



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
June 11, 2015- 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair McGregor called the June 11, 2015 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:32 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Joyce Bowling, Nihal Dhillon, Leslie Hamada, Brian Lord, Fran McGregor, and Lesley Schlesinger

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM BOWLING SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE MINUTES FROM MAY 14, 2015 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

CM Hamada handed out brochures for Kent HOPE along with statistics from the day center since opening in 2014. The day center has served 10,547 women and children, 76 women received jobs, and 165 moved out of homelessness. Kent HOPE has done a remarkable job in a very short time!

**PRESENTATION:**

*Stephanie Prohaska and Dan Lewis from Auburn Youth Resources Street Outreach program*

The purpose of their visit to the commission was to share about a Community Dinner to be held in the community room on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The dinner will be a first for Covington with the goal to reach homeless and displaced youth from 12-15 years of age and families with housing barriers. AYR will provide a free dinner and many vendors will be present to provide resources. The vendors are: Maple Valley and Storehouse Food Banks, Orca cards, Job Corp, King County Health Care Center, Safe Place, Work Source, Counseling for families, I-Grad of Kent, Summer Meals on Wheels, and Housing Connection. Stephanie and Dan invited the commission members to come.

The outreach team put together new waterproof hygiene bags; one for males and one for female supplies. These will be available at the dinner and four were given to Victoria to be given to youth drop-ins at city hall. This event will be advertised through the Facebook page, twitter, the

library, The Storehouse, and local businesses that have been supportive of the homeless youth population in Covington. Victoria added she will announce this on the city Facebook page as well.

The commissioners asked if they could find out what the youth find to be the biggest barrier. It was decided that the city would provide a whiteboard or poster for youth to anonymously write the barriers they face to better understand how to help.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Victoria confirmed the Human Services Commission will be holding a kids activity at the city booth for Covington Days. She will announce the day and time once she gets the schedule from Karla Slate. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*Item 1. Best Starts for Kids Public Relations Video*

Victoria showed the video on the Best Starts for Kids Levy Initiative narrated by King County Executive Dow Constantine. Best Starts for Kids provides the resources to invest early in a child's development to deliver the greatest returns. The program will strengthen a child's early development, invest at key developmental milestones on a child's journey to adulthood, and create healthy communities that reinforce their progress. These preventative strategies will result in healthier babies, fewer children who are abused or neglected, fewer children who suffer from chronic disease, fewer emergency room visits and fewer young people involved in the justice system.

**COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

**CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 11, 2015 MEETING AT 7:25 P.M. VOTE 6:0. MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:



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