



Public Safety, Human Services, and Education Committee Minutes

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Tacoma Municipal Building, Room 248, 747 Market Street, Tacoma, Washington 98402

October 10, 2013

Chair Woodards called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

Council Committee Members Present: Campbell, Lonergan, and Woodards.

Council Committee Members Absent: Mayor Strickland.

Approval of September 12, 2013 Minutes

Deputy Mayor Campbell moved to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting. Seconded by Council Member Lonergan. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were approved.

Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Program Update

Kimberly Dodds, Neighborhood and Community Services (NCS), provided an update on the Mental Health and Chemical Dependency (MHCD) Program, including background information, the funding process and analysis, issues, and next steps. She then highlighted portions of the staff analysis of MHCD funding investments and policy objectives document. Discussion ensued regarding vulnerable populations, current funding, the jail and hospital diversion funding strategy, and funding for youth programs. Ms. Dodds noted she has been giving community presentations on the effectiveness and impact of the community health dollars. Deputy Mayor Campbell requested additional information regarding cost savings for the City, hospitals, and jails relating to diversion efforts. Council Member Lonergan requested staff include Reserve Policy information when reporting on the status of the funding stream.

2012-13 State Gang Grant Performance Report

Melissa Cordeiro, NCS, provided an overview of the 2012-2013 State Gang Grant, and introduced Michelle Maike, project evaluator for the and co-author of the 2012-2013 State Gang Grant performance report. Ms. Maike reviewed the performance report, including goals; objectives relating to implementation of a comprehensive gang prevention and intervention model, building community knowledge, and reducing risks and increasing protection among high risk youth; youth related findings, and summary information. Discussion ensued regarding youth related findings, included statistics for the youth enrolled in the program, making sure the program serves those identified in the assessment, data gaps, and the definition of moderate versus high risk. Council Member Lonergan requested staff provide additional information regarding statistics for only the youth involved in gangs. Ms. Cordeiro then played a video of the end of effort celebration and thanked all those who participated. Council Member Lonergan stated he attended the celebration and described his experience.

Topics for Upcoming Meetings

Julie Stoltman, City Manager's Office, stated topics for the October 24, 2013 meeting include an update on the Youth Build Tacoma Program and the voluntary Alcohol Impact Areas. She then stated the November 14, 2013 meeting will be cancelled, and there will be a special meeting on November 21, 2013, to discuss changes to jail services and the impact on the Municipal Court. Ms. Stoltman noted there may be a joint meeting with the Neighborhoods and Housing Committee on November 18, 2013. Discussion ensued regarding joint meetings and the potential for a quorum of the full Council. Chair Woodards requested staff add metal theft to the schedule and include representatives from Washington State and the Department of Licensing. Tansy Hayward, Assistant City Manager, stated the December 12, 2013 meeting may be lengthy due to applicant interviews for Committees, Boards, and Commissions.

Other Items of Interest

There were no other items of interest.

Public Comment

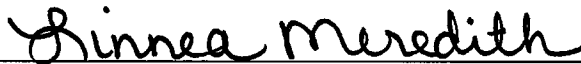
Public comment was heard from Chana Lawson, Proteen and the Northwest Leadership Foundation.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Victoria Woodards, Chair



Linnea Meredith, Office Assistant, City Clerk's Office