



Neighborhood and Community Services

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, January 11th, 2017 6:00 pm
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 148

2/8/17

HSC chairman

Meeting Agenda

Members:

Jovan Dumas,
Chair

Korbett Mosesly,
Vice Chair

Kelly McDonald,
Secretary

Rahn Clayton

Zach Dillon

Jason Grube

Indira Hubble

Brian Humphreys

Dana Owens-
Cheatham

Al Ratcliffe

Valentine Smith

Sean Waite

Staff:

Nadia Chandler-
Hardy, NCS
Director

Pam Duncan, HS
Division Manager

1. Welcome/Call to Order

Call to order at 6:00 by Jovan Dumas
Present HSC members: Jovan, Korbett, Kelly, Sean, Brian, Valentine, Al, Dana, Zach, Jason
Absent: Indira, Rahn
Staff present: Pam Duncan, Christopher Wright,

2. Approval & Signing of December Meeting Minutes

Al moved to approve, Korbett seconded, vote occurred at 6:37, unanimous approval by Jovan, Korbett, Kelly, Sean, Brian, Valentine, Al, Dana, Zach, and Jason.

3. L-ICMA Report/Recommendations

Objective: Informative
Rahn was not present so this session was not offered.

4. 2017 Big Rocks, Pam Duncan presented at 6:06

Objective: Informative
Will take a deeper dive at the retreat.
Planning and contracting services: core work
1) Application process (identifying priorities, developing application, releasing, training HSC commission, etc.
Every year there is an application process that varies year over year (CDBG/ESG—opens in the fall of the opposite year—driven by HUD funding) Federal dollars that come to the Community and Economic Development Department, some of the money comes to the Human Services Commission
2) Contracting (large administrative piece)
Staff work with recommended funders to assure the contracts are executed accurately and properly. Beginning January 1 of each year the City expects the organization receiving funding have an executed contract and monitoring begins. On site audits occur if city staff feel that any contract details are not being executed.

Staff evaluations for the City are conducted in January and are submitted to HR by January 31.

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be announced February 1, 2017 due to the identification of gaps in funding that were observed funding to come largely from mental health dollars)



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HUD Consolidated Plan: pertains to homelessness services, working in conjunction with the Community and Economic Development Department. Baselines to be established for all measured issues.

Big work around those experiencing homelessness, where they go, how to manage the encampments within the city. Church overflow program available through a couple of churches to provide three months of shelter for those experiencing homelessness.

Systems work will launch soon.

Equity training as part of the systems work will be provided as well for all contracted providers to participate in.

Homeless youth shelter still looking for a permanent site with a temporary site at Beacon Center. Temporary permit granted but the neighbors at South Tacoma Way site are not happy and voicing concerns.

Establishment of an opioid task force to occur in the year.

Social Wellness groups are establishing statements

Opportunity & Achievement Programs headed by Christopher
TTEP is replacing the former Youth Build program

Sean suggested it would be interesting to trail a family experiencing homelessness and document their experiences/challenges/celebrations.

5. HSC Recruitment

Objective: Informative and Discussion

Jovan opened up the discussion at 6:38 to encourage people to recruit candidates

Sean suggested attempting to recruit high school students.

Korbett suggested trying to identify health professionals. Sean tagged on asking for nursing students or mental health professionals. Korbett discussed going higher in the ranks at MultiCare or CHI.

Kelly suggested that individuals who've experienced/benefited from services from area providers.

Al voiced the need to recruit someone from the Latino/a community.

Korbett wondered if there is an invitation to apply that we can send out, and also identified we're male dominated and seeking female applicants would be good.

Pam said she would share the invitation to apply with the Commissioners.

Brian suggested Spaceworks might be a rich group to recruit.

Valentine suggested reaching out to our existing networks to find recruits.

Al asked what the Conflict of Interest policy is: Pam said there has been fluctuation in the approach as to whether to allow individuals who work at funded nonprofits. Pam will follow up with the details.

Updating responsibilities on the website for applying to the HSC with enhanced information about time commitments would be useful according to Jason and Kelly

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6. MHSUD Oversight Committee Development

Discussion led by AI began at 7:00 pm

Objective: Informative and Discussion

Korbett and AI met the other day to discuss and noted that organizations are required to submit a lot of data, but receive nothing in return. Oversight of a group of grants directly under the jurisdiction of the Council is being proposed. AI and Korbett suggest seeking input from the CVS Council. Transparency in the process is vital. Uncertain what to measure, what to report, whom to report it, what resources will be available. Would like an oversight group as large as eight individuals (not entirely Commission, Korbett and AI can serve that function) along with a staff member. Create a group of evaluators so that information is being given back to the organizations and not just have information taken from them. The committee should be represented by people in other systems in order for linkages to be considered fully (homelessness, education, workforce, etc.) to fully address the mental health and addiction needs.

The oversight committee would be set up to value and enhance the outcome for clients. The makeup should intentionally consider the intersecting systems that impact clients holistically to best leverage resources.

AI would like to avoid a contracted service provider on the committee, but maintain radical transparency in the process. Korbett wondered about using a contract provider as an educator to the committee but not as a committee member.

Pam mentioned that procedurally these ideas would be submitted to the Community Vitality and Safety Committee (CVS).

Jovan asked about the County not passing the 1/10 of 1% and whether the committee would comment on that. AI mentioned that fight is not dead and the new County Executive is pushing for at least a portion of the proposal being passed.

7. Other Business introduced at 7:14 pm

Christopher Wright spoke and the MHSUD application will close March 3rd, applicant training on February 7th and 9th, rater training will be the end of February. Applications to HSC by March 10th, and scores will be due around March 20th. Oral presentations will have to occur between March 10th and March 20th. Recommendations will go to Council on April 4th. The schedule is so tight, timeliness is highly needed and encouraged.

Pam mentioned the need to be very prescriptive about what is being sought to keep the application numbers reasonable.

Korbett asked if there are any City staff changes and Pam said no.

AI mentioned that city planning will be taking place and plans to attend to advocate changes in zoning to increase the availability of housing for individuals and in particular low income residents.



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8. Public Comment was offered at
No public comment was given.
9. A motion to adjourn was made at Sean at 7:31 pm, Jason seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed by Jovan, Sean, Kelly, Brian, Zach, Korbett, Dana, Valentine, and Al.

Upcoming Events:

HSC Retreat	1/21/2017	10am, TMB 248
HSC Feb. Meeting	2/8/2017	6-8pm TMB Room 148