



## Measure O Citizen's Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes

Aug 20, 2025

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Meeting Recording:

#### Members Present:

Shirlee Zane (Chair), Gregory Fearon, Ben Ford, Kevin McDonnell, Colleen O'Neal, Ed Sheffield

#### DHS Staff Present:

Nolan Sullivan, Director  
Gabriel Kaplan, Assistant Director  
Jan Cobaleda-Kegler, Behavioral Health Division Director  
Julie Elliot Gallegos, Analyst, Fiscal Department  
David Hiatt, Program Planning and Evaluation Analyst  
April Hurd-Mattos, Deputy CFO  
Lynnae Mann, Deputy CFO  
Alea Tantarelli, Health Program Manager

#### Additional attendees:

DHS CAPE Staff members  
Mark Beiting

#### 1. Call to Order/Introductions/Roll Call

Chair Zane called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm and welcomed everyone. Colleen O'Neal is the newest member to join the committee. She is a business owner and an attorney with a focus on civil litigation as well as expertise in areas of homelessness and mental health.

#### 2. Opening Comments from Chair

Chair Zane confirmed the names of the committee members and explained that they are responsible for ensuring Measure O funds are spent as originally planned.

#### 3. Approve Minutes of May 14, 2020 (Action Item)

Attachment: Oversight Committee Minutes, 5.14.24 draft  
Action: Kevin O'Connell moved that the minutes be approved and Ed Sheffield seconded.  
No public comment was offered and the minutes were approved.

#### 4. Presentation by DHS C.A.P.E. (Crisis Assessment, Prevention & Education) Program:

DHS Health Program Manager Katie Bivin provided background and a description of CAPE's services to support mental health needs in Sonoma County schools. Originally, CAPE services were funded by Prop 63 but later lost their funding. In 2024, the Board of Supervisors approved funding for five Alcohol or Other Drugs (AOD) certified counselors and five clinicians who pair off to work in the schools or refer students to the Emergency Department, if needed. CAPE also refers students to outside trainings and workshops. There is also a Sonoma County Crisis Response System of Support (SOS) for School Crisis Response.

Director Sullivan clarified that these services are not addressing college age students because: a) the County already has agreements with Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) and b) Measure O supports Sonoma State University. Speakers included Camille Garcia who works for CAPE at Sonoma Valley High and Creekside School. Two additional CAPE employees present at the meeting also visit Sonoma Valley High to offer services. It was noted that Sheila Richman supports West County School District's Analy High School. Staff described how their services fit into a Behavioral Health Resource Map for the County. Success stories were shared, including recent instances where students counseled by CAPE were initiating positive life choices and moving in healthy directions.

##### **5. Fiscal Update for Measure O – DHS Director Nolan Sullivan and Assistant Director Gabriel Kaplan**

Director Sullivan explained that Sonoma County is having its federal review and Medicaid cuts are expected in the next couple of years. In California, Medi-Cal will also come up for review by the administration. The realignment fund balance will be decreasing in the coming years. As far as funding is concerned, "gas is low in the tank." On a positive note, a \$10M Measure O Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released by the County in August. The Director's outlook on Measure O is positive and he looks forward to what it can do to support Sonoma County.

Assistant Director Gabriel Kaplan explained that that DHS fiscal staff members developed a tool and a spreadsheet to share information about Measure O funds with this committee. From FY 25-26 to FY 29-30, the funds' value is expected to shift from \$30M to \$7M as Measure O funds are expended.

##### **6. Staff Reports**

- **Update on Measure O Projects – Behavioral Health Division Director Dr. Jan Coboleda-Kegler & Director Sullivan**

Dr. Jan explained that the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) is moving along nicely. The Psychiatric Health Facility, known as the PHF and also the Crestwood Healing Center, is something the County is lucky to have. It serves Medi-Cal beneficiaries. She feels the County could create a second PHF. It was noted that without such a facility, many people are sent to private hospitals or out of County for treatment. In January 2026, law SB-43 goes into effect and this change will see an increase in conservatorships. There is also a Peer Respite program, which is an alternative to the CSU. People needing those services can also qualify for Medi-Cal reimbursement.

- **Measure O Lived Experience Committee Seat – DHS Health Program Manager Alea Tantarelli**

Shannon McEntee resigned from this role, and Mark Beiting is being recommended. He will go to the Board of Supervisors for official appointment on September 23, 2025. Mark is the former board chair for NAMI Sonoma County. He brings an understanding of the agencies supported by Measure O and the challenges of caring for people living with mental illness and substance abuse.

- **Measure O Board of Supervisors Ad Hoc Committee – DHS Health Program Manager Alea Tantarelli**

The purpose of this committee is to inform the Board of Supervisors as to how Measure O funding will support Behavioral Health and Homelessness in both existing and new programming for the remainder of the tax measure. The Ad Hoc Committee will also consider how the County collaborates with City and local non-profit partners in similar service areas.

- **Measure O NOFA Update – DHS Health Program Manager Alea Tantarelli**

The County launched a \$10M "Measure O: Behavioral Health & Homelessness Pathways to Sustainability" NOFA. DHS is looking to support the community and help protect the County's investments in these two focus areas. CBOs and local government partners with existing projects critical to these networks -- who are also facing funding uncertainties -- are invited to apply. The NOFA was released on August 6 and comes due on September 17, 2025. It provides three years' worth of funding. DHS staff is developing an evaluation panel. Director Sullivan

is currently overseeing the Homelessness Division and will review recommendations by this panel. They will then move to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

- **Measure O Oversight Committee Meeting Schedule – DHS Health Program Manager Alea Tantarelli**  
The next meeting of this committee will fall on December 10, 2025 from 4:00-6:00 pm.

**7. Public Comment on Non-Agendized Items:** No public comment was offered.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.