



Human Services Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Renton City Hall
Council Conference Room, 7th Floor
January 15, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Linda Smith called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

In Attendance

Members: Linda Smith, Chair; Shannon Matson; Elyn Blandón; Brook Lindquist; Amy Bresslour; Dorothy Capers; Ryan McIrvine. Zenovia Radcliff arrived late.

City of Renton Staff: Karen Bergsvik; Jennifer Jorgenson; Margie Beitner; Katie McClincy

Absent

Excused: Len Aron

2. WELCOME

Linda welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Karen introduced Cmdr. Katie McClincy and explained she is our liaison from the Police Department. Human Services and the Police Department work closely together on homelessness issues and domestic violence, and it is helpful and educational to have a representative of the department participate in the meetings. Katie then shared a little of her background with the members. In her tenure with the Police Department, she has worked her way through each division and worked in a position of Sergeant or Commander in each division within the organization. She will be working closely with the Human Services Division this year and will be taking her place along with others to help out during the upcoming annual One Night Count of the Homeless in our area.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Linda switched the order of the agenda, with introductions taking place before the approval of the minutes. She shared some of her background with the group and spoke about the cooperative efforts between the City and REACH (Renton Ecumenical Association of Churches) to establish a women's day shelter in the former City jail space. The City Council approved the operating lease agreement on Monday evening. Introductions continued around the table.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Brook moved to approve the Minutes as written and Elyn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. ORIENTATION

The 2013 Human Services Advisory Committee notebooks were given to each Committee member. Karen went over the contents of it. Members should use it to keep meeting agendas and handouts in one place.

6. BRAINSTORMING

Linda explained the brainstorming is to get a feel for what the Committee would like to see in the coming year. It will be used to develop a work plan for the group. Two questions were asked: 1) What is your

vision of the Human Services Advisory Committee? 2) What would you like to know or learn in the coming year? Responses are listed on Attachment 1.

7. REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Linda explained that the Valley Cities Domestic Violence program had failed to attain their 2012 contract goals and \$1,893 had been withheld from their last payment. Staff recommended that it be reallocated in 2013 to the South King Council of Human Services. Originally, the Council was allocated \$5,000 and that was subsequently reduced to \$3,107 due to a miscalculation. The \$1,893 would bring their allocation back to \$5,000. Elyn Blandón moved to approve the reallocation of \$1,893 to the South King Council of Human Services. Amy Bresslour seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously approved.

8. FIRST SAVINGS BANK/HOUSING REPAIR

Karen thanked First Savings Bank for donating \$20,000 to the City's Housing Repair Program, and noted that they have contributed over \$100,000 to the program.

In closing, Linda noted there is still an opening for the Youth member on this Committee and she asked the others to help recruit someone to fill the slot.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Signature

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2013, 3:00 p.m.
Renton City Hall, 7th floor, Council Conference Room

ATTACHMENT 1

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW ABOUT IN THE COMING YEAR?

Needs assessments for human services

- Data exists. What do we do with it?
- Is there an updated human services needs assessment for Renton?

Progress reports from funded agencies. Are there any?

- Demographics
- Narratives

How can the City be proactive in helping where there are:

- Service gaps
- – unfunded agencies

Compare ourselves to what other City Human Services Boards and Commissions are doing.
What organizations are funded by other cities?

What organizations are struggling and what is the role of the City with struggling agencies?

Agency Visits – when, how, who?

Three-hour tour to agencies – go to where they are physically. Should agency visits and presentations be grouped together by topic?

Should there be a regional approach to reviewing applications (we all do it the same), since there is a regional approach on the content of the application?

- How do other cities review applications?

We need to start the application process sooner.

We need data.

Quarterly meetings for new non-profits; introduce them to what services are available, resources, organizations, RANU (Renton Area Nonprofits United)

Learn more about *Renton Results*. Nine *Renton Results* – how are they used in the rating process?

Reach out to other funders – how do they do it? Review and rate applications?

Weigh local needs with regional needs

Look at how the process is working – us funding an agency/program and the benefits (i.e. the 2-1-1 program)

Coordinated entry and its issues

Healthcare reform – how will it affect human services?

Agency presentations – how to do?

Agencies that provide similar services – do they overlap? Do they work together? Is there dialog between the agencies?

What are things that happen outside the City that impact city residents?

Community involvement – how do we get them involved?

When looking at needs, also identify community strengths

The Human Services Element in the Comprehensive Plan is being updated and will be combined with the Housing Element.

How are services really working?

How are organizations partnering?

Mobilizing new resources for human services

- Who are we currently funding and how do we fund new agencies?

City did citywide surveys. What questions applied to human services and what were the responses?
How do we use census data?

How do we use the constituents of services in the funding process?

We need to establish sub-committees of the HSAC – invest in our commitment

Overview of the funding process – how it works and time lines

Are funded services actually working as intended?