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Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Meeting Summary

March 27, 2013, 2 – 4pm

King County Chinook Building, Rm. 118

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair David Ramsay at 2pm.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kathy Brasch, Kathy Hadaller, Kate Slaminko, Edith Loyer Nelson, David Ramsay

Board Members Excused/Absent: Loran Lichty

County Staff Present: Cezanne Garcia, Public Health Seattle and King County (PHSKC); Laird Heia, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Betsy Jones, King County Executive Office; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Jackie MacLean, DCHS; Emily Yette, PHSKC.

Guests: John Pruitt, Curtis Thompson, Stephen Lam; Dixon McReynolds, Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs

Health Care Reform

Jackie MacLean, Director, Department of Community and Human Services shared the work the Department doing related to Motion 13768, developing a plan for an accountable and integrated system of health, human services and community-based prevention in King County; and the Budget Proviso that calls for an assessment and implementation plans for the integration of the Department of Community and Human Services and Public Health-Seattle & King County.

Discussion

- Board members questioned whether the levy's funding priorities would shift as a result of the Health Care Reform work. Jackie responded that the levy funding wouldn't change but we can use the knowledge gained from this work to integrate levy services and therefore be more efficient with the use of funds.
- Members inquired how they plan to reach the 80,000 uninsured in King County to get them to participate in King County's new system of care. Jackie responded that the Healthcare for the Homeless Network of PHSKC currently provides a great deal of outreach and advocacy to this population group. The PHSKC and Levy-funded Mobile Medical Van may also be helpful in connecting individuals who are homeless to the new systems.

Action: Jackie will report back to the boards on the existing outreach efforts being conducted within the scope of Health Care Reform by the next board meeting.



Activity Update: 4.5.B Cultural Navigator

Stephen Lam, Chinese Information and Service Center program manager for the Cultural Navigator Project provided an update on the program to the board. The goal of the program is to increase self-sufficiency for immigrants and refugees through access to linguistically and culturally-appropriate services. Thanks to levy funding, the program has been able to expand to South King County where there has been a dramatic change in population.

Review of Meeting Summary

The January 24, 2013 RHSLOB meeting summary was approved as written.

Chair's Report

- None.

Staff Report

- Draft Board operating procedures will be reviewed at the May RHSLOB meeting.
- Year-end expenditures show unspent funds for 2012 at about \$550,000 of the \$16 million annual allocation. A total of \$225K of this \$550K is Human Services Levy funding. Board members commented that it is important to remember that some of the funds may need to go back into existing programs.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Petitions/Communication (public comment)

A guest shared that the Clubhouse program is a global non-profit organization that helps communities around the world create support for those with mental illness by developing "clubhouses". Clubhouses are community-based centers that offer members opportunities for friendship, employment, housing, education, and access to medical and psychiatric services through a single caring and safe environment, helping members achieve a sense of belonging and become productive members of society.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4pm.