



HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION MINUTES

September 11, 2014- 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGregor called the September 11, 2014 regular meeting of the Human Services Commission to order at 6:31 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joyce Bowling, Leslie Hamada, Brian Lord, Jared McMeen, Fran McGregor, Lesley Schlesinger (arrived at 6:44), and Adam Wheeler

CITY STAFF PRESENT

Victoria Throm, Personnel & Human Services Analyst

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

CM HAMADA MOVED AND CM LORD SECONDED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2014 AS WRITTEN. VOTE: 6-0. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

AGENCY INTERVIEWS:

Chair McGregor reviewed the questions that were prepared for each agency by commissioners and staff prior to the interviews. The following agencies were chosen for an interview to clarify any questions on the application and to learn more about the programs:

- Kent Youth & Family Services – Clinical Services & HeadStart ECEAP
Exec. Director Mike Heinisch presented.
The commission discussed their recommendation to eliminate two performance measures and only report on counseling hours; using the narrative report to update Support Group and Case Management hours. Mike also addressed the concern about transportation for HeadStart at Jenkins Creek. He reported that they have an agreement with the school district to pick up students at a group site in place of door-to-door. Forty-nine students from Covington have been enrolled this year.
- Auburn Youth Resources – Street Outreach
Exec. Director James Blanchard and Stephanie Prohaska Street Outreach worker presented.
Mr. Blanchard explained how they will address the \$300K decrease in their budget. He has been meeting with several private foundations and the Muckleshoot Tribe and they are very confident they will maintain this program.

He also addressed the question of qualifications and formal education the staff has. Stephanie gave an overview of her work with homeless youth specifically in Covington where she comes once or twice per week. She said there are three main areas where the homeless youth stay in Covington and they are working to get services and basic supplies to them.

- **Community in Schools of Kent – Mentoring**
Director David de la Fuente and Dee Clem Program Manager presented
Their plans to increase the program in Covington were addressed. Dee's hours have been increased to 30 in order to train the 100 volunteers. A new site coordinator has been hired for Cedar Heights/Kentlake High paid for by a grant. Marketing the program is accomplished by connecting with Covington Chamber, local businesses, service groups, and the newspaper, however, their biggest marketing comes from other mentors. Three new mentors have been added to Covington schools.
David explained the budget questions that CM McMeen had brought up as well as how they plan to use the budget surplus to expand the program.

- **Sound Mental Health – Counseling and Child & Family Services**
Dena Frandsen and Cheri Smith Mental Health Therapists presented.
They are located in the Auburn office and serve all Kent schools, working closely with school counselors. They also work with DAWN and YWCA to prevent homelessness. When asked to explain about the service units and why they are predicting to serve fewer Covington residents than other cities for the same amount of funds, they were not able to answer why.

- **South King Council of Human Services – Capacity Building Project**
David Daw, Program Manager presented.
David gave an overview of the South King County Council, which is made up of directors from many non-profits in South King County. The Capacity Building Project was launched several years ago to address the inequity of funds coming to SKC where the needs are greater. He also provides tech assistance to any non-profit for grant writing and capacity building. He clarified that they do not bill the cities for duplicated service but each city is given a percentage of the time spent with an agency. They do not typically serve cities that are not funders. When asked what they plan to do with the budget surplus in 2015, David said it will go toward a new project called Parent Engagement

- **YMCA – Child's Outreach Program**
Rose Quinby, Executive Director presented.
The request is for a new Family Safety Net program under the Child Crisis Outreach Response System CCORS which provides an 8-week program. The Family Safety Net would be intensive service for clients who need long-term case management to prevent youth suicide. They have served 11 families in Covington for in-home therapy. Rose adequately addressed the question of why

there were no projected numbers for service unit one. Plans to enroll clients & expand the program will be done by calling former clients to ask if they need long-term CCORS; intakes are also done through the Crisis Clinic who refer back to YMCA. They are 24x7 hour service with peak calls in the fall and spring. The commission asked why they requested funds only from Kent, Renton, and Covington. Rose answered that they have a partnership with the Kent School District and Kent Youth & Family Services.

NEW BUSINESS:

Item 1. Review Rating Scores and Rank Order of Applications

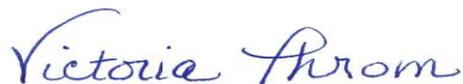
Victoria provided two handouts; one listing all scores from each commissioner, the second handout was a rank-order of agencies from highest to lowest score.

COMMENTS AND DISCUSSION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

The October meeting will start at 6:00 p.m. to allow time for review, discussion, and a final recommendation of funding to Council. A Scottish dinner and dessert will be provided by CM McGregor and Victoria will bring drinks and a salad.

CM Lord moved and CM Hamada seconded to adjourn the Sept. 11, 2014 meeting at 8:55 p.m. VOTE 7:0. Motion Carried.

Submitted by:



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