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HUMAN SERVICES ADVISORY GROUP (HSAG) March 2026 Meeting Minutes

DATE: March 4, 2026

TIME: Scheduled 1 pm – 3 pm

PLACE: 1000 Emeline Ave., Santa Cruz

WEB: [Human Services Advisory Group](#)

HSAG Members Present

- Denise Hitzeman
- Serg Kagno

Human Services Staff Present

- Randy Morris, HSD Director
- Adam Spickler, HSD Senior Analyst

1. Welcome

- HSAG members shown location on the HSD website for meeting minutes, and location on County website for County budget:
 - [Human Services Advisory Group](#)
 - [County Budget](#)

2. Director's Report

County Mid-Year Budget Update

- CEO Coburn presented a mid-year budget update to the Board on February 24, 2026, noting estimated General Fund challenges and potential solutions:
 - [Item 10](#) on the [Board of Supervisors agenda](#)
 - View/listen to the CEO's presentation by [CLICKING HERE](#), presentation begins at 4:31:37 and lasts roughly 1 hour and 47 minutes, until 6:18:40
- CEO Coburn plans to bring "Guiding Principles" to the March 10 meeting, per Board direction, to help the Board finalize the FY 2026/27 budget
- The Chair of the Board held 2 CBO convenings to discuss anticipated FY 2026/27 budget challenges, a third is anticipated.

State Budget Process

- [CWDA](#) and [CSAC](#) are currently coordinating state-wide advocacy on County safety net funding for mandated work, considering federal H.R.1 budget impacts not yet addressed in the Governor's preliminary budget
- Governor's Budget May revise is expected May 14th or 15th

County Strategic Plan

- The Board and CEO have conducted town halls to gather community input on the [2026-2032 County Strategic Plan](#)

- Six priority areas were determined via the town halls
- CEO Coburn will return to the Board in May with a draft [2026-2032 County Strategic Plan](#) including community feedback on priorities for County's focus, along with cost estimates

3. Advisory topics of interest for round table discussion

- HSAG members—in seeking to best support the HSD Director in presenting the proposed FY 2026-27 HSD Budget to the Board of Supervisors in May—provided insight regarding various ways Director Morris can present a difficult budget to the community.

4. Potential public engagement opportunities

- No discussion.

Next meeting: May 20, 2026, 1 to 3 pm, north county location TBD