



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: October 4, 2022

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Dissolution of the Upstream Investments Portfolio Review Committee Effective October 4, 2022

Whereas, the Upstream Investments Portfolio Review Committee was established by the Board of Supervisors as a subcommittee to the Upstream Investments initiative chartered by the Board of Supervisors in 2010 with the goal to promote effective, prevention-focused approaches that ultimately help uproot poverty and reduce monetary and societal costs in Sonoma County;

Whereas, the Portfolio Review Committee (PRC) has served to review submissions by County and local agencies and make recommendations on programs to be added to the Portfolio of Model Upstream Programs (Portfolio), a robust collection of evidence-based and evidence-informed programs implemented by local organizations and County departments that have applied outcomes driven approaches for program design and implementation;

Whereas, there are 109 programs on the Portfolio and it will continue to remain an important pillar of Upstream Investments' mission;

Whereas, at the height of their work, the PRC met monthly and reviewed upwards of 36 applications annually. However, over the last two years, submissions of new applications to the Portfolio have decreased to fewer than five a year.

Whereas, in the last 10 years, the PRC has successfully contributed to a significant culture change in Sonoma County in using evidence-informed strategies leading to the Board supported effort to integrate Results-Based Accountability (RBA) into Safety Net Department contracts;

Whereas, Upstream Investments leadership recognizes there has been a natural shift in priorities resulting from the substantial decrease in applications to the Portfolio coupled with the increased interest in implementing RBA across the County;

Whereas, dissolving the Portfolio Review Committee will enable Upstream Investments to redirect resources towards applying RBA County-wide as an accessible tool that allows county funded organizations to demonstrate the breadth of their service, how well the service is implemented and if the service has positive client outcomes;

Whereas, on August 19, 2022 members of the Upstream Investments Policy Committee voted to dissolve the Portfolio Review Committee and adopt a new model for application review and Portfolio inclusion;

Whereas, moving forward, new applications to the Portfolio will be reviewed by analysts on the Human Services Department's Planning, Research, Evaluation, and Engagement team in accordance with previously established protocols consistent with the current process used by the PRC; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors does hereby dissolve the Portfolio Review Committee effective October 4, 2022, and approves the new application review model which promises to be consistent with the current process implemented by the PRC.

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Supervisors:

Gorin: Rabbitt: Coursey: Hopkins: Gore:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.