

**Minutes of the
Measure Y Oversight Committee
Monday, May 07, 2012
6:30pm
Council Chambers
Oakland City Hall**

Item #1: Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm. The roll was called and a quorum was declared.

Members present:

- Qa'id Aqeel
- Joanne Brown
- Vicente Cruz
- Chairperson Dorado
- Ryan Hunter
- Melanie Shelby

Members excused:

- Peter Barnett

Members absent:

- Brandon Sturdivant
- Richard Carter
- Nyeisha DeWitt

Item #2: Open Forum

Josephine Alvarado Mena, Executive Director of Safe Passages

Safe Passages is appealing the funding recommendations in the youth employment strategy based on a number of issues including the following:

- Safe Passages was ranked #2 in the scoring process, yet, three other organizations that ranked below them were recommended for funding while Safe Passages was not.
- Safe Passages received a perfect score from one reviewer. Other reviewers commented that Safe Passages had targeted, exactly, the population that needs services and that the staff and the organization had the experience to implement the strategy effectively.
- The process needs to be transparent: if the scores are not the determining factor, what are the additional factors? And, how are the factors used to determine the funding recommendations?
- In the RFP, no other factors are listed for consideration other than geography and special populations – so those items need to be defined and there needs to be transparency in the process.

Qinita Sward, Policy Director for Safe Passages

- Regarding the Mental Health funding for children 0-5 category, it was their understanding from the January 17, 2012 City Council meeting that the funding

for Mental Health services for children 0-5 was to be maintained at the 2009-12 levels at \$177K to serve 4 sites and 40 families. However, the 2012-15 funding levels for mental health services are only \$100K.

- In the funding recommendation, Safe Passages was recommended to receive \$40K of the 100K to provide mental health consultation to only 1 or 2 sites instead of 4, and the Link to Children is recommended to receive fund for mental health services for 30 families instead of 50 which is a reduction of 150 to 200 children and 20 families that would have received mental health resources and services.
- Concerned that the RFP process is not in keeping with the Council decision made on Jan 17, 2012 and encourages the Committee to view the Council video and transcripts.
- Also concerned about the inconsistent and inaccurate scoring process used to make the funding recommendations
- Safe Passages requests: 1) that their proposal be rescored based on their application and to 2) consider their appeal letter (which was handed out).

Mica Clark, Safe Passages

- Safe Passages Mental Health 0-5 proposal was not accurately read, there were points that were deducted based on inaccurate findings by the reviewers, specifically three discrepancies between the proposal and the reviewer's comments:
 - Reviewers claim Safe Passages did not establish a partnership with the Family Justice Center. However, included in their packet was a letter from the Family Justice Center attesting to their long-standing partnership. Also this partnership was referenced several times in the program narrative.
 - Readers mistakenly claim that Safe Passages included Measure Y funds toward the 20% match, however, the Measure Y funds were not included in the match as an accurate reading of the budget would show.
 - Readers claim Safe Passages will only provided services to 15 children, however in the narrative and in the scope of work it clearly states that Safe Passages will serve at least 50 children annually and an additional 300 through mental health consultation.
 - They request that Safe Passages proposal be rescored based on an accurate reading of the proposal,

Jill Silka, Family Paths

- Family Paths is a 6 year collaborative partner with Safe Passages.
- They give their full support to Safe Passages' appeal and their belief that an inaccurate reading of their proposal as the reason for their lack of funding.

Aaron Scott, Family Violence Law Center

- They thanked DHS for the recommendation to maintain funding for the Family Violence Law Center.
- They partner with Safe Passages and spoke of the impact on their services if Safe Passages is not funded. Without funding for Safe Passages, the Family Violence Law Center would lose the focus of their two psychotherapists with expertise in trauma *in Oakland* as they would have to serve the entire county.

Douglas Butler, Men of Valor

- Men of Valor Academy works in the community to reduce violence. They appreciate the funding, and introduced the members of Men of Valor to the audience.

Gay Cobb, Oakland PIC

- Would like to express their appreciation for the staff's recommendation as this is their first Measure Y grant. They are funded under the reentry category, however they have been doing reentry services for a number of years.
- In response to a question regarding what the Oakland PIC has done in the reentry field and their impact on high risk youth, Ms. Cobb, and other colleagues said that they have a unit which serves the reentry population and is currently implementing a Cal Grip State grant. They also have a one stop career center at 12th and Broadway for this population, and in the past they had a Parole to Payroll program.

Vicente Cruz, Oakland Green Party, Occupy Oakland supporter, Committee member

- Electoral politics are dysfunctional due to non participation, and Measure Y needs to be stronger because elected officials don't have to listen to us.
- Give local communities more local control over services and funding.
- Local communities are decaying as we have not been wise with our resources
- People feel that Measure Y is not succeeding and many feel betrayed as it has been reported that Outreach Workers are getting intoxicated on the job.
- When the number of OPD officers was at 900 they reported that crime went down but wasn't that really due to more officers arresting more people of color? The local police are corporate security for corporate America
- The police pick and choose who they arrest based on race and class.
- The overtime rates take police resource away from where they are truly needed,
- We need to redistribute social justice programs and violence prevention programs with more community involvement

Item #3: Approval of the Minutes from the April 16, 2012 meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were not completed in time for this meeting. They will be available for the June meeting.

Item #4: Retreat Committee Report

Joanne Brown reported on the logistics and subject matter for the retreat planned for June 23 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Lincoln Child Care Center. Lincoln Child Care Center has offered to pick up the cost of refreshments and a continental breakfast.

Potential agenda topics include:

- Rules of operation or the purview of the Committee, what we are supposed to do, and what realistically we can do.
- Adopt an annual calendar that conforms with the City calendar
- How to draft an annual report
- Getting access to information
- What a comprehensive strategy to reduce violence would look like.
- Increased coordination among the organizations receiving Measure Y funds.
- Secretary Albano will send out the minutes of the last meeting by the end of next week for members to refer to regarding possible agenda items.
- It was then suggested that the Committee members have until May 25th to respond with other agenda items.

Item #5: Breakdown of PSO Hours – Lt Hamilton

Lt Hamilton requested this item be continued to the June meeting as he is out of town.

Item #6: RPF Process and City Council funding levels

DHS provided a PowerPoint presentation with an overview of the 2012 violence prevention programs funding recommendations, as follows:

Strategy I: Focused Youth Services	Agency Name	Recommended Funding Amount	# Clients Served*
Juvenile Justice Center(JJC) Wraparound Services	East Bay Asian Youth Center	\$275,000	110
	Youth Up Rising	\$112,000	40
	OUSD Alt Ed, with CYO	\$98,000	36
	The Mentoring Center	\$75,000	28

MISSEY	\$110,000	40
Youth Alive!	\$150,000	55
Total	\$800,000	309

Strategy I: Focused Youth Services	Agency Name	Recommended Funding Amount	# Clients Served*
Youth Employment (Summer and Afterschool)	Unity Council	\$90,000	32
	Youth Employment Partnership	\$180,000	90
	Youth Radio	\$90,000	32
	Youth Uprising	\$90,000	34
	Total	\$450,000	188

Strategy I: Focused Youth Services	Agency Name	Recommended Funding Amount	# Clients Served*
Restorative Justice	Restorative Justice for Oakland Youth (RJOY)	\$150,000	50 youth/ 200 adults
	Total	\$150,000	
Gang Prevention	OUSD Office of Alternative Education/Project Reconnect/CYO	\$125,000	80 parents/ 450 staff
	Total	\$125,000	

Strategy II: Family Violence Intervention	Agency Name	Recommended Funding Amount	# clients Served
Commercially Sexually Exploited	Bay Area Women Against Rape (BAWAR)	\$100,000	400 outreach

Children (CSEC) Services	MISSEY	\$75,000	100 drop-in
	Total		

Strategy II: Family Violence Intervention	Agency Name	Recommended Funding Amount	# clients Served*
Mental Health Services for 0 to 5	Safe Passages	\$40,000	2 Head Start sites
	The Link to Children	\$60,000	30
	Total	\$100,000	
Family Violence Intervention Unit	Family Violence Law Center	\$400,000	1,000 crisis intervention
	Total	\$400,000	

Strategy II	Agency Name	Recommended Funding Level	# Clients Served*
Project Choice	Volunteers of America	\$200,000	30
	The Mentoring Center	\$100,000	55
	Total	\$300,000	85

Strategy III: Young Adult Reentry Services	Agency Name	Recommended Funding Level	# Clients Served*
Reentry Employment	Civicorps Schools	\$150,000	30
	Men of Valor	\$100,000	25
	Oakland Private Industry Council	\$240,000	69
	Volunteers of America	\$210,000	32
	Youth Employment Partnership	\$180,000	25

Youth Uprising	\$100,000	28
Additional RFP	\$100,000	
Total	\$1,080,000	219

Strategy IV: Incident/Crisis Response	Agency Name	Rec MY Funding Amount	OJJDP Funding	Total	# of Clients*
Street Outreach	California Youth Outreach	\$546,000	\$288,600	\$646,000	8,000
	Healthy Oakland	\$271,000	\$41,000	\$312,000	4,000
	CalPEP	\$25,000		\$25,000	36 events
	Total	\$842,000	\$643,800	\$983,000	

Strategy IV: Incident/ Crisis	Agency Name	Recommended Funding Levels	# Clients Served*
Crisis Response Support Network (CRSN)	Catholic Charities of the East Bay	\$300,000	60 victim groups
	Total	\$300,000	
Highland Hospital Intervention	Youth Alive!	\$125,000	60
	Total	\$125,000	

Measure Y Funding Previously Approved for FY12-13 Strategy/Position	Agency Name	Approved Amount
OUSD JJC Program Manager	Oakland Unified School District (OUSD)	\$80,000
OUR Kids Middle	Alameda County	\$200,000

School Model	Health Services	
Outreach Developer/Call-in Case Manager	Department of Human Services	\$131,717
Violence Prevention Network Coordinator	Department of Human Services	\$135,000

Speakers:

Richard (Inaudible), Research Directory, PIC

- The PIC has been a leader in developing reentry programs that combine job training and job placement for this population since 2004.
- Currently they have 4 programs that work with this population.
- In response to a question from Member Brown regarding the relationship between Good Will Industries, the Bread Project and the PIC. Specifically, how the PIC adds value (since the Good Will has a long history in this field): it was stated that the number of people needing jobs is too great for the available jobs so PIC provides pre employment services. So, when Good Will is ready to employ people, they are ready. The PIC also provides vocational training and employment to fill out Good Wills programs.
- In response to a question from Member Cruz regarding developing work opportunities in the areas of green and high tech which pay a living wage, it was stated that they employ people at above the City of Oakland's living wage ordinance, and some jobs, like welding, pay approximately \$35 per hour.

Charles Turner, PIC

- The PIC has been working with the community since 1998, starting at Allen Temple.

Below are the highlights of the responses from Priya Jagannathan on questions from Committee members regarding the RFP process and funding recommendations:

- Funds are allocated based on the stressor beats that have the highest incidences of violence and the agencies are expected to focus on the areas where violence is most prevalent.
- Regarding the flexibility and agility of Measure Y grantees to change strategies to address changing needs - DHS receives Federal and State grants to enhance the strategies, for example to provide additional Measure Y Outreach workers, or the Cal Grip grant which provides evidence-based practice to help address the gang program.
- Ms. Jagannathan described the RFP process, and review panel members' general qualification including their experience in violence prevention and the

strategy areas, etc. She also said the review panels included representatives from cities that have approximately the same level of violence such as Richmond, and they also included representatives from San Jose and San Francisco. Some strategies had Oakland residents on them and she can provide the names of all of the reviewers because it is public information.

- The funding recommendation go to the May 22, 2012 Public Safety Committee. In terms of process, Committee members can make their comments regarding the RFP process at that meeting.
- DHS Interim Director Sara Bedford and Assistant City Administrator Fred Blackwell are both involved in the appeal process.
- Reviewers look at an agency's overall budget to be sure their sole funding isn't from Measure Y as part of the scoring process. Also a recent audit (no later than 2010) is required of each agency applying for Measure Y funds.
- If an agency's financial health fluctuates, a site visit is done and a fiscal audit is required annually.
- Regarding the Late Night Live in the Parks initiative (City County Neighborhood Initiative), funding for this program is not included in these funding recommendations because Council wanted more details on the programs without holding up the process. It will be heard at the Public Safety Committee on June 12. If it is not funded, Member Shelby is interested in shifting 100K from CCNI to crisis response/other programs.
- Member Hunter wanted clarification on the amount included for the JCC wrap around services - \$720 goes to case management agencies and \$80K is for a direct contract to OUSD.
- There have been 4 appeals received (2 from Safe Passages, and two other agencies). DHS will notify the Committee on the results of the appeal process.
- Unsuccessful bidders were sent a letter which stated they could request feedback on their proposals if they request it.

Motion: It was moved by Member Shelby and seconded by Member Cruz that each strategy be voted up or down with additional comments to the Public Safety Committee or City Council members be made by Committee members on their own. Motion tied: 3 ayes, 3 nos.

Motion: It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member DeWitt to make recommendations to the Public Safety Committee by strategy area as set forth in the RFP, and to identify those projects that should be paid attention to by the Public Safety Committee or the City Council. Motion passed: 6 ayes.

- **Strategy 1:** Support the Focused Youth Services recommendations: Passes, 5 ayes, 1 abstention.

- **Strategy 2:** Support the Family Violence Intervention recommendations: Passes, 5 ayes, 1 abstention.
 - Regarding Mental Health 0 to 5, the Committee acknowledges the appeal is in process, and if successful the funding would be recalibrated.
- **Strategy 3:** Support the Young Adult Reentry Services recommendations: Passes, 6 ayes
- **Strategy 4:** Support the Street Outreach and Incident Crisis Response recommendations: Passes, 6 ayes.
- **Support the Safe House Challenge Grant:** Passes, 5 yes, 1 abstention.
- **Support Late Night Live in the Park/ City County Neighborhood Initiative:** Passes, 2 ayes, 1 no, 3 abstentions.
 - More information was needed in writing regarding the use of the \$250K.

It was agreed that Chairperson Dorado will write a letter to the Public Safety Committee stating the positions as voted on above and with comments emailed to him from Committee members.

Item #7: State of Community Policing

No one was in attendance from OPD to speak on this issue.

Item #8: Agenda Building

- Lt Hamilton regarding PSO hours
- Measure Y Retreat
- City Council's decision regarding funding allocations
- Monthly budget reports: DHA, OPD (now every other month, alternating)
- Fire Chief

Item #9: Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm