



Human Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Renton City Hall
Council Conference Room, 7th Floor
November 19, 2013, 3:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Linda Smith called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. ATTENDANCE:

In Attendance: Linda Smith, Chair; Shannon Matson, Vice-Chair; Brook Lindquist; Leslie Anderson; Elyn Blandón; Ryan McIrvine; Zenovia Harris. Excused: Len Aron; Dorothy Capers. Unexcused: Monica Mendoza. City of Renton Staff: Karen Bergsvik; Dianne Utecht; Katie McClincy.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Linda asked for a motion to approve the September 17, 2013, minutes. Elyn asked that the header on page two be corrected to show the correct date. Brook moved that the minutes be approved as corrected, Ryan seconded. Motion carried.

3. UPDATE HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Karen explained that the handout was a result of the City's consultant, Berk, collecting data and getting input from the focus groups. They did key stakeholder interviews and held an external focus group of community members including agencies, clients, school district staff, caseworkers, and Valley Medical Center, among others. The same process will be done with City staff on November 21 to provide input on needs and indicators. The input identified the top 12 needs. HSAC will be reviewing the data in January and February.

4. 2014 CHAIR

Election of the Chair and Vice-chair is usually done at the first meeting of the year. It is on our agenda for January. Shannon, our Vice-chair, is prepared to become the Chair, so we need to select a Vice-chair. Linda will be appointing a nominating committee in preparation for the January meeting. Please email her if you are interested in serving on the nominating committee.

5. VACANCY

Amy Bresslour has moved out of the city limits and had to resign from the committee. We will need volunteers to serve on the interviewing committee. Karen reminded the committee that the best applicants are recruited by word of mouth, referrals and personal outreach.

6. HOMELESSNESS ACTIVITIES BRIEFING

Karen distributed the matrix of services in Renton that was presented to Council in October. As a result of complaints about the homeless in the downtown area, staff was asked to compile a list of services for the homeless in downtown Renton. It was later expanded to cover all of Renton.

The goal for Renton Meal Coalition is to have one place for meals in Renton. Currently Harambee serves on Saturdays and REACH/ARISE serves the men at the host church. They have agreed to consolidate meals at The Salvation Army kitchen within the next 30 days or so. The goal is also to have the Community Supper providing meals during inclement weather, and then people would go to the cold weather shelter when it is open.

Currently the number of meals at the supper is running between 45 and 70. The new website Rentonmealcoalition.com goes live next week. They are looking for volunteers, cash donation, meals, socks, blankets, etc.

Karen noted that the Mayor is making the homeless a priority in 2014, with the city working in partnership with other organizations.

The One Night Count is scheduled for the end of January. They are in the process of identifying the count teams and scouting out locations of homeless camps.

7. THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

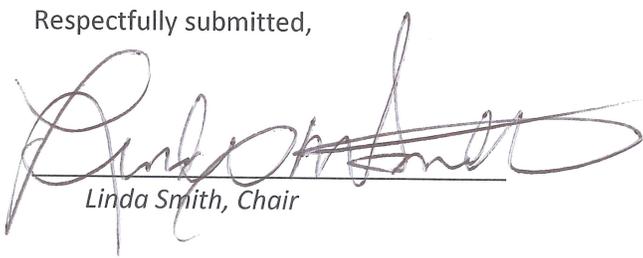
Dianne briefly reviewed the third quarter Agency Performance Report, highlighting the agencies that were not meeting their performance goals, and explained how staff was working with them to address those issues.

8. RESOURCE DIRECTORIES

Dianne distributed copies of the newly formatted Resource Directory. They are also available in Spanish, Russian, Filipino (Tagalog), Vietnamese, and Somali. The Committee asked that she send out the order form.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Smith, Chair

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

January 21, 2014, 3:00 p.m. Council Conference Room 7th Floor Renton City Hall