



EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM
Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, Mar. 22nd, 2018 – 8:30am to 10:30am
Perkins Coie, 10885 4th St., 7th Floor, Thomsen Room

Call to Order— Board Chair, Lynne Robinson, called the meeting to order at 8:36am. A quorum of the Board was present.

Attendees:

Board Members: Lynn Robinson – Board Chair, Lauren Thomas – Board Vice-Chair, Eric Evans – Board Secretary/Treasurer, Dave Asher, Tony Copes, Monique Ruyle, Terry Pottmeyer, Lisa Callan, Al Smith (via phone).

Board Nominees: Sara Levin.

Workgroup Members: Marnie Maraldo – EHSF Coordinator, Martha Sassorossi – Workgroup Chair, Michael Cogle, Christy Stangland.

Review of January Minutes

Motion 1: “I move the Board accept the meeting minutes from the January 18, 2018 Board Meeting as presented.” Motion made by Lauren Thomas, seconded by Tony Copes. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote on new Board Members

Motion 2: “I move the Board appoint Cassandra Sage to replace Siri Bliesner in the School Board #2 Seat.” Motion made by Dave Asher, seconded by Lauren Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 3: “I move the Board appoint Sara Levin to replace Paul Leuzzi in the United Way Seat.” Motion made by Terry Pottmeyer, seconded by Lauren Thomas. Motion passed unanimously.

Update to EHSF Board Policies and Procedures

Motion 4: “I move the Board update the EHSF Board Policies and Procedures under ‘Responsibilities of EHSF Members’ to state, ‘Sign on to EHSF policies, **Tier 1 Statements, procedures, the annual EHSF Work Plan and the annual agenda for EHSF’.”** Motion made by Lauren Thomas, seconded by Monique Ruyle. Motion passed unanimously.

Project Update: Funding Landscape Assessment

Board Secretary, Eric Evans opened the discussion on funding landscape. Martha shared for newer board members the timeline for the report and provided a brief update to the board. We are looking to understand the impact on the Eastside, including new funding streams, such as Best Starts for Kids. We are also hoping for a greater understanding of the challenges of

funding. We would like to see the diversity of revenue, changes in revenue stream, and the true cost of service. The report will include a quantitative focus using IRS tax data, city funding, and funding from 2 private philanthropic organizations. There will also be qualitative data provided through interviews. Once we have the final report, the Board and Workgroup will look to see how to utilize the data to help us advocate. Our contractor and the project committee are working to have final or nearly final result to share with the Board in May.

Board members wondered if we kept informed regarding RFP's for Best Starts for Kids so there were opportunities for Eastside providers to understand how they might be successful in the grant process. Martha shared that we have members of the advisory come to our Workgroup and have members who are receiving email notifications of the RFP's. We could look at how we might further coordinate with them. Board members questioned if we are connecting our funding report with the community needs assessments completed by Bellevue, Issaquah, Sammamish and Hopelink. Martha mentioned we have an item of the 2018 work plan that could potentially collate the data where possible. One Board member suggested that rather than each agency looking for a small grant from one of the King County funding streams, perhaps it would be appropriate to have one larger organization, such as Eastside Pathway, that could organize responses to requests for funding or act as an intermediary for distribution of funds. It was also mentioned that an organization, such as Philanthropy NW, could be a good resource for disseminating information through webinars, informational meetings, etc. For our Funding Landscape Assessment, the goal is to have preliminary report to board by May 10th and provide the Board an opportunity to provide feedback.

Strategic Outcome

Boar Chair Robinson began discussion. During the January Board meeting, the Board Looking at how we can help policy makers impact an area of need. Would like to have one topic that the Forum can focus on and provide best practices throughout the community for community leaders. The discussion was guided by some key questions, provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

Discussion Question 1: Would the EHSF be more effective if the Board prioritized one primary topic of interest to the community, and focused most activity toward that topic for the year?

Board Vice-Chair, Lauren Thomas began the conversation by proposing the Forum have an educational event earlier in the year, then utilize the information gathered to help develop recommendations for best practices. The Forum's educational events have been the outcome rather than a driver of policy changes and best practices. Currently, however, the events end with no clear expectation of what attendees should do with the information they have received. The educational events should have a goal of making effective change, with a mechanism for the Forum to follow up with attendees. This follow up would allow the Forum to develop the best practice recommendations, which would support the providers in their work.

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The Board discussed the current 2018 Work Plan and the broad scope of the work. One Board member share a perspective that by touching on so many topics, we cannot measure whether our actions actually move anything forward. It was suggested the Forum could still touch on several topics, with more of a focus in one area. There were concerns from other Board members that by focusing on a single topic area, there was a risk the topic would not relevant to all of our members. How do we find something that everyone can get behind, rather than 5 out of 10 members? There were concerns that if the area of focus was not relevant to a member organization, the Workgroup member may be able to support the Forum Work Plan as individual, but not necessarily as an organization. It would be best for the Forum to find a topic that won't be in a silo and can have broad support.

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The Board discussed whether it was realistic to accomplish this in a year and noted that the funding landscape report or the Eastside needs assessments might provide information to determine a topic. If we were in a situation where we have resources to deploy, we might be able sustain the required activities for a year, but we are an indirect actor in the work. The Forum has the ability to show the roadmap moving towards solving a problem which would allow us to better advocate for resources. Board members agreed the focus area did not have to be encapsulated into one year. Multi-year or two-year cycle may be a possible goal.

Discussion Question 2: If the Board chose one prioritized topic, how would current work transition or be coordinated with that one priority topic? What would be the expected timing of transition plans? 1 year?

One Board member described the process like a bell curve of things that are dropping off and some things that are coming on. The bulk of the work would be focused on one major topic, but there would be time committed to evaluating the previous major topic, while also beginning the education process for a new, upcoming major topic. These major topics likely would be broad. There were questions of whether the Board would be narrowing the Board focus or the entire work plan. Board members liked the idea of a major topic, but there were concerns that the Board not lose sight of the other good work being done. All those things need to stay on our radar. The Board identified that the work plan is growing because there are so many prevalent issues, so this may help make the determination as the prioritization of our efforts. A greater linkage between the Workgroup and the Board could help in this prioritization.

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One Board member stated that a focused approach might be a 3-year phase, with year one focused on an education piece, year two would look at changes that came out of education piece, such as best practice recommendations or policy development, and an evaluation piece in year three. The Forum is an influencer, and it is up to other organizations or municipalities to execute on their timeline, so the evaluation period may span more than one year. By taking the phased approach, the Forum could then have more than one major topic item, with one item in the education phase, then as it moves to the policy development phase, another issue is in the education phase, etc. One Board member shared their perspective that currently, all of the

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work of the forum is in the education phase and not in an implementation phase. Board shows the connections in the safety net.

*Discussion Question 3: **What would the one priority topic be? Are we interested in continuing to pursue the Opioid crisis identified last year? Or a future topic of interest?***

Board Chair Robinson asked each Board member to share their priority topic. Board members mentioned affordable housing, homelessness, foster care (along with access to affordable housing), and the opioid crisis.

Discussion around opioid abuse would be a good first focus. Affordable housing issue is huge and a multi-year project, so a focus on something that can be impacted more immediately is desired by the Board. Board members specified that the focus project should not pull us completely away from work on affordable housing. This proposal is a new way of looking strategically, highlighted by a very influential Board. A focus on the opioid crisis can be an area where the Forum might have an impact.

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*Discussion Question 5 (Discussion Question 4 was skipped for the sake of time): **What other changes might this direction require?***

Board Chair Robinson asked the Board if they would consider meeting 11 times a year. There was a question around additional time requirements and some concern about the challenge of getting a quorum. Coordinator Maraldo suggested one additional summer meeting. There was discussion about having a fall educational event, then the Annual Meeting would be specifically a meeting of the membership, reflecting the annual accomplishments of the Forum, the proposed Work Plan for the following year, and conduct any required business.

The Board came to the consensus that the June Event would be moved to September or October and focus on the opioid crisis. Given this, Board Chair Robinson mentioned a request from Debbie Lacy, Director of the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition. She has invited the Forum to sponsor and event ERIC is holding in May for Eastside elected officials. There was a question as to what the cost to the Forum would be. There would be no monetary cost. One of the Forum member cities could offer the meeting space at no cost. The Forum would then help advertise the event. This would be provided by the Coordinator as part of regular Forum work, per the contract.

Motion 5: "I move the Board approve sponsorship of the ERIC event being held in May, contingent on finding a space provided in-kind by a city. Sponsorship will be limited to advertising of the event by the Forum." Motion made by Lauren Thomas, seconded by Tony Copes. Motion passed unanimously.

A request was made that the Coordinator email the Board the link to the opioid presentation from last year.

Updates

Legislative Advocacy – Coordinator Maraldo shared with the Board a summary of Advocacy Day, held at the State Capitol on February 12th. The two teams were able to meet with 5 legislators and 9 legislative assistants. Using a handout created by the Coordinator, the teams focused on four key pieces of legislation, advocating for stabilizing behavioral health, increasing and making permanent the Document Recording Fee, providing adult hearing aid hardware for Medicaid-eligible adults and providing \$5 million in funding for home visiting programs. The Coordinator then shared the results of the legislative session (Appendix A), noting that many of the priorities had passed and were awaiting the Governor’s signature, including Breakfast After the Bell, Equal Pay, the Document Recording Fee bill and the access to adult hearing aid hardware. Overall, it was an extremely successful legislative session.

June event – Based on the earlier discussion, the event will be moved to September or October and the topic of the event will be on the opioid crisis. This year, the Board would like the event to include statistics specific to the Eastside, including the prevalence of opioid use by youth, disparities in who is affected, how it impacts other areas. The event needs to end with a more specific call to action, with a work session as the last part of the event. The information can shape our legislative agenda and other advocacy.

Although this meeting is scheduled in the Fall, we will move future events to May. This will allow us to potentially impact budget cycles. The Board will maintain having a June Board meeting to allow for follow up from the event. The Board will also have May Board meeting prior to the education event, meaning the May Board meeting may be earlier in the month, with the event held later in May. June meeting would be focused on how we will be using the information from the May event for our legislative priorities and budgets cycles with organizations and municipalities. Workgroup Chair Sassorossi proposed that the Board meet this June.

Nomination & Membership – Coordinator Maraldo briefly shared the committee’s report. The Committee discussed making clear distinctions between membership in the Forum and the AEA, and ways to explore if reaching out to the business community would be mutually beneficial. The Bellevue School District will also be contacted about potential membership.

Equity – Workgroup Chair Sassorossi shared the committee’s report. The committee has not yet met but anticipates consulting with the Nonprofit Assistance Center to scope equity activities for 2018.

EHSF Future Staffing Needs

Staffing needs – Workgroup Chair Sassorossi shared briefly about the need for the Board to consider the staffing needs of the Forum. Dependent on the Board’s decision regarding implementation of the newly-defined strategic outcomes, there may be a need to address staffing. Currently, the work of the Forum is shared by a 60-hour a month contract with the Coordinator, and additional time by city staff, especially the Workgroup Chair and Vice-Chair.

The work done by city staff is in addition to their normal tasks, to be completed during the course of their normal working day. There is also a need to have a designated note-taker for Board and Workgroup meetings. This work is currently being done by the Coordinator, who is also actively facilitating those meetings.

There was limited time for discussion, so it was agreed that this topic will come back to the Board at the May Board meeting.

Information Sharing

Coordinator Maraldo shared that Cynthia Eichner is no longer with Overlake Hospital. Per the Bylaws, this means that she is no longer a member of the EHSF Board. Board Member Monique Ruyle volunteered to contact someone at Overlake to inquire about the open Board seat. At this time, Coordinator Maraldo shared that Snoqualmie Hospital was going to sign on as a Forum member, but since it was not in their budget for this year, they will not be paying membership dues until next year.

Board Member Lisa Callan shared with the Board that one of the Leadership Eastside Civic Incubator Teams will be working to develop an equity tool kit for communities. It was suggested to have the EHSF Equity Committee connect with this CIT.

Board Member Copes shared that his organization, EISCC, is undergoing a transition. The organization is looking at how they can make a greater impact, and what their path forward might be.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29

Appendix A

Title	Bill #	Bill Description	Note / Next Steps	Fiscal Note
SUPPORT ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS AND HEALTH SERVICES				
Increase Medication-Assisted Treatment Capacity	Budget	Funds medication assisted treatment, opioid overdose reversal distribution, prescription take-back and more.	Asked for \$1.6 mil increase for King County	Possible \$1.4 mil to KC + \$520k for assisted out-patient treatment
Increase Funding for Civil Legal Aid	Operating Budget			Increase of \$638,000
Stabilize Behavioral Health Treatment, Improve Access and Quality in Community	HB 2489	Declares that opioid use disorder is a public health crisis. Requires state agencies to: (1) Increase access to evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment services; (2) Promote coordination of services within the substance use disorder treatment and recovery support system; (3)		While this bill failed, there were a number of wins, such as improving access to MH services for children and youth, increasing availability of assisted outpatient BH treatment, safe and secure collection and disposal of medications, and changing BH authority from DSHS to HCA.
	SB 6150	Strengthen partnerships between opioid use disorder treatment providers and their allied community partners; (4) Expand the use of the state prescription drug monitoring program; and (5) Support comprehensive school and community-based substance use prevention services.		

Ensuring Equal Pay	HB 1506	Updates the existing state equal pay act to address income disparities, employer discrimination, and retaliation practices, and to reflect the equal status of workers in this state. Provides that this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.	Waiting for Governor's Signature	
Housing & Essential Needs and Aging, Blind & Disabled Programs	Budget	Budget ask. Request retaining Gov's Book 2 Budget levels, which maintain current spending levels.		
MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF AND ONE-TIME				
Housing Trust Fund Expansion	\$200 M in Capital Budget	Capital Budget ask for funding for HTF		Final amount in Capital Budget: \$106 Mil
Local Housing Funding Options	HB 1797	Allow King County to pass a 1/10% sales tax by vote of council rather than a ballot measure; allow REET 1 & 2 proceeds to be used for affordable housing construction.		
Document Recording Fee	HB 1570	Increase and make permanent the real estate Document Recording Fee to improve the state's services to prevent and reduce homelessness.	Waiting for Governor's Signature - Sunset eliminated, fee increased up to \$70	

Ban Source of Income Discrimination	HB 2578	Eliminate source of income discrimination by prohibiting landlords and management companies from rejecting rental applicants solely because they are paying with housing vouchers or other public income.	Waiting for Governor's Signature	\$428k in Senate Budget
Legal Financial Obligations	HB 1783	Make assessment of ability to pay uniform and objective, ban incarceration and manual labor sentences for nonpayment, and suspend interest accrual during incarceration.	Waiting for Governor's Signature	
SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES				
Restore Medicaid Adult Hearing Hardware Benefit	SB 5179	Requires a health plan offered to employees and their dependents under chapter 41.05 RCW (state health care authority), issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2018, to include coverage for hearing instruments. Requires medical assistance coverage offered under chapter 74.09 RCW (medical care), issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2018, to include coverage for hearing instruments when medically necessary. Provides that section 2 of this act is null and void if appropriations are not approved.	Waiting for Governor's Signature	Only funded \$358,000 rather than \$758,000 ask

Family Caregiver Support	HB 1636	Creates the long-term services and supports trust commission and requires the commission to establish rules and policies regarding long-term services and supports.		
Increase Access for Senior/Disabled Property Tax Exemption to Local Levies	HB 2597	Extending the existing state property tax exemption for residences of senior citizens and disabled persons to local regular property taxes.	Waiting for Governor's Signature	
Increase Qualifying Income Level for Senior/Disabled Property Tax Exemption	HB 2608	Establishes a mechanism for adjusting income thresholds into the future to provide tax relief to senior citizens, persons with disabilities and veterans		
STRENGTHEN EARLY LEARNING AND YOUTH PROGRAMS				
Home Visiting Increase	Operating Budget	Expand Home Visiting Services.		\$2.3 mil in budget
Breakfast After the Bell	HB 1508	Mandating schools with 70% or more free- and reduced-price lunch eligible students serve breakfast during the school day (after the bell) and providing start-up funds for necessary equipment.	Not fully funded	Senate Budget - \$1.2 mil
ECEAP Expansion - Facilities	Capital Budget	Expand ECEAP facilities; Pass a capital budget that includes ECEAP facilities funding	Included in Capital Budget	

ECEAP Expansion - Eligibility	HB 2659	Expand eligibility for the early childhood education and assistance program to 185%	No additional ECEAP slots in supplemental budget but SB6419, which passed, increases eligibility for students who are homeless or have other developmental or environmental risk factors	
Increase Working Connections Child Care Reimbursement Rates	Budget	Pay providers more to compensate for minimum wage increases in order to preserve WCCC slots and prevent additional subsidizing by slightly over-income families of publicly subsidized slots.	Federal funding for CCDBG to double. Budget proviso that funds can go towards this.	No dollars in budget