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Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Levy Joint Oversight Board Meeting Summary

April 26, 2012 2-4 p.m.

WorkSource Renton
500 SW 7th Street, Ste 100

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Doug Hoople at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Members Present: Kathy Brasch (Co-Chair), Loran Lichty (Co-Chair), Edith Nelson, David Ramsay, Kate Slaminko

RHSLOB Members Excused/Absent: Kathleen Hadaller

Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Members Present: Stan Gunno, Doug Hoople (Chair), Kathy Lewis, Robert Stephens, Jr., Roger Welles, Bill Wood

VCLOB Members Excused/Absent: Oren Hadaller, Cynthia Lefever (Vice Chair)

King County Staff Present: George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Debora Gay, DCHS; Laird Heia, DCHS; Jon Hoskins, DCHS; Jessica Knaster (PHSKC); Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Anna Markee, King County Executive Office; Linda Peterson, DCHS

Review of Joint Meeting Summary

The draft December 8, 2011 Joint Board meeting summary was approved as written.

Carryover Funds - Background, Planning and Priorities – Linda Peterson

DCHS, Community Services Division Director, Linda Peterson provided information to the Joint Board members about the background, planning and proposed priorities for the 2006-2011 Levy Carryover Funds.

Background:

- The Levy was approved by the voters in 2005, but during 2006, time was needed to develop the Service Improvement Plan required by the King County Council. This was approved by

Council in October 2006. Also board members needed be appointed and oriented to their task of implementing the SIP and reviewing procurement plans for each levy activity. Staff needed time to develop procurement plans and go through the board review process before expending any funds. As a result, many programs were not able to begin until 2008 and 2009.

- Linda shared a chart illustrating the slow start of expenditures in 2006 – 2008 and the increased expenditures in 2009 – 2011. In June of 2011, it was determined that about \$4 million in Veterans Levy dollars and \$2 million in Human Services Levy dollars might be leftover by year end.
- The plan was to use these funds to allow programs to ramp down and close out services through 2012 if the 2012 – 2017 Levy didn't pass. Fortunately the levy was renewed by voters in August 2011, but that left a total of \$7.8 million in unspent 2006-2017 Levy funds.
- DCHS has been working with the Executive's office and Councilmember Ferguson's staff about how to use these onetime funds. The Executive's draft proposal for the use of these funds was shared with board members for their review.

Board members split into separate rooms to discuss their priorities and reconvened after developing their individual board priorities.

Priorities for Levy Carryover Funds

RHSLOB Report Out:

- The RHSLOB supports the Executive's plan and has the following additional feedback:
 - In addition to the Housing Youth Planning dollars of \$250,000, add funds for youth capital housing and services.
 - Add funding to help support repair or replacement of the Mobile Medical Van.

VCLOB Report Out:

- The VCLOB supports the Executive's plan and provided the following feedback:
 - Increase funds for the Veterans Internship Program
 - Use additional Veterans funding for PEARLS proposed by the Executive for other activities
 - Provide additional funds for PTSD and Military Family Counseling
 - Provide more training for service providers on how to reach out to veterans
 - Provide additional funds for capital housing and explore refurbishing houses of disabled veterans
 - Provide additional funds for outreach to women veterans and veterans of color
 - Continue to research and potentially fund housing in instances of domestic violence where a veterans with a VASH voucher leaves and the family becomes potentially homeless

Next Steps - Anna Markee

Anna briefed the board on the next steps regarding the carryover funds. She indicated that by the end of May all recommendations hopefully will be provided to the Executive and the Executive's plan submitted to Council. It may take four to six weeks for the Council to review and approve the ordinance. The goal is to have it approved in time to have the Aerospace Initiative in place for the fall school year. Once the Executive's plan is transmitted to Council, staff can email it to VHS Levy board members.

Board members expressed their willingness to advocate for the plan to their Council representative if needed. They would like to receive the schedule of potential Council meetings in order to be prepared at the appropriate time.

Levy Evaluation Implementation Plan – Jon Hoskins

Jon shared copies of the 2011-2017 Levy Evaluation Plan. Due to time constraints his presentation will be provided at a future meeting.

Chair's Report – RHSLOB – Loran Lichty

- Don Moreland's memorial service has been set for Friday, May 25th at 11:30am at the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent.
- Kathy Brasch and Loran Lichty have been reappointed as Board co-chairs for 2012.
- Loran asks that staff draft a policy for board review, regarding board members who repeatedly miss meetings.

Chair's Report – VCLOB – Doug Hoople

- Doug has been reappointed as Chair of the VCLOB. Cynthia Lefever has agreed to be vice-chair.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Staff Note: Due to time constraints, the meeting was adjourned before the staff report was given. Therefore, via email the following day, Marcy Kubbs informed the boards of the Employment RFP currently open and available on the Levy website.