



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
July 9, 2015- 6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGregor called the July 9, 2015 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joyce Bowling, Brian Lord, Fran McGregor, and Lesley Schlesinger

MEMBERS ABSENT

Nihal Dhillon

Leslie Hamada, Excused

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM SCHLESINGER MOVED AND CM LORD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 11, 2015 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 4-0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION:

Mary Ellen Stone Executive Director of King County Sexual Assault Resource Center

First of all, Mary Ellen thanked the commission for the 6% increase in funding which allows them to maintain services. KCSARC is in its 39th year of *ending the silence* of sexual abuse. As a result of the new cultural attitude, they began to shift from the former campaign to a **Be Loud** campaign. The goal of **Be Loud** is to encourage survivors to tell their stories which helps in the healing and empowerment of victims. KCSARC uses the trauma focused therapy to guide the victim as they relive the traumatic event over a period of time until the brain doesn't react to the memory in a negative way. It works by retraining the brain. It is very intense work which may take up to 26 weeks but it helps the victim reclaim one's life.

The newest form of fundraising to launch next week is *crowd funding*. She would appreciate any feedback as it rolls out.

Mary Ellen reviewed the Covington service reports for 2014 and second quarter of 2015. The numbers have exceeded the goal. Covington funds are dedicated to legal advocacy. Due to

capacity issues, they do have to limit the hours of therapy provided but they never turn away a victim for legal advocacy. Currently they have 6 therapists, 12 legal advocates, and 4 parental advocates. They were awarded some additional state funding to hire one therapist. Their Court Watch program uses volunteers who assist families in the court.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. Finalize Plans for Covington Days Commission Booth

The Commission will host a kid's activity table for Covington Days alongside the City booth. They chose to be there Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fran and Lesley S. will both volunteer, helping the kids to design a 'thank you' card which will be given to one of our funded agencies. Karla Slate still has the supplies from last year. It was agreed to allow the kids to make a second card to take home if they want.

NEW BUSINESS:

None

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Chair McGregor announced that she will be gone during the Council Reports on Tues., July 28th. Co-chair Leslie Hamada will fill in for Fran but Lesley Schlesinger agreed to be the back-up if needed. The Council report will be for both June and July meetings.

Fran asked Victoria to send an updated Work Calendar to all commissioners with a revised date on the bottom in order to know the most current copy.

CM BOWLING MOVED AND CM LORD SECONDED TO ADJOURN THE JULY 9, 2015 MEETING AT 7:36 P.M. VOTE 4:0. MOTION CARRIED.

Submitted by:



Victoria Throm Personnel & Human Services Analyst