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County

To: Board of Supervisors
From: EQUITY COMMITTEE
Date: August 15, 2023

Subject: Establishment of an Ad Hoc Steering Committee for African American Holistic Wellness Hub Feasibility Study

RECOMMENDATION(S):

ESTABLISH the Ad Hoc African American Holistic Wellness Hub Feasibility Study Steering Committee and its committee composition.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact is anticipated from the establishment of an Ad Hoc Steering Committee for the African American Holistic Wellness Hub Feasibility Study.

BACKGROUND:

During the FY 23-24 County Budget Hearings, on [April 24, 2023](#), the Board of Supervisors designated that \$80,000 of Measure X funding be allocated for the purpose of studying the feasibility of an African American Holistic Wellness Hub in Contra Costa County.

The findings and recommendations of the Feasibility Study will provide guidance to the Board of Supervisors in its decisions regarding next steps in the development of an African American Holistic Wellness Hub for Contra Costa County. The Hub, which may include multiple sites, is intended to provide space for culturally appropriate and community-defined services that will welcome, support, heal and empower the African American community in Contra Costa County.

The Board of Supervisors referred this matter to the Equity Committee for consideration and development. At its July 31, 2023 meeting, the Equity Committee directed staff to pursue the establishment of an ad hoc Steering Committee for the Feasibility Study.

APPROVE

OTHER

RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **08/15/2023** APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: August 15, 2023

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Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: , Deputy

cc:

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)**MISSION:**

The mission of the Ad Hoc African American Holistic Wellness Hub Feasibility Study Steering Committee is to guide the Feasibility Study development effort through a representative, inclusive, and extensive community engagement process. The Steering Committee will provide input and collaboration with County staff and the contracted Feasibility Study developer, ensuring the community voice is represented throughout the process and the outcomes.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Ad Hoc Steering Committee will consist of up to 13 community members with direct experience of system harms and inequities who are committed to eliminating racial disparities and improving outcomes for everyone, and shall strive to include representatives from the following:

- LGBTQ+ community
- transition-aged youth
- the formerly incarcerated.

The Equity Committee is expected to consider applicants at its September 18, 2023 meeting.

MEETINGS:

After formation, the Ad Hoc Steering Committee will provide input to the Equity Committee on the development of the solicitation process for a Feasibility Study developer, meet regularly with the Feasibility Study contractor and County staff on the public engagement and study progress, and shall provide input and guidance throughout the process. Meetings held by the Ad Hoc Steering Committee will be facilitated by the Feasibility Study contractor, with support from County staff, and are subject to public meeting rules governed by the Brown Act and Better Governance Ordinance.

TERMS OF OFFICE:

Board of Supervisors' consideration of Equity Committee nominees to the Steering Committee is expected at the October 3, 2023 meeting. The Ad Hoc Steering Committee will be dissolved once the Feasibility Study is delivered to the Board of Supervisors.

STAFF:

Senior Deputy County Administrator, Lara DeLaney, interim staff to the Committee until the Co-Director of the Office of Racial Equity and Social Justice is hired.