



Human Services Commission
Meeting Summary
Monday, March 10, 2014, 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Guests: Alex O'Reilly, Associate Planner, Bellevue; David Fujimoto, Sustainability Director, City of Issaquah; Debra Grant, Director of Client Services, Hopelink

Staff Present: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

February Meeting Summary: Approved

Guest Presentations:

Bellevue Needs Update

The entire report is online at http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/humanservices_needs_update.htm. Alex O'Reilly highlighted the methodology, including questions asked and demographics of respondents, the Bellevue community profile, goal areas (same as Redmond) and specific populations surveyed with the new addition of misdemeanor probationers.

Key issues included affordable housing, increasing diversity, aging in place and transportation needs, family support, mental illness and substance abuse. Focus areas for the 2015-16 funding cycle are listed in supplemental application information at <http://share1app.culturegrants.org/repositoryfiles/84/Bellevue.pdf>

Additional information may be found at Communities Count <http://www.communitiescount.org/>

Pantry Packs

Debra Grant presented on the Pantry Pack program and Hopelink's funding request. They will continue working with the existing volunteer base. The request is for \$5,500 from the City to add to \$9,500 in Hopelink resources in order to continue program through the end of the school year. Full year costs will likely be less, given more time to plan for program/fundraising.

The request was discussed and approved unanimously.

Updates from Commissioners:

- Steve was interviewed by Al Jazeera on the \$15 minimum wage proposal.
- Family Fun Night was a success – thank you!

Updates from Staff:

- The annual boards and commissions reception is on 3/20. Val and Connie will attend.
- Staff facilitated a conversation between the YMCA and Einstein Elementary about possible augmenting of services at that site.
- Staff met with the Associate Principal at Redmond Middle School to talk about transportation and other needs. They may apply for funding.
- The women's winter shelter is in conversation with the Evangelical Chinese Church about a possible site for next season.
- The City of Bellevue is in conversation with Sound Transit about continuing to use the site for the men's winter shelter through April, as well as for next season.

New Business:2013 Year End Data

Reviewed the data. Discussed what makes sense for housing/shelter providers as a service unit? Perhaps occupancy vs number of "residents" served, although this is not completely under the agency's control either.

Staff is closely monitoring Therapeutic Health Services' numbers. Reviewed outcome data as well – do the measures make sense?