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Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Levy

Joint Oversight Board

Meeting Summary

September 25, 2013 1 - 3 p.m.

Work Source Renton and Mobile Medical Van Site Visit at Salvation Army

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Francisco Ivarra at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Marilyn Cooks, Kathleen Hadaller, Gary Haines, Loran Lichty (Chair), Edith Loyer Nelson, David Ramsay (Vice-chair), Kate Slaminko

RHSLOB Members Excused/Absent: Bonnie Sanders

Veterans Citizen Levy Oversight Board (VCLOB) Members Present: Oren Hadaller,

Francisco Ivarra (Chair), Kathy Lewis, Mary Kay Lewis, John Pruitt, Robert Stephens, Jr., Curtis Thompson

VCLOB Members Excused/Absent: Stan Gunno, Doug Hoople (Vice-chair), Ray

Tomlinson, Bill Wood

King County Staff Present: George Dignan, Department of Community and Human

Services (DCHS); Cezanne Garcia, 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 Johnson, Dixon McReynolds

Review of Joint Meeting Summary

The June 27, 2013 VHS Levy Joint Board meeting summary was approved as written.

Regional Veterans Initiative

Pat Lemus announced that the Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) Report and Recommendations was transmitted to the King County Council and thanked board members for their contribution to the work. She gave an update on the Executive's recent press conference and next steps for



the initiative. This will include convening outreach and information and assistance programs serving veterans to share the service systems maps that were developed along with the RVI report.

Activity Update 2.1.D South King County homeless outreach – PATH

Kate Speltz, King County program manager for the PATH program provided an update on the outreach program. She explained that the Veterans and Human Services Levy funds support one position for Sound Mental Health (SMH)'s PATH outreach team and introduced Kathryn Boyer from SMH. Kathryn thanked the board for their support particularly because the Levy funds are more flexible than the federal funds they receive. The additional position allows them to cover a larger geographic area as they outreach to those in the south part of the County who are homeless.

Discussion

- PATH focus is specific to providing services to individuals who are homeless and have mental health/chemical dependency issues, but they will work to connect any individuals who are homeless connect them to the services they need.
- PATH workers are well connected with the police and often attend their briefings.
- There were questions around the need to clarify why, in the implementation plan, the 2012 baseline numbers were twice that of the 2013 target numbers. Staff Note: Since the meeting, the King County program manager provided the following explanation that will be added to the implementation plan:

*** In late 2012, SMH outreach workers, including the levy-funded PATH worker, were engaged by King County to provide outreach to a homeless encampment located in a flood zone on county-owned property, and to inform the residents of upcoming camp removal and of alternative housing options and support. The additional funds for this initiative were amended onto the levy contract and those individuals contacted and engaged by all staff were reflected in the services report for the levy contract. This resulted in a much higher performance level than expected for the base contract.*

Activity Update 2.6.A Community Employment Services

George Dignan, Employment and Education Resources Administrator, provided an update on Community Employment Services. While training is primarily focused on manufacturing, machinist and composites other training opportunities are available. In response to a question, George confirmed that workers are trained in the veteran's culture.

Operating Procedures

Marcy reviewed the changes to the board operating procedures. The board members approved these revised board policies and procedures with noted changes. Board members were encouraged to replace the prior version with those provided in the meeting packet.

VCLOB Chair Highlights – Francisco Ivarra

- The VCLOB met in July where they were briefed on the Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) and asked that the balance of the unspent 2012 Levy funding (approximately \$326K) be put towards funding the RVI over a two year period. After thoughtful discussion, the board supported the funding request and supported the RVI Report and Recommendations.

- Both Francisco and Doug were reaffirmed as Chair and Vice-chair of the VCLOB respectively.
- Board membership update:
 - The board has an opening in Council District 9, Councilmember Dunn's district.
 - At the end of this year, Stan Gunno, representing Kathy Lambert, Council District 3, and Oren Hadaller, representing Julia Patterson, Council District 5, will have reached their term limits. Openings will be available in those two districts effective January 1, 2014.

Members were asked to consider recommending individuals for these positions on the board.

RHSLOB Chair Highlights – David Ramsay

- The RHSLOB met in July and was briefed on the RVI. The board also endorsed the RVI and wants to stay involved in the process.
- Jayne Kauzloric with Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) spoke. The City of Seattle now also funds NFP which allows all first time mothers living in Seattle with low resources, the opportunity to receive this service.
- Loran shared the "Change Homelessness" video funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation through the Committee to End Homelessness. Fourteen different faith communities came together to determine how to communicate the issue of homelessness to the community and worked together to develop the video and a discussion guide.

Staff Report

- Marcy thanked the board for their support of the RVI.
- The County recently passed the Youth and Young Adult initiative and Megan Gibbard, program manager for the Initiative, will be providing information on the plan at the October RHLSOB meeting. VCLOB members are welcome to attend.

Old Business

- One member noted that in the past the board reviewed the performance data prior to the Levy Annual Report being transmitted to the Executive and inquired if that could be done again.

New Business/Future Agenda Items

- Leo Flor, RVI Special Advisor, would like time on the VCLOB agenda in the future to discuss the Northwest Justice Project.

Public comment

- Curtis Thompson and Gary Haines are the VHS Levy representatives for the Capital Housing Projects Request for Proposals.

- United Indians of All Tribes has a homeless shelter with 25 beds particularly focused on children leaving the foster care system.
- Loran Lichty introduced four interns/students from his church attending Northwest University.

Adjournment to Site Visit of Mobile Medical Van

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. to travel to the Salvation Army on Tobin Road to meet with John Gilvar, PHSKC and meet the Mobile Medical Van team. Members toured the new van and were impressed with its size and ability to serve more clients. Photos were taken of board members handing the keys to the van to PHSKC.