



Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, April 13, 2015, 6:30-8:30 pm

Members Present: Jason Dick, Carolyn Mansfield, Steve Daschle, Valerie Bays, Wendy House, Kellen Baker

Staff Present: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Public Comment: none

March 9 Meeting Summary: Approved

Updates from Commissioners:

- Jason reported that we will be interviewing 3 commissioner candidates in the next couple of weeks. All 3 looks strong.
- Carolyn and Val went to the commission appreciation reception. Connie Stansberry received an award for her service. Microsoft talked about some of their community initiatives. Carolyn and Val would have liked more opportunity to interact with other commissioners.

Updates from Staff:

- Brooke has been working hard on share1app and implementing new enhancements.
- Bellevue Human Services Commission will be holding a public hearing on community needs on April 21. All are invited

Old Business

Debrief Community Conversation on Homelessness

It was fine for as far as it went – no decisions made. There was surprisingly little negativity regarding homeless people. People felt heard. They were satisfied and liked the format. Next step is task force formation.

Youth Voice

We do we want to have the youth voice represented on the commission. Should reach out to schools and youth organizations in addition to RYPAC. Need for specificity in their role. Suggestion made to have quarterly or annual youth day, open to everyone, in order to solicit input. Request made for staff to research amending bylaws to include up to 2 youth seats, draft goals, outcomes and job description for discussion next month.

New Business

Discuss Mayor's Request (tent cities)

Questions raised: How many tent cities would we host every 2 years? What is selection process and criteria for funding? Should we set aside money just for tent cities? Note that we left many organizations without funding in last cycle, but might consider if we get \$7500 more per biennium. Staff will draft proposals for 3 options:

- Entertain requests this biennium by using reserves, request \$7,500 more in next funding cycle and review among other proposals.
- Entertain requests this biennium by using reserves but do not subsidize the full amount. Decide at May meeting how much to set aside.
- Ask homelessness task force to consider making a recommendation to change the permitting for encampments (and perhaps waive fees), and not allocate funds in the future.

Prep for Joint Council Meeting

The April 28 joint meeting with City Council has been postponed until after the Homelessness Task Force completes its work. The purpose of this meeting was to focus on panhandling and homelessness. Requesting additional funding from Council would happen after the strategic plan update. Staff are requested to add a report from the Parks and Human Services Committee to their monthly staff update.

Start Funding Framework Conversation

Agreed to using keep up/catch up/step framework for funding. It is familiar to Council and in line with human services as infrastructure. Staff to research if there are any planning measures around what a typical population would need in terms of human services. Health care uses predictive analytics to calculate 1 social worker per 20K moderate risk people, for example. Further discussion in May.