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**Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board (RHSCOB) and
Veterans Citizen Oversight Board (VCOB)
Joint Levy Oversight Board
Meeting Summary
September 24, 10:15 am – 12:15 pm
King County Chinook Building, 428 Conference Room**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Francisco Ivarra at 10:21 am.

Roll Call

Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board (RHSCOB) Members Present: Gary Haines, Bonnie Sanders, Kate Slaminko (Co-Chair), John Forsythe

RHSCOB Members Excused/Absent: Lynette Jordan, Marilyn Cooks, David Ramsay.

Veterans Citizen Oversight Board (VCOB) Members Present: Doug Hoople, Francisco Ivarra (Co-Chair), Linda Smith, Elbert Reed

VCOB Members Excused/Absent: Curtis Thompson, Mary Kay Lewis, Sterling Leibenguth, Chris Porter

King County Staff Present: Marcy Kubbs, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Pamela Stearns, DCHS; Pat Lemus, DCHS.

Guests: None

Review of Meeting Summaries

The following meeting summaries were not approved as there was not a quorum.

- June 25, 2015 Joint Board meeting summary
- July, 2015 RHCOB meeting summary
- August 20, 2015 VCOB meeting summary

Activity Update - 3.3 Healthcare Reform

Jennifer DeYoung of Public Health-Seattle & King County gave an update on health care reform in King County, accomplishments under 3.3 Health Care System Design and Implementation to date, and the proposal for use of 3.3 funds going forward.



Health care reform has brought significant changes to the health service delivery and prevention systems in King County during Phase I of the levy. Some of the changes that directly impact the populations served by the VHSL include:

- The Affordable Care Act (ACA) expanded access to affordable health care coverage by expanding Medicaid eligibility to individuals at or below income levels of \$15,000 and \$30,000 (family of four). Subsidies based on income are also now available to help make the cost of buying individual health care coverage more affordable.
- King County community and government partners developed a Health and Human Services Transformation Plan which charts a course for developing a better performing health and human service system in the King County region.
- The Washington State Legislature passed Engrossed Second Substitute Bill 6312. This legislation fundamentally changes the way Medicaid-funded health services are purchased and delivered in the state.
- The State developed a health innovation plan called Healthier Washington to build healthier communities through a broad, collaborative regional approach called “Accountable Communities of Health (ACH).” There are nine developing ACHs covering the entire state, with the King County region its own ACH.
- The State has applied to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for a global 1115 Medicaid waiver, which would provide flexibility to fund nontraditional services for targeted populations and allow the state to use federal savings to finance qualified health transformation projects and accelerate change across systems in order to better meet the needs of our residents.

Phase I Accomplishments of Strategy 3.3 include:

- 195,000 King County residents enrolled into affordable health care coverage as of August 2014.
- **Evaluation of the impact of the ACA.** PHSKC established a baseline evaluation of the ACA and insurance expansion leading to increased access to care, improved utilization of health care services, reduced cost of care, improved population of health and minimized health care disparities.
- **Establishing partnerships for transforming health and human services.** In 2014, King County made progress on a set of multi-sector partnerships focused on shifting the health and social services systems from a sick-care and crisis-oriented system to one focused on prevention, wellness, and recovery.
- **Improving outcomes for high-risk individuals.** As part of the Health and Human Services Transformation Plan, an initiative was launched in 2014 (Familiar Faces) focused on improving outcomes for adults with histories of frequent jail involvement and mental health/substance abuse conditions.

Phase II Proposal for Strategy 3.3

For 2016 and 2017, we propose dedicating resources under strategy 3.3 to furthering the work accomplished under Phase I and supporting King County's continued engagement in emerging health care reform activities:

- Dedicate funding to support staff capacity to monitor and understand the impacts of the ACA on the medical and behavioral health systems in King County.
- Continue to dedicate funding for a Reform Planning Assistant who will continue to support our Health and Human Services Transformation efforts by assuring an engaged, transparent stakeholder coalition and website.
- Combine the remaining resources to continue the staff and/or consultant capacity to support policy analysis, planning and implementation activities that further the integration of behavioral health and primary health of high risk populations.

Ending Veteran Homelessness

Pat Lemus gave an update on Operation: Welcome One Home and where we are at functional zero by the end of 2015:

- Currently working on updating the master list and developing work plans for those identified as unsheltered;
- Goal is to house 1,000 veterans by the end of the year;
- 555 veterans have been housed (3 a day);
- 258 veterans that are "shoppers" – which means they have vouchers for landlords to get them housed;
- Struggling to get veterans housed because the vacancy rate is extremely low;
- Continuing to work on outreach to get those veterans housed;
- Deployed our outreach to identify who our veterans are;
- Also working on identifying and finalizing number of veterans who are considered "chronic homelessness." We are very close to declaring that we eliminated "chronic homelessness" by end of 2015.

Presentation Levy Annual Report

Marcy Kubbs, VHS Coordinator provided an overview of the 2014 Levy Annual Report:

- 36,000 Veterans served, 8,000 of which are family members.
- 3 Goals: (1) Reducing & Preventing Homeless, (2) Reducing the Expense of Public Services and Criminal Justice, and (3) Increasing self-sufficiency.
- Added 133 beds affordable housing units; 2006 just under 2000 units that are being developed;
- Reducing involvement with the criminal justice system; and behavioral Health and Substance abuse.

Second Quarter Fiscal Report

Jon Hoskins distributed copies of the report to the Board. The report highlighted the first half of 2015 Performance which included:

Strategy 1) Supporting Veterans. Total number of clients served in 2015 is 3,257;
Strategy 2) Ending Homelessness. Total number of clients served is 7,560
Strategy 3) Improving Health. Total number of clients served is 4,074
Strategy 4) Strengthening Families. Total served is 6,847.

Chairs' Reports

RHSCOB Chair Highlights – Kate Slaminko

At our July board meeting:

- With the departure of Loran Lichty, the Board elected David Ramsay to serve as Chair and Kate Slaminko to serve as Co-Chair for the rest of the year. The Board will revisit board leadership for 2016 in January.
- Mark Putnam, Committee to End Homelessness (CEH) Director, briefed the board on the CEH Strategic Plan 2015-2019, recommitting to ending homelessness in King County, and stating that homelessness is solvable with prevention, diversion, and realignment of funding and programs, more housing, and engagement and accountability.
- Jennifer Hill spoke about the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)/ Employment and Education Resources (EER) program, providing education, employment and training services to young mothers and their partners enrolled in NFP. The case manager provides individualized education, training and employment services to parents serving 43 young people to date in 2015.

VCOB Chair Highlights – Francisco Ivarra

At our August Board meeting:

- Heidi Audette, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA) Communications and Legislative Director, provided an overview of the WDVA budget for their coming fiscal year and the 2015 legislative session. She provided an overview of bills related to veterans and military personnel that passed.
- Dawn Barrett provided an overview of the Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) activities and in particular activities taking place under the Welcome One Home Campaign. The campaign, a call to end Veteran Homeless by December 31, 2015, officially launched on August 10th and has had positive response from community partners and landlords.
 - Marcy Kubbs reported the Veterans and Human Services Levy 2014 Annual Report is ready and available to the public. Staff and the board chairs presented it to the Regional Policy Committee on July 8th. It was passed out of their committee and will next be presented to the Health, Housing and Human Services Committee on October 6th.

Staff Report

- The RHCOB meeting is Oct. 28, 2015. The VCOB is scheduled for Nov. 19, 2015. The Joint Board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 4, 2015.

Old Business

- The Board discussed possible design options for the Veterans and Human Services recognition pin. The general guidelines include using the King County Logo. Elbert will follow up with his artist to get the design started.
- King County Regional Indicators, Special Project: Dashboard for the King County website.

New Business/ Future Agenda Items

- Possible item – Check with Adrienne Quinn if she wants to present an update on Best Starts for Kids.

Public Comment

- October 10th, Tattoo Event
- Underground Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 12:17pm