



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CARE FIRST AND
COMMUNITY INVESTMENT (CFCI) ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Thursday, February 3, 2022

4:00PM

Below is the link to this meeting transcripts:

[CART Meeting Transcript](#)

Below is the link to the full meeting recording:

[Meeting Recording](#)

(Special Note: In accordance with Chair Lewis request, video recordings and transcript of the meetings will be attached to the meeting minutes.)

Prior to the start of the meeting, Myles Meshack, of the Chief Executive Office - Alternatives to Incarceration Unit (CEO-ATI), provided instructional information to Committee members and attendees.

Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Veronica Lewis (CFCI Chair) at 4:07 PM. Taylor Schooley (CEO-ATI) called the roll.

Present: Sharon Covington (as an alternate for George Andrews), Vincent Holmes (as an alternate for Songhai Armstead, a non-voting member), Joel Ayala (as an alternate for Rafael Carbajal), Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Early, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Norma Garcia, Sophia Li (as an alternate for Eunisses Hernandez), Sherri Cheatham (as an alternate for Antonia Jimenez), Veronica Lewis, Jared O'Brien, Jose Perez (as alternate for Kelly LoBianco), Robert Schoonover, D'Artagnan Scorza, Jonathan Sherin, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Tencha Espino (as an alternate for Joseph (Joey) Williams).

Absent: Christina Ghaly, Ezekiel Nishiyama, April Verrett.

(Special Note: Some members / alternates arrived late and/or left the meeting early thus votes reflected some absences. At all times a quorum was present.)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Review CFCI Advisory Committee Land Acknowledgement.

Dr. Scorza shared a land acknowledgment for the meeting, acknowledging the ancestral land and peoples of Los Angeles.

2. Review the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Agreement.

Attachment: [Community Agreement](#)

3. Review and approval of CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting minutes from January 20, 2022.

Attachment: [January 20, 2022 Minutes](#)

Public Comments: None.

Member Stevens moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from the last meeting without any changes. Member Schoonover seconded the motion.

The minutes from January 20, 2022.CFCI Advisory Committee meeting were approved by the following vote:

Yes: 20 – Sharon Covington (as an alternate for George Andrews), Joel Ayala (as an alternate for Rafael Carbajal), Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Early, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Norma Garcia, Sophia Li (as an alternate for Eunisses Hernandez), Sherri Cheatham (as an alternate for Antonia Jimenez), Veronica Lewis, Jared O'Brien, Jose Perez (as alternate for Kelly LoBianco), Robert Schoonover, D'Artagnan Scorza, Jonathan Sherin, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Tencha Espino (as an alternate for Joseph (Joey) Williams).

Abstain: 0

No: 0

Absent: 3 - Christina Ghaly, Ezekiel Nishiyama, April Verrett.

II. ACTION ITEMS

4. Discuss and take appropriate action on the reallocation of Year One CFCI funds originally allocated for Physical Online Resource/Hubs for Youth.

Attachments: [Detailed CFCI Year One Spending Plan](#)

[Measure J Re-Imagine LA Advisory Committee Year One Spending Plan](#)

Public Comment: Alain Datcher, Shirin Senegal, Shameka Beaugard, Olivia Shields, Kruti Parehk, Christian Green, Maraky, Alex Dobbs, Karen Garcia, Jason Jablonski, Treneatra Muhammad, Lee Molett.

Member Steele moved the committee to recommend the County to fund existing physical Youth Centers in communities of the highest needs and underserved areas (ARDI, JENI, JESI, zip codes) in accordance with the following guidelines:

- 1) Prioritize culturally based programs for BIPOC youth as well as community and faith-based organizations and cultural based programs for BIPOC youth.
- 2) Prioritize distribution of funds to organizations in communities who employ youth and people with lived experience.
- 3) Suggested program activities may include:
 - Triage and Basic Needs / Linkage support (food, health, shelter, etc)
 - Youth Counseling and Care Coordination
 - Mental Health and Trauma / Healing support
 - Substance Use Support and Treatment
 - COVID support
 - Mentorship
 - Violence Prevention
 - Education Support and Tutoring
 - College preparation and vocational training support
 - Employment readiness and training
- 4) Apply all other guiding principles in year one spending plan on how to distribute funds.
- 5) Funding minimum to be \$250,000 per organization (with 1.5 million total).
- 6) Grant administrator to be a third party administrator.

Member Stevens seconded the motion.

The motion has been approved by CFCI Advisory Committee by the following vote:

Yes: 19 – Sharon Covington (as an alternate for George Andrews), Joel Ayala (as an alternate for Rafael Carbajal), Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Early, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Norma Garcia, Sophia Li (as an alternate for Eunisses Hernandez), Sherri Cheatham (as an alternate for Antonia Jimenez), Veronica Lewis, Jared O'Brien, Jose Perez (as alternate for Kelly LoBianco), Robert Schoonover, Jonathan Sherin, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Tencha Espino (as an alternate for Joseph (Joey) Williams).

Abstain: 0

No: 0

Absent: 4 - Christina Ghaly, Ezekiel Nishiyama, April Verrett, D'Artagnan Scorza.

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Engagement Plan.

Attachment: [Community Engagement Plan Worksheet](#)

Public Comment: Shirin Senegal, Maraky, Treneatra Muhammad, Christian Green, Califia Abwoon, Kelli Poole, Devon Williams.

6. Discuss and take appropriate action on the process for CFCI Advisory Committee to receive and review Year Two Proposals for CFCI funds.

Members of the public were invited to give public comment on this item as well as the general public comment under Item 7 of Section III.

Public Comment: Hector Ramirez, Laura Cohone, Christian Green, Rolando Castillo, Jason Jablonski, Maraky.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

7. General Public Comment.

General public comment was provided with agenda Item 6 of Section II, as noted above.

V. ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjournment of the CFCI Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, February 3, 2022. The meeting adjourned at 06:32 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for February 17, 2022.