



City of Redmond Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, January 13, 2014
6:30-8:30 pm

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

Staff Present: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

December Meeting Summary: Approved

Updates from Commissioners:

- Jason recognized Steve for his leadership as commission chair these past 2 years.
- Carolyn will go to Together Center's Lunch with Leaders to learn more about the campus and services offered there. Brooke will also attend.

Updates from Staff:

- The counselor at Einstein Elementary is interested in a Neighborhood School House program there. Staff will be following up with potential providers and connecting them with the school.
- \$20,000 was allocated to The Sophia Way rather than the commission approved amount of \$25,000. The lower amount was found to be sufficient.
- The women's day center will be transferred from the YWCA to The Sophia Way after the first quarter of 2014.
- The screening of *American Winter* is set for January 30, 6:30-9:00 pm at Meadowbrook Church. Will invite the tent city coordinator and other churches. More logistics to come.

Old Business:

Potential Capacity Building Grants

After discussion, it was decided that there is not enough time to roll into this funding cycle. Will consider off year funding or adding to the allocation for this funding cycle. Still need to clarify what the goal is. Group plans to hold back \$25K, but use if necessary. This amount can be held in order to fund something one time or something new. Will add further discussion to 2014 work plan.

Funding Guidelines 2014-16

Summarized discussions from previous months. Commission is interested in funding early intervention services as well as treatment, and culturally appropriate services to underserved populations. Message to agencies is that Redmond is growing, we expect you to grow too.

The Budgeting by Priorities process is around same time as when the application will be released. It is possible to go to council in the fall and ask for more if there is a compelling reason. Commissioners wonder if we can ask council for more money up front, i.e. ask for more money to address homelessness. Staff will consult internally and report back next month.

New Business:

2014 Work Plan

Reviewed 2013 work plan which included these goals:

- Further educated/informed on key issues.
- Better understanding of potential for a more meaningful partnership with schools, and if potential, know what key directions we might implement in 2014.
- Increased community engagement and advocacy opportunities.
- Better understanding of staff's work on improving internal and external collaborations.

For 2014, work plan to include funding cycle applications and recommendations, strategic plan after funding decisions, revisit idea of capacity grants starting September, build case for increased funding for human services, staff updates on progress with school district, and further community engagement efforts to be determined after *American Winter* screening.

On the calendar: February - supplemental application information, March/April - application rating consistency, May-August – funding decision process, September-December – strategic plan and other work items.

Core Services

Discussed idea of longer term funding of core services. What are core services? Are there some services that we know we will always fund? What are the criteria for deciding what these services are? Can we commit funding on a 6 year cycle instead of 2?

Food bank, homeless services, mental health, DV, winter shelter, DV shelter, and community health care might be considered core services. Consider services that only have one provider that does that thing. We must have something in the supplemental to let people know beforehand which are essential services with only one agency that provides that service to Redmond residents.

Congregations for the Homeless, Friends of Youth, HealthPoint, Hopelink food bank, Hopelink housing, LifeWire, Sound Mental Health, Sophia Way, Senior Services, YES early intervention, YWCA, Harrington House, Crisis Clinic - what do they have in common? Are they all basic needs? part of a resilient safety net of basic services? emergency services? Staff will draft some language for supplemental application.