



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES
August 8, 2013- 6:30 p.m.**

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair McGregor-Hollums called the August 8, 2013 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:37 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joyce Bowling, Fran McGregor-Hollums, Mia McFarland, Lesley Schlesinger and John Woodcock

MEMBERS ABSENT

Haris Ahmad and Leslie Hamada were unexcused

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM MOVED BOWLING AND CM SCHLESINGER SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS WRITTEN, WHICH INCLUDES THE MINUTES FROM JULY 11, 2013 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 5-0. MOTION CARRIED.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Diana Olsen Marketing and Community Relations Manager at HealthPoint gave a presentation on the medical and dental services that are provided to Covington residents based on a sliding scale. There are eleven clinics in King County, outside Seattle, that serve the uninsured or underinsured. HealthPoint is currently building a new facility on Pacific Highway which will open on October 1st. Covington residents primarily use the Kent clinic.

The dental program primarily serves children, pregnant women, and on-going patients. One of the greatest barriers still remains transportation. 75% of clients hear about the program through family or friends. They serve 14,000 patients annually.

The Kent clinic is open until 8:00 pm two days a week to conduct tours. It is also a medical school with 2-3 med school students completing their residency.

OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1. Review Remaining 2nd Quarter Service Reports

The Commission reviewed the remaining reports and did not have any concerns. Agencies appear to be on target to meet their goals.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 2. Preview Video on the Refugee School Impact Grant

A twenty-minute video depicting the lives of four student refugees in the Kent School District was viewed. Students talked about how they struggled with the language, food, and culture, after moving to the USA. The Refugee School Impact Grant was very helpful to the student refugees and made the transition a little easier for them.

Item 3. Review Covington Citizen Survey Results

Elway Research, Inc. conducted a City of Covington Citizen Survey in the spring of 2013. The commission reviewed the results of the survey which rates the residents' view of life in Covington, the city government, police services, and parks and recreation services. Overall, the vast majority rated the city as satisfactory or good.

Item 4. Set Date for Site Visit to Maple Valley Food Bank

The site visit to Maple Valley Food Bank is set for Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013. It was agreed to start the meeting at 6:00 p.m. to conduct general business and then carpool to the food bank by 6:30 p.m. for a tour.

Item 5. Discuss Joint Commission Meeting in September

Victoria announced that there will be a joint commission meeting to be held on Thursday, July 19th at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of hearing the Mayor and Derek Matheson City Manager give the State of the City Address. Following the address, there will be a joint commission round table discussion during dinner.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:



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