



## Human Services Commission

### Meeting Summary

Monday, November 9, 2015, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

**Members Present:** Jason Dick, Steve Daschle, Josh McQueen, Kellen Baker

**Staff:** Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

#### Public Comment:

- Gerald Wright introduced himself and announced that he is in the process of joining the Commission.
- Lalita Uppala and Rita Badh from the India Association of Western Washington spoke on their organization which provides cultural, youth leadership and senior activities to the greater South Asian Community. They have programs including women's networking, workshops, and cross cultural integration and work closely with other area nonprofits such as API Chaya, Kinderling, ACRS, CISC and Eastside Pathways. More information can be found at [www.iaww.org](http://www.iaww.org).

#### September 14 Meeting Summary: approved

#### Updates from Commissioners:

- Faith org/community engagement – Josh reported that there will be a Nourishing Network meeting on 11/12 regarding Camp Unity. Overlake Christian is looking at possibly hosting Camp Unity as well as formalizing car camping (there are currently 8-10 cars per night). He will connect the homeless outreach worker with the car camper.
- Homelessness – Steve reported that Seattle and King County have declared a state of emergency around homelessness and suggests that the Commission consider advising the Mayor and Council to make a similar declaration. He and Jason will draft a letter then forward to staff and other commissioners for review and comment.
- Employment and job training – Kellen had nothing to report.
- Youth – Steve reported that the Best Starts for Kids levy passed.

#### Updates from Staff:

- Gerald is scheduled for a Council interview on 11/17 and tentatively scheduled 12/1 for confirmation.
- There is one youth who has indicated interest in joining the Commission. Staff are following up with him.
- Staff will present the Human Services Strategic Plan for discussion at the 12/8 Council study session, with tentative adoption in early January.

- The Eastside Human Services Forum will be holding its annual meeting 12/9 on the impacts of targeted funding.
- Homeless housing is cutting millions of dollars from supportive services. Child Care Resources is losing \$500,000 as of January. They may be approaching the Commission for emergency funding.

#### Debrief Joint Council Meeting:

For the next funding cycle review, we will need to work with both the existing per capita allocation as well as potential additional funding as approved in principle by Council last month. Will need to think more about the homeless day center and how any additional funding may be used to support that. Staff will inform Commission in its monthly staff update what's happening in regards to any additional funding.

#### Debrief Joint Council Meeting:

Moved to next agenda as Carolyn was not present to report.

#### Homelessness Task Force Report:

Steve reviewed the task force process and recommendations. Staff are starting work on community awareness (recommendations 4b/1b). Commissioners wonder, with all the new development, are there more revenues coming in and where is it going?

#### 2016 Work Plan

Discussed adding field trips to work plan, e.g. Camp Unity, Sophia Way. Staff will connect with The Landing to see if the December meeting can be held there and Commission potentially providing that evening's dinner. Jason asks Commissioners to focus on for next year.