

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

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

Mansfield, Jason Dick

Staff Present: Brooke Buckingham

Guests: Bill Henningsgaard, Eastside Pathways

<u>Public Comment:</u> There was no public comment.

March Meeting Summary: Approved

## <u>Updates from Commissioners</u>:

- Steve Daschle attended one of the Bellevue focus groups for Workforce.
- Carolyn attended a Hopelink stakeholders meeting.
- Debrief of Joint Commission meeting. Group would like opportunity for break-out sessions at next meeting. Would like to continue conversation about regional issues related to homelessness and shelter needs.
- Lynn is planning on attending the Human Trafficking event on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Presentation:

Bill Henningsgaard provided an overview of Eastside Pathways, a collective impact project in Bellevue focused on achieving success from cradle to career. Bill shared data and demographics, the goals and mission of the initiative, a brief overview of the collective impact theory, and key strategies and next steps. Goal alignment is critical to the success of the project and it helps that there is a core value among partners and stakeholders that education is important. A difference between "collaboration" and "collective impact" is that collective impact has a shared vision.

### **New Business:**

Brief discussion of the collective impact model and the value of using this approach as we move forward with the homeless conversation. Question whether this approach will work given that there is not a formal homeless "system" like there is with the education system. Also concern that the scale of the problem (not that many homeless individuals in Redmond) does not require this extensive approach. Staff will try work on providing Commission with questions and framework for starting this conversation for their consideration and we will continue this

conversation at the May meeting.

Some concern on whether the Commission is still keeping a work plan focus on schools in addition to homelessness. They understand that the Mayor has prioritized homelessness but want to make sure that we continue the schools conversation. Staff provided summary of the joint council/school board meeting, where contacts were made and Colleen was provided with names of individuals to follow-up with.

## Updates from Staff:

Staff gave a brief update on the status of the homeless outreach proposal, which is being reviewed by Chief Gibson to see if Police can provide some financial support which can then be leveraged with human services funding and hopefully funding from other cities (both human services and police dollars).

Brief discussion about how staff can provide Commission with opportunities to stay engaged and connected to the work in between meetings. This would be optional for Commissioners whose time/interest allows this additional commitment. Staff will try to share these and provide context when participation is highly recommended.