

City of Redmond Human Services Commission Meeting Summary Monday, June 10, 2013 6:30-8:30 pm

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

Guest: Cheryl Chikalla, Lake Washington School District

Staff Present: Brooke Buckingham, Alaric Bien

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

May Meeting Summary: Approved

Updates from Commissioners:

Lynn attended the 5 city Nourishing Network Summit.

- Connie announced that Providence will be recommended for council approval on June 18 for the new senior housing project on 160th. It will include a PACE Center.
- Steve and Carolyn attended the EHSF event on homelessness and learned about changes coming down from federal level and changes in the service provision model.
- Carolyn and Kellen participated in the ARCH tour which provided a fire hose of affordable housing information as well as a visit to the Vision5 market rate development.
- Steve reported that there will be no joint commissions dinner this fall it is postponed until Feb/Mar. Commission leads will be meeting semi-annually together with the mayor.

Presentation:

Cheryl presented on her work as McKinney-Vento Liaison and the educational definition of homelessness. Once identified, children are in the program for rest of school year. There are over 160 this year. Goal is to keep kids in school of origin before they were homeless and automatically ensure free lunch. LWSD also provides pantry packs and basic needs packs. They refer to 211 for housing resources but get often get referred back. There are some flexible funds - Lake WA PTSA has gift cards, LWSF emergency funds (small amount) for secondary schools only, and Assistance League clothing for elementary and middle school (but not for HS students). Greatest needs: tutoring and mentoring for couch surfing HS kids, summer feeding, and passing on resource informantion.

Staff Updates:

- The joint human services commission meeting will be held on July 17 (note: this has since been changed to July 22nd) in Redmond, Bytes Café.
- We have secured funding from 3 cities to do a pilot homeless outreach program on the Eastside.
- Staff will share summer programming info (summer feeding, school supplies) with the commission to pass on to others.

New Business:

City's response to homelessness

Discussion about if it should be 1) marketing existing services and making connections, 2) allocating more money to it, or 3) working on affordable housing. The group decided to prioritize the following:

- get the outreach person going ASAP
- share information on available resources with LWSD
- car tab publicity via social media
- support Council's participation in the One Night Count
- inventory resources that exist at the school level and identify gaps
- explore advising council to adopt vision and value statement

Workplan and Agenda Items

Reviewed <u>funding allocation distributions</u> and decided to further discuss emphasis on prevention vs. intervention, culturally specific vs. mainstream, local vs. regional at future meetings.

Winter Shelter Siting

Commission will review <u>list of Redmond sites</u> and let staff know of any personal connections they have. Specific <u>site needs</u> are posted on SkyDrive. Staff will follow up.