

Enhancing Public Input & Health Partnerships

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Short Summary

You proposed improving public input analysis and formalizing a partnership with the Community Foundation for health equity.

Long Summary

You advocated for better analysis and reporting of public input on plans, aiming to advise the board more effectively. You also introduced a motion to formalize a partnership between the department and the Community Foundation. This partnership would focus on Goal #2 of the Foundation's new strategic plan: expanding healthcare and mental health access for historically excluded communities by centering community voice for just health outcomes.

Public Input and Reporting Process

- A proposal was made to create regular reports on public input received during open comment periods.
 - These reports should detail what was said, the number of people who commented, and the subjects covered.
- The objective is to advise the board and department on the plan throughout the year, not just at the end.
- The current process is to post the plan for a 30-day public comment period on the website once it's ready for submission.
- It was noted that the county is often late with its plan submissions.

Proposed Partnership with Community Foundation

- A motion was put forward to direct the department and the board to formally partner with the Community Foundation.
- The foundation's strategic plan includes a goal to expand access to healthcare and mental health support for historically excluded communities.
- The motion seeks formal acknowledgement from the Board of Supervisors to initiate a partnership, allowing for higher-level discussions.
 - The specifics of how the partnership will work are not detailed in the motion.

Transcriptions

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... that accepts, invites and accepts a lot of public input, I would like to every time we have an open comment period, I'd like to have a little report. Okay, what did people say? How many people said it? What was it? What are the territories? What are the subjects? So, I think that's a good recommendation. Right now, what I'm just trying to do is get the material on the web in a way that's not difficult. Um, the staff will already put it out in the end of the year. Uh, we can do it in four little chunks, um, and then try to learn from it. Because personally, if we're supposed to be advising the board and the department on the plan, I don't wanna wait till the end of the year-

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Sure to do that, and I think we can do it in the way in which you described.

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The second, I'll go on to the second, but I'd like to re- remind you that I'm hoping we can get motions on each of these. The second is that last Thursday, the strategic plan of the community foundation was accepted in a huge, um, event. It's terrific and, of course, they have a lot of other money that they'd like to do the same kind of thing, uh, help people become well, and I want to read to you the goal number two.

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...of my motion. We will partner with organizations that expand access to health care and mental health support, especially for communities historically excluded from care. By centering community voice, we will support systems change that leads to more just, responsive health outcomes. Um, that's right up our alley, and they're asking for partners. I'm, in my second motion, asking us to direct the department and the board to become a partner with the Community Foundation in the pursuit of that goal. Um, it's natural for these two groups, the county...

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And the community foundation to collaborate, and they do it informally, um, but they've put it out that they'd like to be a part of our process. This motion doesn't say how. It just says, "Get the Board of Supervisors to formally acknowledge that they want to partner with the foundation so the two groups can start talking to each other at a much higher level." Um, does anybody have any questions about that? I think I've tried to lay out the reasons why. Sure, sure.

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The, what we do now is when the plan is ready to be submitted, that's when we post it for 30 days on the website so people can log in to like, the public can say what they want to say about it. So with the integrated plan, oh, and counties traditionally, an-and this county as well, always, we're always late with getting it in. (laughs) Uh, try as much, and Melissa is very conscientious and she works really hard to get everything done, and in the end, it's, we always get, we submit late enough.