



Annam Sund HCS chairman

Neighborhood and Community Services Human Services Commission

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.
Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 1444

Meeting Minutes

Members:

Jovan Dumas,
Chair

Korbett Mosesly,
Vice Chair

Kelly McDonald,
Secretary

Eileen Armstrong

Jasmine Brown

Rahn Clayton

Indira Hubble

Brian Humphreys

Virginia Miller

Al Ratcliffe

Roseanne Sat

Sean Waite

Staff:

Nadia Chandler-
Hardy, NCS
Director

Pam Duncan, HS
Division Manager

Donlisa Scott,
Administrative
Assistant

1. Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm

HSC members present: Jovan Dumas, Korbett Mosesly, Kelly McDonald, Brian Humphreys, Al Ratcliffe, Sean Waite, Rahn Clayton

HSC members absent: Eileen Armstrong, Jasmine Brown, Indira Hubble, Virginia Miller, Roseanne Sat

City of Tacoma staff present: Pam Duncan, Nhan Nguyen

Visitor: Dana Owens, considering serving the Commission, MPA student at Evergreen State College

There are three vacant positions on the Commission

2. Approval of meeting minutes

Commissioner Mosesly motioned to accept the July 13, 2016, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Humphreys, the motion then carried.

Commissioner Ratcliffe motioned to approve the June 8, 2016, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mosesly, the motion then carried.

Commissioner Ratcliffe motioned to approve the May 11, 2016, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mosesly, the motion then carried.

3. Community Needs Assessment summary

Why a needs assessment? Intent to ensure the City continues to work in alignment with the Human Services Strategic Plan Priorities and the City of Tacoma's strategic visioning 2025, in addition to gaps and unmet needs in the services provided to the community. An endeavor to generate quantifiable data around the services funded by the City. Additionally, an intent to make service providers are accountable and transparent in their performance servicing the communities most vulnerable.

Dawn Couch walked the Commission through a webinar to explain the process—**PowerPoint slides attached detail the overview.**

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Points of Interest Not Reflected in PowerPoint:

- Poverty rate in Tacoma for children is 26%, higher than Pierce County or Washington state, higher than seniors.
- 1 in 2 children who are African American living in Tacoma are in poverty.
- Tacoma Public Schools has a higher rate of homelessness than our neighboring districts.
- Finding that young adults aged 17-34 earning under \$50k/year feel the least safe in Tacoma.
- Marijuana use in youth in Tacoma is higher than other communities in the state.
- Tacoma residents have a higher rate of violence than elsewhere in the state, in particular with domestic violence.
- 20% of homeless from Point of Time count have experienced domestic violence.
- Good portion of the community in Tacoma does not have purchasing power, and as the housing market is further stretched that lack of buying power will only increase.

Questions from HSC:

- The exclusion of Hispanic families from the needs assessment seems problematic.
- Single female head of households experience poverty at a greater rate, how is that accounted for or addressed?
- How much of the THA families/population make up the poverty in Tacoma?
- Want to review the assessment tool? Here's the link: <http://arcg.is/20rvY6D>
- Request for data to understand THA's client group and what its makeup is in Tacoma's population in poverty

The City recognizes there is an opioid epidemic, synthetic marijuana use, and methamphetamine use issues are areas of opportunity not currently being addressed with rigor.

Additional, there are great opportunities around work force development.

4. Application Schedule

- All of the dates HSC presence is required is listed below.**
- Application review from September 2-September 19 HSC members will review the applications

5. Application Panel Reviewer Recruitment

Pam has reached out to several funders for volunteers' assistance

6. Other Business

Audio versions of the application review would cost about \$100: Rahn investigated cost and ease of content transfer.
Attendance from HSC through this review season is vital.

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Public Comment

Dana is also interested in the THA data because her research at THA showed a lot of people would lose vouchers when they were unable to find housing. Additional, low wage/medium wage housing is extremely difficult to find.

Adjournment

Moved to adjourn at 7:41 pm

Upcoming Events:

Application Review Panel Training	August 17	TMB Room 1530, 6:00pm
Application Review Panel Training	August 24	TMB Room 1530, 6:00pm
Oral Presentations	September 13	TMB Room 1530, 5:30pm
HSC Meeting	September 14	TMB Room 1444, 6:00pm
Oral Presentations	September 15	TMB Room 1530, 5:30pm
Consensus & Allocation Meeting	September 24	Center for Urban Waters, 326 East D Street, 9:00am

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