



Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, February 8, 2016, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Members Present: Carolyn Mansfield, Valerie Bays, Will Maes, Amany Aamir, Kellen Baker, Steve Daschle, Josh McQueen

Staff: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Public Comment: none

January 11 Meeting Summary: approved

Updates from Commissioners:

- Youth – Val introduced our newest Youth Advisor Amany Aamir, a junior at Redmond High.
- Employment – No updates from Kellen
- Homelessness – Carolyn reported that the Task Force Implementation Committee presented to Council. All recommendations are in the process of being implemented. Holy Family Church is starting a day center for families in Kirkland.
- Faith Community - Josh reported that Overlake Christian Church has 8-10 cars per night (14-15 people). Many churches were involved with the One Night Count.

Updates from Staff:

- Discussed intent of letter to the Mayor asking to consider declaring State of Emergency around homelessness. 1) send message to state and feds that it is a regional problem, 2) work with other mayors to identify potential resources, 3) use SCA to press congressional delegation to do something. Staff received little interest from other cities. Suggestion to use in conjunction with education campaign to make a statement.
- Winter shelter numbers: men's averaging 84, women and families at 45; after split women averaging 19, families averaging 45.
- Men's day center still needs a site as of April 1.

Joint Commission Meeting Debrief:

Carolyn, Kellen, Steve and Will attended. Found it useful. Shared Bellevue Human Service Needs Assessment Executive Summary. Discussed what we can do together as commissions, e.g. community education on value of/return on investment from Human Services. Bellevue commission worked closely with their Planning Commission on comprehensive plan regarding affordable housing.

Fourth Quarter Reports/2015 Outcomes:

Agencies that reported outcomes had 97% achievement rate. Still analyzing service unit data. Staff will send report via email.

RFP Supplemental Language:

1st priority is task force recommendations, 2nd is catch up. Add last language at end of last cycle's supplemental back in. Specify strategic issues: changing demographics, family support, employment.

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Agreement that process from last cycle worked well. Keep category weightings, but change first 2 items under Budget/Capacity to 5% each and increase last item to 10%.

Advocacy:

Commissioners are allowed either individually or as a group to advocate for the City's adopted legislative agenda, which includes the EHSF's agenda. Please let staff know. Commissioners would like notice of issues from Children's Alliance, housing, MIDD renewal to potentially advocate for as private citizens.

Request to schedule presentation from Best Starts for Kids when more information available.