



## Human Services Commission

### Meeting Summary

Monday, August 10, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Members Present:** Jason Dick, Carolyn Mansfield, Steve Daschle, Valerie Bays

**Staff:** Brooke Buckingham, Alaric

**Guest:** Ellen Hegenauer

#### Public Comment:

Steve Fields, mayoral candidate, shared his opinion on predictive analytics, which he believes are essential when addressing problems like heroin and homelessness.

#### CCS Request:

Ellen Hegenauer reported that Harrington House will be closing on August 31. Of the 4 families still in residence, 3 will be moving to Redmond and the last is still looking across the Eastside. The request is to keep the remaining funding through the end of the biennium to provide after care. They currently have 21 families in after care and will have 25 by September 1. The home based case management support will cost just under \$33,000. The remaining amount on the contract is just over \$7,000. Commission voted unanimously to approve the request.

July 13 Meeting Summary: Approved.

#### Commissioner Updates:

- Jason announced that Wendy has stepped down from the Commission. He introduced Pilar who is going to the appointment process.
- Steve reminded everyone that the levy failed in the last election.
- Steve and Carolyn reported on the community homelessness task force. They will winnow down 80 proposals into recommendations to present, then roll out to the community. Suggestion that there be a joint presentation to the this and the Planning Commission.

#### Staff Updates:

- Staff shared the homeless resources cards, which could be handed out to people experiencing homelessness and during food drives. Suggest to add cultural navigator information as well.

Agency Interviews Next Steps:

The purpose is to help inform funding framework before the joint study session with Council on October 13. Decision to call just a few, including Hopelink, Friends of Youth, Youth Eastside Services and the Cultural Navigator Program.

Strategic Plan:

Commission suggests getting input from faith community, other funders such as Gates Foundation, United Way, seniors, and immigrants. Additional comments due by August 17.

Funding Framework:

Discussed changing the term “capacity building” to “funding multiplier”. This includes fundraising, data analysis, board training, cultural competency, and business continuity planning. Noted that we haven’t kept up – only 2% increase for inflation, but 18%(ish) increase in poverty from 2000 to 2013. There are conflicts and challenges with current funding model.

Youth Representative Next Steps:

Val and Jason volunteered to help with mentoring. Applicants will be selected by the commission and use same application form. There will be 2 youth reps at a time for staggered 2 year terms starting in September. Targeting 16-22 year olds. What we offer is exposure to city government decision making, resume building, education about not for profit sector. They offer a youth voice at the table. Val will help with recruitment.

Food Drive:

September 19 and 20 at Bella Bottega QFC. Sign up sheet passed around.