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**Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board (RHSCOB) and
Veterans Citizen Oversight Board (VCOB)
Joint Levy Oversight Board
Meeting Summary
January 26, 2017, 10:15 am – 12:15 pm
Chinook Building, Room 428, 401 Fifth Ave
Seattle, WA 98104**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by RHSCOB Co-Chair Kate Slaminko at 10:16am.

Roll Call

Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board (RHSCOB) Members Present: David Ramsay-Co-Chair, Gary Haines, Chad Buechler, Marilyn Cooks, John Forsyth, Lynette Jordan, Kate Slaminko-Co-Chair.

RHSCOB Members Excused/Absent: None.

Veterans Citizen Oversight Board (VCOB) Members Present: Mary Kay Lewis, Chris Porter, Francisco Ivarra-Chair, Sterling Leibenguth, Gary Cashman and Julia Sheriden.

VCOB Members Present via Teleconference: Elbert Reed-Vice-Chair, Curtis Thompson and Leon Richardson.

VCOB Members Excused/Absent: Leon Richardson.

King County Staff Present: Laird Redway, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Leo Flor (DCHS); Adam Schmid (DCHS); Jon Hoskins (DCHS); April Yee (DCHS); Pat Lemus (DCHS).

Guests: Megan Clark, ANEW.

Review of Meeting Summaries

The following meeting summary was approved as written:

- October 26, 2016 RHSCOB.

The following meeting summary was approved with one spelling correction:

- December 14, 2016 Joint VCOB/RHSCOB.

Board Operating Procedures

April Yee, Assistant Levy Coordinator, presented a telecommuting policy to include in board operating procedures with one change from the proposed policy presented at the December



Joint RHSCOB/VCOB meeting. The RHSCOB and the VCOB voted and approved the policy as well as additional proposed changes to the operating procedures. With the telecommuting policy passed, Ms. Yee then added Elbert Reed and Curtis Thompson via telephone Conference Bridge.

Board members requested that etiquette guidelines for public and for board members attending meetings via phone be posted on the website. Ms. Yee agreed to add instructions for callers to:

- Announce their name during roll call and every time subsequently that they speak
- Mute their microphones when not speaking to minimize the distraction of background noise
- The public may only speak in the meeting during the specified public comment portion of the agenda.

2017 Board Work Plan

April Yee, presented the finalized 2017 board work plan with one correction. Board meeting dates, times and call-in numbers are posted on the levy website at <http://kingcounty.gov/VHSLevy>.

Combined Notice of Funds Available

Mark Ellerbrook, DCHS Housing and Community Development (HCD) Manager, presented on the Combined Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) request for proposals (RFP) funding round. He gave an overview of current HCD programs and services.

- Mr. Ellerbrook reported that over the past 18 months HCD has made a concerted effort to end veterans' homelessness, specifically maintaining a by-name list of homeless veterans to ensure they are housed.
- Federal McKinney funds are the largest source of HCD funding.
- \$4M in awards for the Best Starts for Kids (BSK) Family Homeless Prevention Initiative focused on local, grassroots organizations that tend to have a stronger connection with those experiencing homelessness in the community.
 - 27 organizations received funding.
 - Includes flexible funding for organizations to use on an as-needed basis.
- HCD provides 1,900 shelter beds with a total annual budget of \$1.3M.
 - Single adults-the critical needs is currently for single men
 - Youth/Young adult
 - Family.
- HCD would like to move towards a 24-hour resource center for people experiencing homelessness. However, this is a costly service, estimated at \$1M.

Mr. Ellerbrook summarized the latest funding round of the Combined NOFA:

Operating Support, Rent Assistance and Services

- The levy contributed \$1M in Human Services (HS) Levy funds and \$720,000 Veterans Levy (VL) awarded.
- 16 projects funded throughout the county.

HUD Continuum of Care

- \$35M awarded to King County in 2016 towards permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, HMIS and CEA.
 - Third largest recipient in the country (after New York and Los Angeles are 1 and 2).

- HCD applies annually to compete for these federal funds; funding in any amount is not guaranteed.

Housing Finance

- Capital funding for extremely low income and homeless housing, approximately \$9.1M available (\$1.6M VL, \$1.2M HS).

Mr. Ellerbrook gave board members a summary of funded projects:

- Community House, 52 units for individuals with chronic mental illness
- Downtown Emergency Service Center, 98 unites for individuals with chronic mental illness
- Homestead Community Land Trust, 31 single family homes
- Imagine Housing, 62 unites for homeless individuals and families, and those living with disability and developmental disabilities
- Low-Income Housing Institute, 48 unites for low-income households, homeless, individuals and families, and veterans
- Mental Health Housing foundation, 11 units for individuals with chronic mental illness and experiencing homelessness

Levy Renewal Update

Leo Flor, Levy Renewal Manager, provided an update on the 2017 timeline.

- He requested the board members review the two Council Motion Response Reports for discussion at the February joint board meeting.
- Pending Council accepting these two reports, DCHS staff will present a proposed ballot measure that the Executive will transmit to County Council between April 1 and mid-July.
- Council and Executive must approve the proposed ballot measure by August 1, 2017.
- The role of the boards is to compose a letter recommending renewal and the specifics of renewal.
- He highlighted the proposal in the report to combine the King County Veterans Advisory Board and VCOB.
- He highlighted the second report on veterans' homelessness which estimates that it would cost \$300M+ to house every homeless veteran in King County.

Staff Report

Due to the limited time available on the agenda, Laird Redway, Levy Coordinator, ceded her time for the boards to conduct their board leadership selection.

Chairs' Report

Francisco Ivarra, VCOB Chair, ceded his time for the boards to conduct their board leadership selection.

Kate Slaminko, RHSCOB Co-Chair, ceded her time for the boards to conduct their board leadership selection.

Old Business

April Yee, Assistant Levy Coordinator, reminded board members that their board lapel pins are available for every current board member and that they are eligible for parking reimbursement from Goat Hill Garage.

New Business/Future Agenda Items

Gary Cashman announced a new non-profit to provide dental care for veterans and suggested that founder Dr. Chang be speaker at a future board meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Leadership Selection

The Joint board meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm and broke into individual board meetings for leadership selection.

Adjournment of Joint Board meeting

VCOB meeting:

VCOB Leadership Selection

The VCOB nominated and unanimously voted for Francisco Ivarra to serve as Chair and Elbert Reed to serve as Vice-Chair.

RHSOB meeting:

RHSCOB Leadership Selection

The RHSCOB nominated and unanimously voted for Lynette Jordan and Chad Buechler to serve as Co-Chairs in 2017.