

## ***Human Services Advisory Committee***

### **Meeting Minutes**

Renton City Hall  
Council Conference Room, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
December 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Shannon Matson, Chair, called the meeting to order. A quorum was present.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

In Attendance: Shannon Matson, Linda Smith, Brook Dodd, Leslie Anderson, Ryan McIrvine, Chad Buechler. Excused: Amy Koehl. Absent: Dorothy Capers, Elyn Blandon.  
City of Renton Staff: Karen Bergsvik, Katie McClincy, Jennifer Jorgenson.  
Guests: Fauna Larking and Annie Saurwein, Berk Consulting

#### **1. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Brook made a motion to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Leslie. Motion was carried. Minutes were approved as written.

#### **2. WELCOME AND REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Karen explained Fauna and Annie would be facilitating the meeting. Fauna presented the agenda which provides the required action items and time lines they have developed to finalize the Human Services Strategic Plan for the City of Renton.

#### **3. HUMAN SERVICES DEFINITION AND CITY ROLES**

Karen and Terry Higashiyama met with the Mayor and Jay Covington last week for guidance and clarity of the administration's goals for providing human services for the citizens of Renton. The administration is concerned with taking care of the City's residents and doesn't want the city to become a magnet that attracts people from outside the city because of our services. They feel the city should act more as a clearing house that directs people and assets to available resources and services; not as a provider of services.

The questions were asked, "Are we spreading our dollars too thinly?" "Should the city direct more dollars to fewer services?"

The Administration has targeted certain human categories as "priority populations" – Seniors, disabled individuals, youth and families – as targeted areas of concern.

Fauna Larkin went through the steps the committee will use to refine the definitions of human services and the role(s) the city should take in developing the Human Services Strategic Plan.

#### **4. ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

Annie Saurwein directed attention to the Engagement Plan and reviewed the processes the committee will use building up to the five community conversations.

The next step towards engagement targeted names of organizations to solicit stakeholders for each of the five conversation topics. This was followed with suggested days, times, and locations for the conversations to be held. The lists will be refined over the next few weeks.

**5. MODEL WORLD CAFÉ CONVERSATIONS**

Members were asked to look at the five different topics and pick two of them that they would most like to help facilitate. (It is expected that two committee members will work together to direct each conversation, with support from Berk and Associates.)

Shannon, Linda, Brook, Ryan, and Chad volunteered to be the lead for a world café conversation at the last meeting: Shannon–Economic Opportunity; Linda–Basic Needs; Brook–Health and Wellness; Ryan–Attain Quality Housing; Chad–Neighborhood Opportunity.

Annie would like to be in contact with you directly, to work on scheduling the World Cafés and when it works for each of you. She will be in contact with you directly. We hope that the rest of you volunteer to be a co-lead, or be part of the discussions.

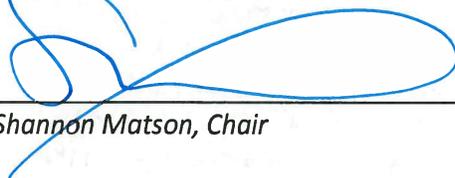
**6. WORLD CAFÉ CONVERSATION PROMPTS**

Fauna went over the suggested concepts and potential questions to be used to facilitate the different conversations. Members were asked to review them and prepare additional questions and topics to address each individual Community Need within the conversation model. Members were asked to bring them to the next committee meeting.

**7. NEXT STEPS**

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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*Shannon Matson, Chair*

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JANUARY 20, 2015, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Renton City Hall  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM