



Neighborhood and Community Services

Human Services Commission

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

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

Jovan called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

Sean moved to approve the February meeting at 6:11, Korbett seconded and all six commissioners moved to approve.

Commissioners present: Jovan, Al, Valentine, Sean, Kelly, Korbett

Commissioners not present: Rahn, Zach, Jason, Indira, Brian, Dana

Staff present: Adam, Nahn, Pam, Vicky

2. 2017-18 MHSUD HHS Process

→ Objective: Informative

Nahn Nguyen updated the HSC on where the city is in the process. Tonight the second part of the reliability training will be provided. Staff will provide a data analysis to assess the consistency of ratings by reviewers. Only 7 Commissioners submitted ratings. There are only 8 applications that are eligible to be reviewed. 7 Commissioners are going to comprise the rating team. All 8 applications will be released to the 7 Commissioners Friday, March 10th.

The next step will be oral presentations on March 15th with the applicants as they present to the Commissioners on the rating team and Commissioners have the opportunity to ask questions.

The rating team can assign scoring beginning Friday, but should wait to submit ratings.

Scoring is due on March 20th by 12 pm and the consensus meeting will take place on the 22nd at 5 pm.

The recommendations will go to the council.

Al asked if it's possible to give the organizations a longer time frame given the fact there are only 8 applicants.

Korbett suggested that organizations be given consistent, guided questions to make their introduction most beneficial to the Commissioners.

Korbett moved to extend the time up to 15 minutes for each organization with 3 minutes for introductions and 12 minutes for questions from HSC at 6:37 pm.

Sean seconded and all commissioners approved.

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AI moved at 6:40 pm to send question 1 below to all applicants, and to use question questions 2-4 below in each timeframe with applicants at oral presentations. Korbett seconded, all commissioners present approved:

- 1) Come prepared ready to discuss aspects of the issue of mental health issues as they relate to homelessness and housing instability you were unable to address in your application.
- 2) How will this application make a lasting impact and contribute to stabilizing people experiencing homelessness with mental health issues?
- 3) How does your proposal address gaps in services for mental health as it relates to homelessness and housing instability?
- 4) How do you verify or confirm your clients are eligible to be served by this funding source?

3. April Retreat Planning

→ Objective: Informative and Discussion

Pam addressed this issue beginning at 6:42 pm

The retreat will occur on Saturday, April 22 from 10 am 2 pm, meeting space TBD

Level setting to create understanding of the role of Human Services Commission along with a broad overview of where the Human Services division is and providing contextual history for where it has been.

Pam wants assistance from several Commissioners to prepare for the retreat. Rahn will be presenting the recommendations from the Leadership Team for the Inter County Managers Association (L-ICMA). AI has offered to assist.

Korbett is willing to provide data around poverty in Pierce County to provide context for Commissioners about the continuum of care and the complexity of the demographic impacted through experiencing poverty and homelessness.

AI asked the question of what role the HSC has in making policy recommendations to City Council.

Korbett asked is staff can share out, through their program oversight, why the city's foci are being addressed through current funding streams, to include the mental health sales tax. Korbett offered to assist in framing the questions for this section and AI will provide information about mental health sales tax. Jovan offered to talk about the role of the Human Services Commission itself.

There will also be information around systems work at the retreat.

4. Manager Update

→ Objective: Discussion led by Pam Duncan began at 7 pm

Away Home Washington contacted the city to work on a 100 Day Challenge to

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prevent and end youth and young adult homelessness in Pierce County. A group of stakeholders is gathered. Pam was interviewed today about the city's approach to the continuum of care.

The targeted population would be unaccompanied homeless 12-17 years olds to create a safety net to ensure any unaccompanied minor in that age range would have their needs addressed. This effort is needed to address the gap the overnight youth shelter will have in serving unaccompanied homeless youth age 12-17.

Jovan wondered if there is a HUD definition for an unaccompanied homeless youth.

Korbett noted that the national data shows the number one solution once youth are placed in safe homes is family reunification. Therefore, a group of parents who have experienced this situation with their children should be stakeholders in the planning process, along with unaccompanied homeless youth, and special attention to have people of color at the table.

Pam said she is unaware of a HUD definition. These unaccompanied, homeless youth will be less visible in the community and blend in. McKinney Vento provides some data around this population in schools.

Al thought there were state laws that create barriers to housing homeless youth.

Valentine addressed the need to have low barrier access to safe overnight housing for unaccompanied youth who may not want to share their story or be reunified with their family in that moment, but just need a safe place to sleep for that night or that week.

The 100 Day challenge is this:

Identify the most immediate issue with the issue of homelessness and figure out how it will be addressed.

The city will be part of a cadre of stakeholders in Pierce County to find a solution and develop a plan.

The official rollout will be in a few weeks.

5. Other Business

Sean notified the Commission at 7:28 pm that he has resigned from his position with Pierce County beginning March 30, 2017 and has taken a position with the State Attorney General's office and will be working in Seattle. He does not live in Pierce County and wants to let the Commission know that in case there is an interest in having him resign.

Al mentioned at 7:30 that Alicia Fahrenburger is a new ED Pierce Accountable Community of Health and the organization has a short time line to establish recruit a provider group to plan projects, recruit a consumer voice group to create reorganization of the health system.

Public Comment

n/a

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Adjournment

Al moved to adjourn at 7:32 and Sean seconded. All commissioners voted for approval.

Upcoming Events:

Oral Presentations	3/15/2017	5-8pm TMB Rooms 138, 148
Consensus Meeting	3/22/2017	5-8pm TMB Room 1530
HSC April Meeting	4/12/2017	6-8pm TMB Room 148

HSC Chair Signature: Govan D. Smith

Date: 4/12/17

City of Tacoma Staff Signature: Daniel E. Duncan

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