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**Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board (RHSCOB)
Veterans Citizen Oversight Board (VCOB)
Joint Meeting Summary
February 23, 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 VCOB Chair Francisco Ivarra at 10:16am.

Roll Call

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

RHSCOB Members Excused/Absent: John Forsyth.

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

VCOB Members Excused/Absent: Leon Richardson, Mary Kay Lewis, Elbert Reed-Vice-Chair.

King County Staff Present: Laird Redway, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Leo Flor (DCHS); Adam Schmid (DCHS); April Yee (DCHS); Greg Doss, King County Council.

Guests: James Boye.

Guests Present via Teleconference: Sheila Cloney.

Review of Meeting Summaries

The following meeting summary was approved as written:

- January 26, 2017 Joint VCOB/RHSCOB.

Motion Response Reports

Leo Flor, Levy Renewal Manager, presented the Veterans and Human Services Levy (VHSL) Assessment Report of the Veterans and Human Services Levy Goals, Strategies, Services and Programs and the Veterans and Veterans Housing Assessment Report.

- March 7, Mr. Flor will present the reports to the King County Council Health, Housing and Human Services committee. If accepted, the reports would go to full County Council for acceptance.



- The ballot measure ordinance for a renewed VHSL is due in the next two weeks to the County Executive (March 31 transmittal from the Executive to County Council) and would include the rate and scope of VHSL III.
- From April-July, County Council will deliberate on the ballot measure ordinance.
- The Implementation Plan due date is not yet determined.
- Board letter recommending renewal would ideally transmit to the County Executive in April of this year.

Veterans Housing Assessment Report

- We have more homeless veterans in 2016 than 2015. More veterans are entering the homeless system than the system can house.
- Monthly net inflow is 792 veterans per year.
- Reported cost model scenarios to house all currently homeless veterans project costs up to \$312M over six years.
- Dave Ramsay would like to be able to talk to someone about modular housing. Mr. Flor will connect him with staff in Housing and Community Development looking into that housing method.

VHSL Assessment Report

- The report is meant to inform policy decisions about the scope and size of the proposed VHSL III.
- These are recommendations for the County Executive and County Council to consider.
- According to the 2010 Census, older adults 65+ years make up 13% of the current of population. By 2040 they are projected to form 21% of the population, while local funding for older adult services is decreasing.
- Maintaining current services and addressing new populations would likely mean the levy would increase in size (higher rate of property tax per \$1,000 assessed value).
- However, the Executive and Council have not decided on the property tax rate of VHSL III and its services scope.

Mr. Flor welcomes conversations offline with board members who have further questions about VHSL III.

Board Renewal Recommendation Letter

Chad Buechler, RHSCOB Co-Chair, led a discussion regarding a letter from the VCOB and RHSCOB recommending levy renewal.

- 2011 letter from board chairs specified the property tax rate. Staff drafted it and the boards approved it.
- The 2017 letter proposals:
 - Need to have specific data and research to support an argument for increasing the property tax rate for VHSL III.
 - Need to specify goals.
 - Identify programs that work well in VHSL II (Mobile Medical Van, aerospace training program for veterans).
 - Limit to the approximate length of the 2011 letter (no greater than three pages).
 - Boards voted unanimously that board chairs work with staff to present a draft letter at the March joint board meeting.
 - Staff will schedule conference call with chairs and Leo to draft the letter.

- Board members who are not chairs should send their input on the letter to Laird Redway via email by March 10, 2017.

Staff Report

Laird Redway, Levy Coordinator, shared that staff is working on the 2016 VHSL Annual Report. A part of the report is a letter signed by both board chairs, and VHSL staff will present a draft to the boards at the March joint board meeting.

Ms. Redway reminded the boards to please be mindful to avoid emailing a quorum of board members (more than four) to avoid violating the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA). Emails to all board members, even if they are included in the bcc or cc lines, still violate the OPMA.

Ms. Redway shared that in 2017 the 3.6 Client Care Coordination program will have reduced funding totaling \$70,000 to support the HIPAA Privacy Officer.

April Yee, Assistant Levy Coordinator, reminded board members that their financial disclosure forms for the 2016 calendar year are due to Rick Ybarra, Boards and Commissions Liaison, on April 17, 2017. Board members may submit forms via email or complete a hard copy.

Chairs' Report

Francisco Ivarra, VCOB Chair, did not give a chair's report.

Chad Buechler, RHSCOB Co-Chair, confirmed the board process for reviewing modified levy implementation plans. The boards voted unanimously that:

- Minor changes to implementation plans are not voting items for approval by the boards.
 - Staff will email the revised plans to the boards for review at the next joint board meeting.

Old Business

None.

New Business/Future Agenda Items

Ms. Redway invited board members to participate in the boards' Fiscal and Evaluation Committee, whose responsibility is to review levy performance and financial reallocations.

- Previously members were Mary Kay Lewis, Gary Haines, Lynette Jordan and Curtis Thompson.
- New members for 2017:
 - VCOB: Julia Sheriden, Chris Porter
 - RHSCOB: Gary Haines, Dave Ramsay
- The committee will need to meet to examine year-end 2016 fiscal closeout. Staff will set-up a meeting with the committee prior to the April board meeting.

Gary Cashman shared about an initiative of pod housing in Arlington. He built a pod in 7.5 hours, which can be constructed on a trailer and transported or at the site itself. Each pod costs \$12,000 for materials and houses two people. It includes a locker system for storage. The model uses body heat to heat the unit. During summer in Hawaii, a unit held at 68 degrees Fahrenheit by the end of day. It is possible to add modules with port-a-potties and shower pump.

Public Comment

Sheila Cloney, who is considering applying to serve on the RHSCOB, commented that it was a great meeting and she is very interested in how information on the VHSL will be disseminated to King County residents. She would like to have materials to share with her neighbors so they can understand what they are voting for. King County staff will follow-up with Ms. Cloney with website and other levy renewal materials.

James Boye, who is also considering applying to serve on the RHSCOB, enjoyed the meeting and was encouraged by what he heard. Mr. Boye is interested in serving on the RHSCOB as an Executive appointee.

Julia Sheriden shared that tonight is a KC VAB meeting and welcomes board members to attend. Ms. Sheriden also shared that for veterans exiting the military, the lack of training and support on independent living may contribute to veteran homelessness. Mr. Cashman added that the stringent residency eligibility criteria for KCVP is not always known to veterans exiting the military. Mr. Porter added that the type of military service does not always translate easily into functioning well in civilian life.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:57am.