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Regional Human Services Levy Oversight Board (RHSLOB) Meeting Summary

July 24, 2013, 2 – 4pm

King County Chinook Building, Seattle

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Loran Lichty at 10 am.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Marilyn Cooks, Gary Haines, Loran Lichty - Chair, Edith Loyer Nelson, David Ramsay

Board Members Excused/Absent: Kathy Hadaller, Kate Slaminko

County Staff Present: George Dignan, Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS); Greg Ferland, DCHS; Marcy Kubbs, DCHS; Laird Redway, DCHS; Jayne Kauzloric, Public Health Seattle & King County (PHSKC); Crystal Tetrick, PHSKC

Guests: None.

Regional Veterans Initiative Update

Pat Lemus provided an update on the Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) Report and Recommendations and requested board feedback. The report was posted on the Levy website for public comment today.

The RHSLOB unanimously endorsed the RVI Report and Recommendations and were very pleased with its content and organization. The RHSLOB would like to continue to participate in its development process.

Discussion

- Board members noted that the framework of the RVI is very similar to the Committee to End Homelessness, and as such understand the challenges of working with a multitude of organizations with vested political and fiscal interests. The leaders of the Initiative will need to encourage a group process with a very strong facilitator. It was also encouraged that it will be important to clarify that the County's role is to lead – not direct - the process.
- The smartphone application recommendation is in the RVI report and is currently in use by Joint Base Lewis-McChord to facilitate the transition of veterans to civilian life.

Nurse Family Partnership

Jayne Kauzloric, PHSKC, provided the board with an overview of the current work of the Nurse Family Partnership (NFP). NFP is now an internationally recognized and acclaimed program. Recently the City of Seattle began contributing funding to this program which has allowed it to expand to include all first time Seattle mothers with low resources the opportunity to receive services if desired.

Discussion

Referrals for this program come from school nurses, Washington's Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) nutrition program, community clinics, local doctors and teen centers.

The Levy provides 25% of the program's funding which allows for four teams of nurses. The City provides 50%. The Levy has also provided funding to support a link to employment opportunities.

There is a \$5 return on investment for every dollar invested to keep woman and children out of the emergency care system (Jails, emergency rooms).

Board Operating Procedure

Marcy walked board members through the VCLOB recommended changes to the Board Operating Procedures. The RHSLOB accepted all of the VCLOB recommendations with the exception of replacing "New Business" on the meeting agenda with "Future Agenda Items." The RHSLOB would prefer not to require new topics of discussion be held for the next meeting.

Review of Meeting Summary

The May 22, 2013 RHSLOB meeting summary was approved as written.

Chair's Report

Loran shared the Change Homeless website and video that was funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation through the Committee to End Homelessness in King County. Seattle University facilitated the grant. Fourteen different faith communities came together to determine how to communicate issues of homelessness to the community and decided to develop a video and in-home small group discussion worksheet to empower the discussion. Link to the video: <http://www.changehomelessness.com>.

Discussion

- The video reinforces the individual stories of homelessness and can see its use as a great discussion tool.
- The video is currently used to train up anyone who is interested. It's available to download from the website, along with the discussion guide.
- Loran encouraged board members to share it and use it. It's not a tool to raise money and no one makes money off of it. Its purpose is to open minds and educate the public.
- It will be shown at Loran's church to continue to initiate action.

Staff Report

- The supplemental budget request may take forward the RHSLOB's second recommendation of splitting the approximately \$95K in 2012 HS carryover funds between 211 and the EER/employment program.

- The Joint Board meeting will be held in September and will potentially include an open house for the Mobile Medical Van.

Old Business

- None.

New Business

- None.

Public comment

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12pm.