



Neighborhood and Community Services

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, November 8th, 2017 6:00 pm
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 148

Meeting Minutes

Those Present: Jovan, Korbett, Zach, Janet, Elizabeth, Valentine, Sean, Naomi, Rahn

Those Absent: Dana, Jason, Kelly, Indira, Kashmir, Brian

Members:

Jovan Dumas,
Chair

Korbett Mosesly,
Vice Chair

Kelly McDonald,
Secretary

Rahn Clayton

Zach Dillon

Kashmir Gavronski

Jason Grube

Indira Hubble

Brian Humphreys

Dana Owens-
Cheatham

Elizabeth Pebley

Valentine Smith

Janet Thiessen

Sean Waite

Naomi Wilson

Staff:

Linda Stewart,
Interim NCS
Director

Pam Duncan, HS
Division Manager

Adam Vance, HS
Program
Technician

1. Welcome/Call to Order

6:00pm – 6:05pm

-Meeting called to order by the Chair at 6:05pm.

2. Approval & Signing of October Meeting Minutes

6:05pm-6:10pm (*Chair to sign last month's minutes*)

-October minutes approved unanimously.

3. Upcoming: CDBG & ESG Process Planning

6:10pm-6:30pm

→ Objective: Informative & Open Discussion

-Pam Duncan discusses the importance of equity and systems development in the upcoming Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding process. Mentions that the application will be sent to commissioners for review prior to the go live date of 12/11. Jovan Dumas asked about the rating tool. Pam Duncan answers that the rating tool will need to cover equity in the applications. Naomi Wilson asks about attending the Applicant Trainings, Pam Duncan says yes. Questions about calling into meetings, Pam Duncan says yes that is allowed. Naomi Wilson asked about scoring criteria and if that is shared with applicants, the answer is yes. Pam Duncan mentioned the importance of being transparent and open. Korbett Mosesly asks about the Organizational Assessment being included in the CDBG ESG application. Pam Duncan says that that will be discussed next month at the December HSC meeting.

4. Discussion Topic: Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Services

6:30pm-7:30pm

→ Objective: Informative & Open Discussion

→ Pam Duncan introduces Al Ratcliffe to the commission to begin the discussion regarding the Tacoma Mental Health Chemical Dependency (TMHCD) sales tax and Mental Health Substance Use Disorder (MHSUD) services in the community. The ordinance that established the sales tax is introduced to the group. Al Ratcliffe begins by detailing the history of government funding of MHSUD services and Pierce County's efforts to pass the sales tax. The City of Tacoma passed the one tenth of one percent sales tax in 2012. Kim Dodds developed and implemented the MHSUD system in Tacoma. The MHSUD collaboration meetings are

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mentioned, which have become quarterly. The TMHCD database was mentioned. Pam Duncan brings up the anti-stigma portion of the MHSUD work. TPD Co-Responders program and the jail diversion efforts is discussed. Korbett Mosesly mentions the importance of all stakeholders participating in the system in order for it to work best. Al Ratcliffe brought up Optum in Pierce County and what they do. Elizabeth Pebley asks about the revenue brought in by the tax annually, what percentage of the dollars go to which priorities. Pam Duncan mentioned how other jurisdictions oversee and report out on their MHSUD services and tax utilization. Jovan Dumas asks about why the MHSUD efforts haven't been made more available for the public. Pam Duncan says that it will be. Naomi Wilson asks about the 1.5 FTE assigned to administering the MHSUD funds and services. The importance of using the data that is gathered intelligently is discussed.

5. Human Services Division Manager Update
 - ➔ Objective: Discussion, led by Pam Duncan
 - 7:22 Korbett Mosesly introduced some financial stability materials from United Way of Pierce County and their Center for Strong Families project
 - 7:37 Pam Duncan requests that two commissioners participate in evaluating RFPs for senior center management. Jovan and Naomi are going to participate.

6. Other Business & Public Comment
 - No other business/public comment was offered.

7. Adjournment
 - Adjourned at 7:40pm.

Upcoming Events

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| HSC December Meeting | Wednesday, December 13 th , 2017. 6pm, TMB 148 |
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HSC Chair Signature: _____

Date: 12/13/17

City of Tacoma Staff Signature: _____

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