

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor David Brown

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom  
Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/84684430209>  
Webinar ID: 846 8443 0209  
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## Summary Minutes

### **I. Language Access/Interpretation Services Update**

Laura Lloyd, County Administrator's Office, provided an update on Language Access and Interpretation Services for County meetings.

The County is continuing to assess options for language access for Unincorporated Services meetings. Quotes from the current provider are approximately \$900-\$1,000 per meeting with the use of two (2) interpreters. Interpretation services will continue for Unincorporated Services Committee meetings until another option is provided.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### **II. Transition to hybrid meetings**

Laura Lloyd, County Administrator's Office, provided an update on Transition to Hybrid Meetings.

The County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and the Information Technology Department surveyed five (5) potential locations to hold hybrid meetings. Each location did not meet the technology requirements necessary to hold hybrid meetings. Equipment necessary for a hybrid meeting include, cameras, microphones and speakers, screen, audio/visual HDMI interface and a network that is suitable for a Wi-Fi connection. Other factors include social distancing, after hours security.

The Information Technology Department has developed a "mobile kit" that will allow a temporary solution to allow for hybrid meetings at the San Lorenzo Library and the Castro Valley Library. Other considerations to be made before hybrid meetings can begin include staffing, and procedures for hybrid meetings. Staff is currently working with County Counsel on hybrid meeting policies and procedures.

The County plans to begin using the mobile kit beginning in January 2023.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### **III. Community Listening Session on Mental Health Needs in Alameda County**

Tracy Hazelton, Division Director, Mental Health Services Planning, Alameda County Behavioral Health, reported on the Mental Health Services Act Listening Sessions.

The Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) began as Proposition 63 in 2004. This allowed the state to tax personal income over \$1 million at 1% to fund mental health services.

Funds for the Mental Health Services Act can be used for a variety of mental health related services, including for treatment, housing services, prevention & early intervention, innovations, workforce, education & training and capital projects and technology.

The County is required to write a Mental Health Services Act plan every three (3) years and update the plan each year. It is now time for the next three year plan and Alameda County Behavioral Health invites the public to comment on mental health needs in your community, barriers to receiving mental health services, population that is not being served and any solutions or strategies you may have to better serve the mental health community.

In addition to listening sessions, Alameda County Behavioral Health will release an electronic survey to receive input and the survey will be available through the end of December 2022.

#### Comments received for Listening Session

- Need for mental health services in collaboration with various County agencies and community based organizations dealing with the unhoused population in various encampments in the unincorporated area
- Need more shelters/beds/ respite facilities/tiny homes to get the unhoused off the streets
- Substance abuse prevention especially for youth with drugs such as fentanyl
- Funding for providers should receive mental health first aid training due to second-hand trauma and compassion fatigue
- More outreach at the County libraries and help library staff to connect people to the appropriate services that they are qualified for
- Increase workforce in the mental health area with people with lived experiences
- Update John George Psychiatric Hospital
- Allow for reduce rates for online therapy sessions

Comments were received by Supervisor Miley, Supervisor Brown, Rosemary Vazquez, Rachel Sher, and Randy Waage.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rosemary Vazquez thanked Supervisors Brown and Supervisor Miley for their support at the My Eden Voice Founding Convention on Saturday, October 22, 2022.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned to December 7, 2022.

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