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**Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Levy
Joint Oversight Board
Meeting Summary
December 5, 2013 10am - 12pm
Bellevue King County Library**

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Members Present:

Kathleen Hadaller, Gary Haines, Loran Lichty (Chair), David Ramsay (Vice-chair), Kate Slaminko

RHSLOB Members Excused/Absent: Marilyn Cooks, Bonnie Sanders

Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Members Present:

Stan Gunno, Oren Hadaller, Doug Hoople (Vice-chair), Francisco Ivarra (Chair), Mary Kay Lewis, John Pruitt, Curtis Thompson, Bill Wood

VCLOB Members Excused/Absent: Kathy Lewis, Robert Stephens, Jr., Ray Tomlinson

King County Staff Present: Joel Estey, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Public Health Seattle & King County (PHSKC); Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Pat Lemus, DCHS; Kaetlin Miller, PHSKC; Laird Redway, DCHS; Kate Speltz, DCHS.

Guests: Kathryn Boyer, Lynette Jordan, Dixon McReynolds

Review of Joint Meeting Summary

The September 25, 2013 VHS Levy Joint Board meeting summary was approved with changes. The change included adding language under the Operating Procedures section of the summary reflecting that the board reviewed and approved the most recent changes to the operating procedures provided in the September 25, 2013 Joint Board meeting packet.



Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI)

Pat Lemus announced that recruitment is underway for the RVI Coordinator position and the job posting closes tomorrow. If a candidate is not found in this round of recruitment, additional recruitment will occur until the right candidate is found.

The Homeless Veterans Summit was held November 7th. Participants were leaders in housing and the homeless veterans' services delivery system. The RVI provided staffing for the event whose goal was to engage subject matter experts to identify strategies that will improve King County's ability to house veterans. The collaborative event was supported by the King County Veterans & Human Services Levy, the US Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA).

Discussion

- Veterans Service Organizations groups will be invited to meet together to suggest improvements. Pat will inform the board when these meetings will be held.

Mid-Year Performance Evaluation and Financial Update

Marcy Kubbs reviewed the 2013 Mid-Year Levy Performance Evaluation and Financial Update report on the first half of 2013 that was recently transmitted to the Council. She reported that in 2012 the Levy expended 97% of funds allocated and the levy appears to be expending at a similar rate this year. Each quarter levy staff converses with program managers who are under spending their levy allocation to determine if modifications need to be made to ensure expenditure of funds or whether funds may be available for other purposes.

Discussion

- Jon Hoskins was ill today but will attend a future joint board meeting to provide a more in-depth understanding of the performance section of the report.
- There was discussion around the density of the report and how to make this information more easily understood. It was suggested a Levy sub-committee on evaluation and fiscal matters could be convened to be briefed in more depth on the status of expenditures and performance. The chairs agreed to discuss this further and consider the appropriate size of the joint board committee.

2014 VHS Levy Board Work Plan Review

The board members reviewed the draft VHS Levy Board Work Plan and provided the following feedback:

- Add Mary Lewis to co-present with Linda Wells in January on the Request For Proposal for Military Sexual Trauma
- Invite Mark Putnam, the new Committee to End Homelessness Director
- Invite new DCHS director, Adrienne Quinn to present at a future board meeting.
- Provide an update on both the Health and Human Services Transformation Plan and Youth and Young Adult Initiative

- Add time for legislative reflection at one of the board meetings in late spring as the state legislative sessions ends March 16th
- Let board members know when the meeting locations have been determined.

Levy Achievements - VCLOB - Major Achievements in 2013:

- Along with the RHSLOB, the VCLOB contributed ideas for the Executive's Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) Report and Recommendations on how to create stronger regional partnerships and coordination of services for veterans.
- Reviewed and provided input on Levy implementation plans that guide each of the levy-funded activities. Two new plans were reviewed in 2013 including Health Care Reform and the Military Family Counseling, in addition to updated plans for many of the levy's activities.
- Both boards participated in the revision of the VHS Levy Board Operating procedures.
- Participated in Request for Proposal review panels for Capital Housing Projects, Housing Operating and Supportive Services, and Military Sexual Trauma.

Levy Achievements - RHSLOB - Major Achievements in 2013:

- Along with the VCLOB, contributed feedback on the local implementation of the Health Reform Act and King County Health and Human Services Transformation Plan.
- Reviewed and provided input on Levy implementation plans that guide the provision of levy services. One new plan related to Health Care Reform was reviewed in 2013 in addition to updated plans for several of the levy's activities.
- With the VCLOB, toured several levy funded capital housing projects as well as the new Mobile Medical Van purchased in 2012 with Levy funds.
- Participated in Request for Proposal review panels for Community Employment Services, Capital Projects, and Housing Operating and Supportive Services.

VCLOB Chair Highlights – Francisco Ivarra

- The VCLOB met in October and heard from Dixon McReynolds and his Washington Department of Veterans Affairs team who provided an update on the Veterans Levy funded Phone Resource and Military Family Outreach programs.

RHSLOB Chair Highlights – Loran Lichty

- The RHSLOB met in October and was briefed on the Homeless Youth and Young Adult (YYA) Initiative by Megan Gibbard. She described the Levy implementation plan on the YYA Private Fund Match which funds staff to support the implementation of the initiative in 2013 and 2014.

Representing the Board

Curtis explained the importance of clarifying when you are speaking as a representative for the board or as a citizen who happens to be on the board. For example, he recently served on a review panel for a Request for Proposals process “as a member of the board” not “representing” the board. The board would need to vote in order for him to “represent” the VCLOB.

Staff Report

- Marilyn Cooks, Bonnie Sanders and Gary Haines are scheduled to be confirmed at the Law Justice Health and Human Services Committee meeting in December.
- Board members were thanked for serving on the recent Request For Proposal review panels.
- Marcy conveyed to board members, the importance of using King County email when conducting board business.

Old Business

- Board members asked to receive the list of funding recommendations they made on the use of last year’s unspent funds.

New Business

- Board members would appreciate hearing from the Executive on the final decisions made on the allocation of unspent 2012 Human Services Levy funds. Board members understand that they are advisory and can only make recommendations, but they would appreciate learning what final decisions were made and the rationale behind them.
- Invite Sherry Hamilton, DCHS Public Information Officer, to a board meeting to discuss ways to communicate levy successes/outcomes to the public on a regular basis. It would be helpful to learn the best way to communicate this at the council district level.
- Board members agreed that future Joint Board meeting agendas will replace the current “New Business” with “New Business / Future agenda items”.

Future Agenda Items:

- A board member suggested a future discussion on improving counseling available to incarcerated veterans to help prevent their becoming homeless.
- Consider a discussion on the potential for a “Human Services Initiative” that mirrors the work of the Regional Veterans Initiative.”
- Another board member identified the following items he would like to have added to a future meeting agenda: 1) increase human services provider’s awareness of benefits available to veterans, in particular for the children of veterans; and, 2) discuss the potential for a “veterans’ preference” for agencies responding to competitive bid processes.

Public comment

- Sarajane Siegfriedt, Lynnette Jordan and David Waggoner, citizens interested in becoming Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board members, shared their background and interest in becoming board members.
- Stan Gunno attended a Habitat for Humanity conference and provided his input on how to best serve veterans.

Farewell

- Board members said their final farewells to long-standing board members Stan Gunno and Oren Hadaller from the VCLOB and Kathy Hadaller from the RHSLOB. Stan has been a board member since October 2006; Kathy and Oren since September 2008.

Adjournment