



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**January 14, 2016- 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McGregor called the January 14, 2016 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:31 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joyce Bowling, Leslie Hamada, Brian Lord, Josh Max, Fran McGregor, and Lesley Schlesinger

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Nihal Dhillon Unexcused

**CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Noreen Beaufriere, Personnel Manager

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**CM LORD MOVED AND CM SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE ADDITION OF ITEM 3. REVIEW 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER REPORTS; AND TO INCLUDE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 8, 2015 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

The commission welcomed our new Police Chief Andy McCurdy. He spoke on the increase of homeless youth in Covington and rise in heroin addiction. Heroin has replaced most other common street drugs. The majority is produced in the Middle East. The drug use accounts for most of the home robberies, car thefts, and shop lifting in Covington. Chief highly recommends the need for a local treatment center. He requests the commission do what they can to influence city government to get a licensed provider. Chief stated a good resource for a guest speaker would be Brad Feingood. Andy also briefed the commission on the Chief for a Day program out of Burien for children ages 3-13 primarily with a terminal illness.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*None*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Item 1. Plan 2016 Work Calendar*

The Commission reviewed the draft work calendar and added the following:

- March 10 – site visit to Children’s Therapy or Jenkins Creek Headstart
- October 13 – Site visit to Crisis Clinic or Pediatric Interim Care Center
- July – Saturday work day with Storehouse

A final copy of the work calendar will be completed and distributed by the February meeting.

*Item 2. Adopt New Human Services Funding Priorities*

The Commission reviewed the funding priorities for the 2015-16 funding cycle and made the decision to keep the same priorities for the upcoming funding cycle, shown below:

- ✓ 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 service.
- ✓ 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.

**CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM BOWLING SECONDED TO ADOPT THE HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING PRIORITIES AS PRESENTED FOR THE 2017-18 CYCLE.  
VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.**

*Item 3. Review 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Reports*

Performance measures for the human service providers 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter were reviewed and pictures of the Storehouse Back to School BBQ event were shown. In addition, Victoria provided a year-end report on the Minor Home Repair Program which served 18 residents.

**COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

- Lesley Schlesinger noted that she has a new cell phone number to put on the directory

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED BY CHAIR MCGREGOR AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 P.M.**

Submitted by:



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