and brother were chronic paranoid schizophrenic. Beautiful people and had mental illness and kills me that I'm never able to get them any type of help. You can't lock them up. You can't get them help because they can walk out on their own recognizance. But if they are mentally ill, it's like ..?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: It's a really important point. When Mr. Pinkney was going over the list, we all exist on a spectrum of need and DMH has programs for people with severe mental illness and ODR serves people with severe mental illness. This was a program for people charge would misdemeanors and epidemic to stand trial. We have to all work together to fill the gaps on the different levels of people's needs and so this is the space that we're occupying.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Right.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: That's helpful. We also have two other presentations behind this one. So I want to move forward to -- yes, yes. You know, the service overview piece kind of, you know, it's kind of visually and also kind of broken down. The Amity input on this, because you broke down the fees piece, the fees structure. And I imagine the program model helps to identify like how the fee piece kind of comes into play? Yeah?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yeah. So the way our program works is we contract with Amity who then subcontracts the 400 beds that we pay for and so when it comes to the admin fee it comes to our contractor to staff their program manager and data people and the people that go out and assess the candidates for the program. The rest of the funding goes to actually paying for the beds.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got it. This might be a question for Amity and Joanne, you can nod your head yes or no, I see you in the back. Are any of these Facilities CFCI Facilities as well? Are any of the CFCI housing folks on this list? No? Okay. Thank you. I'm sorry. I'm flying through some of this because I want to make sure we can get to it.

But I also want to, also understand the budget increase.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yeah. This is the second part of that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Cool. Go for it.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Can you go back one slide, actually, one more.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm sorry. I'm sorry. The answer is yes?

>> [Off mic]

>> CHAIR STEELE: So there's collaboration. I saw that. Okay. Go ahead. Thank you.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Can we go to the one that says "projected trends"? Which is backwards I think three.

>> CHAIR STEELE: This one.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yeah. Yeah. Right here. Perfect. So when it comes to the amount that we are requesting for next Fiscal Year, this is based on the projection of, I wanted to introduce the timeline first before then talking about the numbers behind like kind of situated in that timeline.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Uh-huh.

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>> ERICA WEBSTER: So we are anticipating, now that we are on a point where we can receive referrals from LASD and have a plan to kind of reorient the court partner to see referring to STOP, we're assuming that we can get five new active clients per month from LASD and then about one to two clients from each of the 21 criminal courthouses that are likely to refer. That just means I'm excluding Catalina. 35 people per month. It's an optimistic projection but it's based on -- as I mentioned, we have 150 eligible people on the list from LASD and we're assuming that at least five of those folks are going to want to take us up on the offer. And from all the referrals that we are receiving from court, one to two will result as being counted as an active client each month.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Because of the increase and also projected costs for the increases, that's where the Budget ask comes from.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Exactly.

>> CHAIR STEELE: What's the conservative projection? You said this is optimistic.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: I would like to think this is pretty measured. From a list of 150 people we can go assess, five of them being placed in a STOP bed, you know, kind of given the movement of people in and out, that results in an average of five active people throughout the whole month is how we're calculating it.

>> REBA STEVENS: This is to increase the beds?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: The funding request is not to increase the beds. We're going to stick with the 400 that we have right now. What I am showing is the numbers behind the requested budget for next Fiscal Year.

>> REBA STEVENS: So that makes me question, are there enough beds?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Right now, yes.

>> REBA STEVENS: Because?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Because we are, we have 400 and we are still working on filling them.

>> CHAIR STEELE: You're at 78. Correct?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: So they have 78 filled out of 400. And they are asking for an increase because there's Anna advertise approximation to begin to further the filling of those beds

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with people out of, by way of the STOP program. Okay. Point taken. I would need to know what the breakdown is per bed on that, right?

To really understand how it fits.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: The bed rate cost?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah. That gets us to 18 million.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yeah. So the way that we did it -- I mean, we could -- yeah, it's the kind of average cost per person based on who gets placed where. So obviously, not all of our clients get placed in a licensed residential Facility. Some are in silver living and some licenses and some outpatient. So the average cost per person multiplied by 35.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got it.

>> REBA STEVENS: Adam -- I'll wait. I'll go after you, Adam.

>> ADAM: Is that right?

>> REBA STEVENS: Please.

>> ADAM: Can you talk about activity to see seek to increase referrals in the STOP program and work you're doing on the ground?

There is the LASD pipeline and the court pipeline that I think we hope to continue to build upon as we grow in our pretrial work and our presence in those courthouses. So we may see, as we launch, additional court sites, some increase that's commensurate with the growth to those courthouses. There's education opportunity that's happen with our partners, PDs, APDs, bench officers. Things like that. Can you talk a little bit about the effort that the team is mean to kind of wrap up?

>> Sure. So we know from our data that we mostly get our court referral from a few courthouses and we want to make sure all courthouses countywide know this program is available to them. What we're doing is developing a training on STOP and do a tour of all the courthouses amongst the defense leadership and judicial leadership. May to February timeline is our timeline to go around and do the training over and over and answer all the questions that people have and make sure they understand what they are referring to and how it can help their clients. Yeah.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: So if these dollars are not approved, then this program's expansion -- like, what happens to the ones that are already placed?

>> REBA STEVENS: The 78.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah. The 78.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: So this program, the current STOP contract is scheduled to end on June 30th, 2025. So it's not a request for an expansion. It's a request for a continuance of the STOP program as it stands. And the trends are to support -- like, the, this slide up that's right here is to support the increased funding request compared to our spend down thus far.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Just for clarification, the original contract out of this, was this one of the -- are there on going funds that are tied to the continuance of the STOP program?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Not anymore, no.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Not anymore?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: No, it was always funded by a one-time carry over.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Carry over one time. Okay. Got it. I want to, does anybody else have any other questions about this? Anyone online?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: No one else.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Cool. I'm grateful for your presentation and we can definitely read through the rest, but I want to also make sure we have time to get to the others. Is there anything else pertinent that we don't already know that we need to know?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: That you don't already know? In the slides there is program data and background data you can flip to. You mentioned demographics and we have a slide showing current placement breakdown. Services we offer and client stories in metrics.

The one thing I forgot to mention up top is that we are definitely committed to making sure this program is responsive to the need and so we are kind of continuously monitoring and adjusting based on how folks are using it.

So, for example, when it first launched in February, the minimum requirement of program participation was 270 days. But we found that a lot of folks were not being court ordered to programs that long, nor, or they had shorter sentences in custody. So basically the length

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made them ineligible and we reduced the minimum requirement to 90 days to offer to more folks and that's ongoing and we're keeping an eye. On stuff like that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Do you want to ask something?

>> REBA STEVENS: My last question would be, because you are -- this is contracted out, who is monitoring the 78 at this point? Amity?

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Yeah.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. They have case management.

>> REBA STEVENS: So Amity is monitoring the services that are being provided to --

>> ERICA WEBSTER: And JCOD as well.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Evaluation team.

>> REBA STEVENS: So it's Amity and JCOD. I want to know what that looks like. Thank you.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Sure.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Go for it.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Member Jackson is really savvy with finding information, the numbers under – under, like 900 of the people that you said, like already been sentenced and everything, that AB109, that population is about 900 so we're 15%. Not that bad is what I was thinking.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Okay.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: I was thinking whole men's central.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got you. Yeah. Thank you.

>> ERICA WEBSTER: Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Not so bad for first presentation. Not so bad.

I want to go into the reentry Interim Housing presentation. It looks like that one is quick and we'll come behind that with the reentry in case management services. Go for it, Adam.

>> Does that mean you'll be quick.

>> ADAM: What is that supposed to mean? Have you heard that for the record?

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I'm filling in -- full disclosure -- for Joseph Wiley who gave the presentation on housing and he is our guy and he is tied up and if I misspeak, our team is here to correct me, probably. And I am this old. Yep, that's better. It's disappointing.

All right. Reentry Interim Housing.

>> CHAIR STEELE: There's nothing wrong with glasses. I want to be very clear about that.

>> ADAM: I know. Very clear.

This is short-term housing group based for our justice involved individuals and this is stabilizing housing support, really looking at nine months. We'll get into kind of our average length of stay for these sites.

We have been able to contract with two Providers: Sixty single beds for men and 32 single beds for women across four housing sites.

Those eligible, again, those are justice involved individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. We do not take arson or those who have committed serious sex offenses. And, again, just kind of what's the trend here for JCOD services? Mild to moderate. We don't provide services for seriously mental ill.

Additional services, I'm looking this way because it's right behind you gentlemen. Housing stabilization, security, clothing, food, toilet really, assistance with medication, treatment, education opportunity support groups related to health, life skills x other. Next slide.

So specifically, the use of CFCI funding, again, supports residential staff, mortgage, utilities, security, grounds maintenance, food, supportive services for those in-housing. Daily bed rate is 116 and the way the contract work -- guaranteed slots and most of the referrals come from JCOD referrals exclusively. I know many of our folks in the room know this better than I do, frankly, but as we are building out some of our emergency housing supports, we're recognizing the need for the immediate Interim Housing right behind that because the emergency is so short-term.

As we're building out Pre-trial Services, for example, in Landon and new courthouses across the County, one of the things the bench officers need the need for emergency housing and we can't have it without the interim that comes behind it and we can't have the interim without the permanent supportive. So it is certainly a part of a continuum that we're working on.



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So specifically for 24/25 budget, just over \$5 million that was allocated. Part of that, again - this is what Will mentioned previously. It looks like two buckets and it functions as one. We have the 3.6 in Interim Housing and the one point -- almost the 1.5 expansion of Interim Housing Beds.

So to date, 4 million of that has been encumbered and contracted and that's in the two contracts that referenced earlier. 2.6 spent down to date and anticipate the remaining balance encumbered by the end of the Fiscal Year which is good news.

92 beds all located in S. PA6, Supervisorial district two. Not specific to this but JCOD continues to seek housing Providers in Antelope Valley and other areas throughout the County where we know there's significant need. We've worked through like our CFCI network of grantees to see if they are available for service contracts. We've also hit up our Incubation Academy graduates to see if we can expand in those areas as well. Next slide.

Just some data on who we have served. Average legislates of stay, 165 days. About five and a half months. There's some demographics there. Race and ethnicity.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Are you tracking where they go afterwards?

>> ADAM: Yeah. The team is working on a dashboard now. So our data and research team is working with Joe and his team to determine what happens to those folks.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay.

>> ADAM: Once they leave.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Transfer of care. Do you know what I mean? Just making sure people are not ending --

>> ADAM: Are they going outline or inform the next thing? Exactly. These are the same questions that we're asking internally all the time and we want to make sure we can display that in a way that people can see.

>> REBA STEVENS: Maybe you just answered the question that I'm going to ask, but it's in a different language. I'm curious about an exit plan. So there is an exit plan. Let's say that an individual may need, I don't know, maybe another month. Is there opportunity for an extension of the five and a half months?

>> ADAM: Yeah so our housing team works really closely with our Providers to ensure there's policies and procedures around exactly those types of things. In other words, if the

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permanent support option is not available, we would not turn anybody out. It's not like you hit the nine months and you must go.

We're ensuring that we're working with the Providers to provide all the necessary supports.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay.

>> REBA STEVENS: We keep testing you guys to see if you're really -- in the community.

>> ADAM: Of course. We learn things. In the process. Right? As our folks are on the ground asking some of the tough questions, sometimes we learn things and we have to adjust and we have to make sure we're holding Providers accountable so there aren't policies too stringent for our population. For sure.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got it.

>> ADAM: Good? More questions?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Uh-huh.

>> ADAM: Next slide. Again. This gets into, like, specific program design and where we've, kind of where we're headed. So one of the main areas, right, of accountability is through our care management system. So our team is working really closely with the Providers to ensure that data is entered in a timely manner into our care management system and from there we can kind of see what services have been provided to those folks and it's kind of an -- it's a record that follows them in a supportive way. It's how we are sort of keeping track of what folks have been provided and where the success comes from and that data then feeds our dashboards which we're continuing to make more publicly available along the way.

Some of the challenges, again, we do not serve higher mental health folks or folks with, in these particular homes, with Substance Use Disorder needs. We do have other housing options for that. The permanent housing opportunities are difficult. Those continue to be a challenge for us and I think Joseph in his previous presentation about breaking barriers kind of shared that, some of the challenges with permanents landlord issues and things like that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. Okay.

>> ADAM: And the last note there, which is fine, you don't need to put the slide back. There's a lot of conversation about housing programs as the County is starting this new

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department. We firmly believe, frankly, that we want to continue to oversee those programs that are linked to justice involved individuals. It's in our charter as a department.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Right.

>> ADAM: And the reason that we stood up these housing programs is because we saw a need and we're concerned that there wasn't enough capacity out there within the other departments or frankly, focus. So JCOD has stepped into that lane and we believe, we believe pretty strongly that we should maintain in that space.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I kind of feel like -- I'm not going to say that yes but I feel you on that. Thank you for the note. I have a hand up online and again I got you. Whose hand is that? Oh. Member --

>> I had a question and I saw my answer in the slide so I'm good, thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Cyrus - Franklin.

>> Quick question on the previous slide. Program outcomes. Curious if there were any goals around exit reasons because I'm looking at, obviously, family reunification, program graduation, and external housing programs. Those are -- but then, of course, the client services. So I'm wondering in terms of outcomes, what would be a good target to know what we're doing. And too, what else follows under "other"? What are some of the outcomes there? I see 23.

>> ADAM: That's always the question and that's an option that I really can't stand because it doesn't tell you anything. I don't know. I'll answer the other question first.

I think what it is probably, in our case management system we give folks the option to put "other" and so they are using that option and we would have to dig into the 23 record to see ascertain what is happening.

With regard to the prior question, we may need to bring this back with what I'm filling in is I don't know how many of these folks are enrolled in other services. Mr. Robinson is going to pop up and talk about CMS in a moment.

We want almost all of our folks enrolled there, if it makes sense. Because that is kind of Wrap Around component and those are the services that are really going to support anybody, depending on anywhere they are in our continuum, obviously.

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So I would have to go and look to see what other services they are being provided from a case management standpoint because that's where you would get your goals for exit and all the various things they are working on specifically, whether it be employment or those types of things, I think we could gather. And I think we probably should as a team be cross references a little bit better to see who is getting multiple things from JCOD simultaneously. Our data is coming together so that we can tell that story. That's why I shared in the case management system, that's the story we want to tell. How many of these things are folks actually taking advantage of.

For example, in our work force programs, there's a Wrap Around service component to a lot of that and we need to continue to infuse that into our housing programs. I know we do to some extent but I don't want to misspeak to what folks are getting in these particular programs and we can bring that back.

>> CHAIR STEELE: To that end, the question I have is how are we tracking the continual care across the program landscape. In the ones tied to CSIT. To everything you said I'm glad that JCOD is thinking of it in their continuous of care. In this larger CSIT case, that we understand the flow. One, what is the flow success? What does that even look like? And determines where people are in the flow. Do you see what I'm saying?

>> Right.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay. All right. Got you. Got you.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: My question was kind of piggy backing off of Member Cyrus Franklin but I think you answered it. I was curious about the declined surface. It sounds like if they are getting care somewhere else they wouldn't be considered eligible. Is that who is declined? Can you help me understand how would someone be declined?

>> ADAM: Maybe the way you first asked? Straight up declined. Folks in-housing saying I don't want to be there anymore. All of our services are voluntary and they step identity and they may step out into nothing. We are working hard to ensure our services are as stick as possible so that folks stay but sometimes it is just declining services.

Those 31 I don't know for sure but that may be the actual reason.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Right.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's a for sure right on.

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>> ADAM: Yep.

>> CHAIR STEELE: And I put this in the same context of ongoing fund requests -- I'm sorry, not ongoing funds. The question I have real quick to you again, Will, ongoing every year as gone unspent, has had -- ongoing funds every year has had unspent funds, right? Available that has made it available for one-time programs to even exist, right? Because the under spend from previous years created this other pot and then there's now programs that are being utilized out of that.

So I wonder if there is any unanticipated under spend from this year's fiscal that we anticipate for next year? I understand there's the 90 million --

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: [Away from mic]

>> VERONICA LEWIS: We can't hear whatever the response is, Chair Steele.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Sorry about that.

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: ..

>> CHAIR STEELE: The reason I'm asking is the 70 million historic unspent but this year's unspent has not been allocated.

>> WILLIAM PINKNEY: If you're talking about this Fiscal Year because it hasn't ended right and even I think if we went back to our slide there was 90 million. So the ongoing funding that is funding Interim Housing, some of that wasn't reallocated because there was -- in the budget they stated that we anticipate spending this amount. So for some programs, that ongoing wasn't swept. Out of the 90 million swept they didn't take the whole amount.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Understood. Understood. Thank you for that. Okay. That's good to know. I'm going to write the numbers down. You're good, Adam. Thank you very much. I don't think we're going to be able to get to the last one in time and I've held you all over three times in a row. So I don't want to have to do that again.

Go ahead.

>> REBA STEVENS: My question is to everyone around, you know, like, what do you need? You know, because I think too often times folks are coming and they are presenting something. In the back of my mind, I'm always wondering, is there a need? And I'm not talking about additional funding or the money part.

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>> WESLEY CRUNK: Support.

>> REBA STEVENS: Is there a gap or something that you're discovering that needs to be uplifted? We don't want to find about it later because things are not working and later on we find out and you knew this all along. So I think that it's really important when we're having these presentations that we're creating the kind of space for people or some avenue of some kind to make sure that folks are able to tell us if there is something that we need to be advocating for.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. That was received. Yeah. I receive that.

>> REBA STEVENS: And you don't have to do it publicly, you know? We have a Chair or an executive team. But we want to make sure that -- I'm advocating for our executive team to be that safe space for folks to uplift something.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'll be honest. What has now started to happen is we have updated from CEO not coming to our space from those conversations. I think out of the learnings that we have, it will probably be that too to help facilitate thousand we're building the agendas so that the information we are getting you all get as well. I hear you. And I think we're on that path. For sure. For sure.

I want to go to -- any additional thoughts in the room? Thank you very much for the presentations today from the presenters.

Any questions or hands up online? No? Cool. Let's move. Are we good? Okay cool.

Let's go to general Public Comment.

>> CFCI: We will now open the general public period. Please note this is limited to the matters within the subject matter jurisdiction. As a reminder the Public Comment period is one minute per person. Telephone users please dial star nine to use the raise hand and star six to unmute. Customer and smartphone locate raise hand feature to be put in the cue. We will call on you in the order the hand was raise the. We will begin the Public Comment period. Are there any Public Comments in the room? Seeing none, we'll good online.

>> CFCI: There are no hands raised online. Apologies. Yvette, Crayon, you have your hand raised. You can unmute yourself. And please state your first and last name for the record. You have 60 seconds.

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>> YVETTE CRAYON: Thank you. Yvette Crayon, District 5, SPA 1. I wanted to know, there was a question about the exit plan. And one thing that I wanted to ask is if any of the funding was being utilized to create additional housing for those that are exiting from the programs. If we have interim emergency, what happens after the nine months outside of the extensions for housing?

And my second question is, listening to the STOP program, that program only accommodates, from what I'm hearing, those that are not on parole that are transitioning from the state Facilities into our community. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Go ahead. You can respond. It's a Town Hall so you can respond.

>> STOP is mirrored after a program. I think you can shave credits or time getting credits in the program which is too far in the weeds.

>> ADAM: There is a CDCR similar to STOP and this is for folks exiting jails and not state Facilities.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Here.

>> ADAM: From the County.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Anyone else? No, is there anyone else?

>> CFCI: There are no more hands raised online. That concludes the online portion of Public Comments.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I appreciate this process everyone. I wanted to go back and request before we go. We're at time.

The question about item 21 on the Board agenda for next week, Tuesday. The recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Mitchell directs the Director of justice -- in coordination with the Chief Executive Office and all relevant County heads to report back to the Board in writing in seven days with a list including current balances encumbered balances and committed balances of all unspent care first community unspent funding allocated to County departments as of April 30th, 2025 with a report to the CFCI advisory body and report back to the board within 30 days and quarterly therefore with a comprehensive report of all CFCI funds and the status of use of the funds with these supports for also submitted by the CFCI advisory body and instructed JCOD to take the following actions.

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There's three more paragraphs. The coordination of the CEO and department head to see standardize the date had a collection reports and term requirements for won't County and TPA administrative projects not limited to requiring the projects to provide budgets and spending plans for the proposed programs; projects or services of required County -- I'm sorry project funds awarded from CFCI spent within 36 months and requiring County to report data and outcome quarterly to report to JCOD as well as submit quarterly reports to the advisory body.

Basically, the requirements that the nonprofit organizations have had under the TPA, making it fair across the Board.

The department should not have the ability to just like oh we'll figure out. That 36-month situation is very serious and the nonprofit organization -- a responsibility so the County departments who get CFCI funds should as well. It's a big deal.

Also in coordination with the CEO and the CIO develop a public facing dashboard within 120 days undated quarterly detailing the amount of CFCI funding allocated and the grantees and -- expanding grant funds to the outcome of each program and other relevant metrics. Lastly and in my opinion most importantly.

Direct the CEO officer that any future recommendations for redistributing unspent funds and unspent CFCI funds from the County department must first priority -- contracts for existing programs and protect judges whose agreements are nearing conclusion and demonstrated effectiveness and can enhance community impact with continued or increased resources where the extensions or any recommendation for reallocation must be consistent with CFCI advisory body's prior recommendations and if additional recommendations by CFCI Advisory Committee are made by July 31st those recommendations should be prioritized as part of the budget process.

That means if there are unspent funds, the Committee has recommendations of what we should be looking at and if they have additional ones by the process they should be prioritized. Go ahead.

>> REBA STEVENS: For all of those who are listening, we encourage you to show up.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Tuesday.

>> REBA STEVENS: This coming Tuesday and support Supervisor Holly Mitchell's motion.

>> CHAIR STEELE: May 6.

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>> REBA STEVENS: May 6. We look forward to seeing you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: If you can't come, get online and make a Public Comment and if you can't make a Public Comment make a written comment. Reach out to the Board and let them know. If you're a CFCI funded program from any part of the County, give them a call. Let the departments know the level of success that you have had and also what the additional resources be able to come your way would do for the work you're doing in your community. We will do the work to make sure that the Assessment of those resources being spent but also the impact of your dollars are reported in and they are analyzed.

You know, the dashboard that Amity foundation has put together for the 406 nonprofit organizations. The number keeps changing because they're evaluating the organizations. If they are not effective the contracts come to an end. We want to make sure there is an equitable way. CFCI Measure J was passed to change the status quo. And the doubling down even in the hard times in this way keeps the commitment of our work to change the status quo.

The CSIT presentations are programs changing the status quo. People dealing within cars rations. When you know about organizations and departments that have done things to make sure that people's lives are impacted in a positive way and the continuum of care and care first agenda, that's what this is all about. I'm grateful. Reba is right. Community Members, tell your folks. On the sixth. Pull up online. Pull up on the call, let them know that you support and we don't just want folks from Supervisor Holly Mitchell's district to come. Like we have impact from everybody else.

The meeting starts at 9:00?

>> REBA STEVENS: 9:30.

>> CHAIR STEELE: 9:30 a.m. and this is item 21 on the agenda. So when you pull up online and go to the Board of Supervisors' agenda and going to it will and go to the link and the live thing and they will tell you which item they are on and which are coming up and when you get to item 21, that's what you want to give Public Comment on. Yes?

>> Is it polled for a separate Public Comment?

>> CHAIR STEELE: From my understanding. It's polled so that it has its own. More information we will send it out. Personally, I will send it out. Not as a role of Chair but as an organizational leader.

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### **CART Transcript**

**May 1 2025**

**In-Person Town Hall**

>> REBA STEVENS: Chair Steele, we hear a lot about equity and fairness and this is what it looks like.

I'm hoping that although this is a shift for our County departments, that it's also embraced. This is fair and equitable.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah. And we got folks here around the table who have been a part of the journey with us and we'll make sure that is the case and the ownership is back to us and we have to make sure the work is on point and shout out to the JCOD team and everyone around the table and shout out to everyone online. Have a great rest of your day. We will meet again. Until we meet again. Until then. Meeting adjourned.

[Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.]