



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 9, 2014- 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ahmad called the January 9, 2014 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:32 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Haris Ahmad, Joyce Bowling, Leslie Hamada, Mia McFarland, Fran McGregor-Hollums, Lesley Schlesinger

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Woodcock

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM McGREGOR-HOLLUMS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS AMENDED (TO ADD ITEM 3.), AND INCLUDING THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 14, 2013 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Gina Reed Client Services Director, Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound

Rebecca Bowie Outreach Program Manager, Auburn Youth Resources

Deeann Burtch-Puffert Chief Executive Officer, Child Care Resources

Gina Reed represented Care Net Pregnancy & Family Services of Puget Sound agency which is new to the commission. She shared about the varied services they offer to not only women of all ages and backgrounds but to men experiencing fatherhood as well. They provide ultrasounds and testing for STD's. They also have a baby boutique store that gives free clothing, diapers, and furniture. Care Net has an excellent 8-week class on parenting with curriculum covering birth to school age children. This agency is privately funded and they have served Covington residents. In addition, they provide resources and referrals for counseling.

Rebecca Bowie from Auburn Youth Resources gave an update on the various youth programs offered at AYR. They have shelter for ages 11-17 as well as a drop-in center for students to get help with homework or employment. AYR received a grant to open a new shelter for youth 18 years and older. It will be opening soon. Transitional

housing is for ages 18-24 with extreme barriers to housing. The length of stay is from 1-3 years. The Severson House has 7 singles and 3 family units. Birth to five parenting classes and support groups are available. Covington funds the Street Outreach program which will add 3.5 FTE for South King County. They focus on homeless youth and housing.

Deeann Burtch-Puffert came at the request of the Commission who wanted to learn more about what services Child Care Resources provides to our residents. There are many programs provided by CCR which are focused on the needs of children and parents. They provide resources for parents with Five Steps to finding quality child care. Last year 62 Covington residents called CCR to find child care. In Covington, there are 25 child care centers with 19 different languages spoken. Twenty-one are home based and three are center based facilities. *Early Achievers Program* is Washington's new Quality Rating and Improvement System which CCR staff gives training, tech assistance, coaching, quality improvement awards, scholarships, and other benefits to child care providers to improve the quality of their care. CCR also supports early learning professional development through workshops and educational classes.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. Discuss 2014 Work Plan Calendar

The Commissioners reviewed the draft work plan calendar for 2014. Several site visits and presentations were added for this year; Pediatric Interim Care Center, Dynamic Partners Children's Therapy and Storehouse. Since this is a funding cycle year, the application review process will begin in May and conclude with the final recommendation in September.

Item 2. Set Funding Priorities for 2015-16

The funding priorities dictate what programs may be considered for funding. The commissioners agreed to add senior services to the list.

- Meeting community basics: access to resources to meet immediate or basic needs.
- Increase self-reliance: breaking the cycle of poverty, removing barriers to employment.
- Strengthening families: supporting positive development, early intervention, and prevention services.
- Increase senior services.
- Safe community: services that reduce crime, violence, and neglect.
- Improve health and well-being: provide access to mental, physical, and dental services to improve well-being.

Item 3. Recommend Funding of the Employee Human Services Donation Fund

Each year city employees have the option to contribute to an employee human services fund through pay-roll deductions. A total of \$975 was donated in 2013. The commission's roll is to designate these funds to one of the programs that are already funded with general funds. Following a brief discussion of agencies performances, the commission made the following motion.

CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO DESIGNATE \$975.00 FROM THE EMPLOYEE FUND TO HEALTH POINT DENTAL SERVICES. VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.

Victoria will complete a check-request form to Finance and send a letter to Health Point with our appreciation for the services they provide to Covington residents, which is always over the annual goal.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Submitted by:



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