



## King County

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### Regional Human Services and Veterans Citizen Joint Oversight Board

#### Meeting Summary

**June 26, 2014 10:15 am – 12:15 pm**

King County Carnation Library

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Francisco Ivarra at 10:15 am.

### Roll Call

**Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board (RHSCOB) Members Present:**

Gary Haines, Lynnette Jordan, Loran Lichty (Chair), David Ramsay (Vice-chair), Bonnie Sanders, Kate Slaminko

**RHSCOB Members Excused/Absent:** Marilyn Cooks

**Veterans Citizen Oversight Board (VCOB) Members Present:** Francisco Ivarra (Chair), Kathy Lewis, Mary Kay Lewis, Robert Stephens, Jr., Curtis Thompson

**VCOB Members Excused/Absent:** Stan Gunno, Doug Hoople, John Pruitt, Ray Tomlinson

**King County Staff Present:** Jennifer DeYoung, Public Health Seattle and King County (PHSKC); Kaetlin Miller, PHSKC; Anne Meegan, PHSKC; Jon Hoskins, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Pat Lemus, DCHS; Laird Redway, DCHS; Dana Sawyers, DCHS

**Guests:** Toni Ball, Kathy Brasch, Jim Callow, Michelle Haley, Pete Lewis, Dixon McReynolds, Angela Menon.

### Review of Meeting Summaries

The following meeting summaries were approved as written:

March 27, 2014 Joint Levy Oversight Board

April 17, 2014 Veterans Citizen Oversight Board

May 28, 2014 Regional Human Services Citizen Oversight Board

### 2013 Unspent Funds

Pat Lemus, Assistant Director of the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS), Community Services Division, explained that in 2013, 99 percent of over \$18 million in allocated Veterans and Human Services Levy funds were expended. At year-end only \$161,563 in Veterans Levy funding, and \$72,875 in Human Services Levy funding remained unspent. Pat provided the board with DCHS recommendations for reprogramming these unspent Levy dollars



that includes using the \$161,563 in unspent Veterans Levy funds to support the Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) (approx. \$60,000) and the King County HERO Veterans Internship Program (approx. \$100K). It is recommended that \$59,200 of the \$72,875 in Human Services Levy funds be used for Employment and Education Resources (EER) services to the Nurse Family Partnership clients, and the remaining \$13,675 be used to support King County 2-1-1. This is in keeping with the recommendation made last year by the RHSCOB to use unspent 2012 Human Services Levy funds to support Employment and Education Resources (EER) for services to the Nurse Family Partnership clients, and the Crisis Clinic, King County 2-1-1 program.

A Joint Fiscal and Evaluation committee meeting will be held in July to allow members of both boards time to discuss the recommendations for the use of these funds in greater detail. The VCOB members on the committee will brief the VCOB at their July 17th meeting. The RHSCOB members were given the authority to make the final recommendations for their board on the use of the Human Services Levy dollars.

### **Activity Update – 3.1.A & B Behavioral Health Integration**

Jennifer DeYoung and Kaetlin Miller with PHSKC, with HealthPoint community providers Michelle Haley and Angela Menon spoke with the boards about the levy funded Mental Health Integration Program (MHIP). MHIP is a patient-centered behavioral health care program integrated into the primary care setting serving clients with medical, mental health, and substance abuse needs.

Levy funding for the MHIP program supports eight federally qualified health centers and more than 30 clinic sites to serve individuals who are uninsured, under-insured or below the 200% federal poverty line, including veterans and family members. Besides funding the direct client services, funding also supports care coordinators, psychiatrist consultations, the Mental Health Integrated Tracking System (MHITS) and technical assistance and training.

Michelle Haley, Veteran HealthPoint Coordinator added that a holistic approach and understanding of veterans' culture was critical to the success of veteran patients. Healthpoint links clients to the Veterans Administration (VA) when VA services are preferred. Valley Cities Counseling and Consultation provides outreach and engagement to veterans in the community.

### **RHSCOB Chair Highlights – Loran Lichty**

- Since the last Joint Board meeting the RHSCOB heard a presentation from Mark Putnam, Project Director for the Committee to End Homelessness (CEH). Mark shared some of the great work being done in the community and talked about a recent event called the Hack to End homelessness. This brought together Seattle's housing advocacy community and service providers with the best minds in technology and innovation. He reported on some of the great tools that came out of the event. The CEH asked Loran to share his Homeless Network video at their annual meeting.
- The Renton Community Supper that was started several years ago to create a site in Renton where the levy funded Mobile Medical Van could hold a clinic. The supper has grown from three days a week to 7 days a week. About 80 – 100 people attend each evening. It is a co-operative ministry of many different people, churches, and organizations from the greater Renton community. A free meal and a warm and friendly place is provided.

### **VCOB Chair Highlights – Francisco Ivarra**

- The VCOB held a meeting in April where Leo Flor, Northwest Justice Project Fellow and former Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) Special Advisor, trained board members on the components of military discharge, the six characterizations of service, and the level of legal representation available to them. Leo also compared federal definitions of “veteran” to that used by the State of Washington in RCW 41.04.005, and the current language King County is using in its levy-funded contracts.
- Board updates include:
  - John Pruitt has been reappointed as the at-large representative on the VCLOB.
  - Jamie Yslas has been appointed to represent Councilmember McDermott, District 8.

### **Committee Update – Fiscal and Evaluation Committee**

The Joint Levy Fiscal and Evaluation Committee met in May to review the fiscal and performance information that will be included in the 2013 Veterans and Human Services Levy Annual Report. After reviewing the data, committee members discussed the purpose of the committee and concluded they can be an important resource able to understand the Levy fiscal and evaluation issues at a deeper level than one can by attending a full board meeting.

### **Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) Update**

Dana Sawyers, RVI Coordinator, provided background and direction on the work of the RVI. The RVI is developing a 100 day plan to meet the goals laid out in the RVI recommendations report. Board members indicated they would like to learn more about the plan once available.

### **Staff Report**

- The Executive’s Office is requiring that beginning June 12, 2014 meeting agendas must be posted online no later than 24 hours in advance of board meetings. A link to the current levy board agenda will be on the right hand side of the Levy’s homepage under “Citizen Boards”. The Levy website is located at: [www.kingcounty.gov/DCHS/Levy](http://www.kingcounty.gov/DCHS/Levy) .
- A new law takes effect on July 1st requiring governing bodies to take Open Public Meetings Act training. At the September Joint Board meeting time will be set aside to review the online video and PowerPoint OPMA training put together by the Attorney General’s office.
- In order to post board meeting notes on the Levy website more quickly, staff suggested that at joint board meetings, the boards review and approve their respective meeting summaries that have been prepared rather than wait until their next individual board meeting. Board members agreed and approved available meeting summaries.

### **Levy Performance Data**

Jon Hoskins, Performance Measurement and Evaluation Unit Manager, shared the 2014 Levy Evaluation Implementation Plan and Activity Level Evaluation Templates. Each activity identified in the Service Improvement Plan has its own evaluation template that includes such things as a brief description of each activity, the performance measures used to track the activity’s success and which of the three overarching goals of the levy the activity primarily supports. The Evaluation Implementation Plan lists all the performance measures used by the Levy and describes how they “roll up” to document success in meeting the Levy’s goals. A detailed table of the Levy’s performance at the activity level is included in the Levy’s annual and mid-year reports. Since the table to be included in the 2013 Levy Annual Report was completed, levy administration and evaluation staff have met with managers of each activity that under-

performed to understand the cause for the under performance and steps that will be taken to bring performance up to an acceptable level.

#### **Old Business**

- The Tacoma Veterans Resource Fair was a successful event.
- On June 11, 2014 President Obama signed bills passed by the House and Senate to honor the legacy of the 65<sup>th</sup> Regiment with the award of the Congressional Gold Medal. Francisco thanked the board for their letter of support.

#### **New Business/ Future Agenda Items**

- Loran received his Masters in Non-Profit Leadership in June. Congratulations Loran!
- Francisco was named President of the Washington State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Vietnam Veterans of America is a membership organization of U.S. veterans who served during the Vietnam era, whether "in country" or elsewhere. The founding principle of VVA is "Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another". Congratulations Francisco!

#### **Public Comment**

- Recently an Agent Orange Town Hall meeting was held and was very successful.
- Kathy Brasch, former member of the RHSCOB and current member of the Women's Advisory Board thanked the board for coming to Carnation.
- Dixon McReynolds participated in a Yellow Ribbon Event recently that included veterans who had served in Afghanistan.