



City of Redmond Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, September 9, 2013
6:30-8:30 pm

Members Present: Valerie Bays, Lynn Fleshman, Steve Daschle, Carolyn Mansfield, Kellen Baker, Connie Stansberry

Staff Present: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Public Comment/Hearing for CDBG: There was no public comment.

August Meeting Summary: Approved

Updates from Commissioners:

- Food drive is on September 28 & 29. Commissioners are urged to sign up for at least one shift.

Updates from Staff:

- King County Housing Authority will be holding a Section 8 landlord workshop on September 25 to provide information on regulations around Section 8 voucher holders.
- The pilot homeless outreach program began on September 1. We are working with Redmond first responders, Natural Resources staff and Congregations for the Homeless to clarify protocols for access and what sorts of services will be provided.
- Still working on winter shelter sites. Sophia Way has a commitment from Redwood Family Church for Dec 15-Feb 15 but is still in talks with Bellevue 1st Congregational to see if they will host for the entire winter. In Redmond, we are vigorously pursuing commercial property options for the men's shelter.

Old Business:

- Brooke reported that non-funded applications were reviewed and found to be similar in proportion to funded applications in terms of prevention level.
- Reviewed funded programs by issue area and prevention level. Comment was made that some programs may actually have primary prevention or early intervention components, but are not identified by the brief program descriptions. Suggestion to ask next year's applicants to self-identify if their programs include primary prevention, early intervention and/or treatment components and to take this into consideration when making funding decisions. Brooke mentioned that Bellevue's staff report includes this information and will bring sample to group at next meeting to see if this would be sufficient.
- Group seemed to come to consensus that Human Services may not be the appropriate funder for primary prevention programs; that we should work with parks or ACA funders to promote community-wide primary prevention initiatives. Promoting an aquatic center through Parks is a good example. May be more appropriate for us to be a convener or partner in these efforts, rather than a funder.

New Business:

ACA Community Outreach

Carolyn shared her Obamacare survival guide book with the commission. She also reported that a recent Kaiser poll found that 77% of Americans don't know about the Affordable Care Act. Reviewed current staff plans for outreach and solicited other suggestions. Staff met with Redmond communications staff to discuss outreach plans. Communications staff will be approaching the Lake Washington School District about potentially partnering on an outreach video.

American Winter

Viewed trailer for [American Winter](#) film on poverty and homelessness. Commission agreed that it would like to host a screening for the Redmond community in conjunction with next year's One Night Count with a specific call to action. Valerie will check on space at Microsoft. Alaric will work on other logistics and check with Overlake Christian Church as a back up location.

Culturally Specific vs Mainstream Services

In previous funding cycles, decision was made to fund programs that reached the most people due to limited funding. Acknowledged that culturally specific services provide better service, but to fewer people. Some mainstream programs were funding instead of culturally specific because they had capacity to serve the Latino community. Lots of previous discussion on whether to fund every culturally specific organization or to fund mainstream organizations with some cultural capacity. Latinos Unidos was funded because commission recognized that the Latino youth did not feel that they belonged in the mainstream service programs.

We need data on who is being served by the existing agencies and compare against our city's demographics. Also need a framework for triaging community needs.

Discussed impact of social isolation, low income, and lack of system knowledge for many immigrant communities. Currently, only income level is usually considered in the determination of which programs to fund. These issues should be addressed as we update our strategic plan.