



EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM

Board Meeting Notes

Thursday May 15, 2017 - 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

PSE Building - Perkins Coie

10885 4th Street, 7th Floor – Thomsen Rm

Bellevue, WA

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lynne Robinson, Board Chair, Bellevue City Council
Eric Evans, Sec/Treasurer, Sheltered Holdings
Tanika Kumar Padhye, Redmond City Council
Dave Asher, Kirkland City Council
Claudia Balducci, KC Council
Lisa Callan, Issaquah School Board
Cassandra Sage, LW School Board
Monique Ruyle, Evergreen Health
Helene Wentink, Alliance of Eastside Agencies
Tony Copes, EISCC
Sara Levin, United Way of King County
Al Smith, Perkins Coie
Terry Pottmeyer, Friends of Youth

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Lauren Thomas, Hopelink
Mariah Bettise, City of Issaquah

STAFF PRESENT

Martha Sassorossi, Workgroup Chair
Dee Dee Catalano, Workgroup Vice-Chair
Marnie Maraldo, Coordinator

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT

Sherry Smith, Recording Secretary

VISITORS PRESENT

Leslie Miller, City of Kirkland
Debbie Lacy, Co-Founder and Director
Eastside Refugee and Immigrant
Coalition

CALL TO ORDER – Board Chair Lynne Robinson, called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Review of March 22, 2018 Minutes

Motion: “I move the Board accept the meeting minutes from the March 22, 2018, Board Meeting as presented.” Motion by Terry Pottmeyer and seconded by Monique Ruyle. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote on new Board Members

Chair Lynne Robinson introduced Helene Wentink, Vice-Chair of the Alliance of Eastside Agencies. The agency provides housing for those with disabilities.

Motion 1: “I move the Board appoint Helene Wentink to replace David Downing in Eastside Alliance Agencies”. Motion by Al Smith and seconded by Tony Copes. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote on Workgroup Chair

Motion 2: “I move the Board appoint Martha Sassorossi as Workgroup Chair.” Motion

by Lisa Callan and seconded by Cassandra Sage. Motion carried unanimously.

Strategic Outcomes – Lynne Robinson, Bellevue City Council

Robust discussion on the Forum’s strategic outcomes.

- Trying to effect change at the local level through creating policies.
- Focus on one topic each year knowing each topic may take up to three years.
This year’s focus is the opiate crisis.
 - Coordinator Maraldo looking at potential speaker for September event to talk about pain management study and possibility of limiting opiate for pain management. Dental work is a key are of concern, so we would like to have dentists at the event, as well as other medical professionals.
 - Event Committee can look at last year’s Mayor’s challenge and determine what policy changes cities have implemented since last year.
- At the last EHSF Board meeting, board members discussed 3 phases: education, implementation and outcome measurements. The Board identified three key areas: Opiate Crisis, Affordable Housing, and the Foster Care System.
 - Many Board members felt strongly about affordable housing
 - *Claudia Balducci*, King County Task Force – She has set up a regional task force. A goal is to focus on the 30% AMI and below. The Task Force will make strong recommendation.

Motion 3: “I move the second topic to be Affordable Housing as informed by the regional task force to focus on the 30% AMI.” Motion by Eric Evans and seconded by Al Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Staffing Requirements to Implement Work Plan

Martha Sassorossi – Referred members to the Proposal for 2018 Professional Services. There has been an increase in the number of board members as well as increased training. All that takes extra support. Hours have been increased for the Coordinator which increases time for the Vice Chair and Chair. Individual cities have specific criteria to support the forum. Work Group Leadership is proposing shifting some hours off of city staff to the coordinator.

Position	Current Monthly Hours	Proposed Monthly Hours
Program Coordinator	60	75
Work Group Chair	20-25	12-15
Work Group Vice Chair	12-15	8-10

Motion 4: “I move the Board reallocate \$7,173 from ‘Program Expenses to Implement Priorities’ to “Professional Services – Coordinator’, add a new category under ‘Professional Services’ titled ‘Recording secretary’ and reallocate \$800 from ‘Program Expenses to Implement Priorities’ to ‘Professional Services – Recording Secretary.” Motion by Eric Evans and seconded by Lisa Callan.

There was discussion about concerns that city staff hours will not actually be reduced, but that the Work Group Leadership will only take on more work. Claudia Balducci offered to have her new staff member help where possible.

Board Leadership shared the desire to streamline work by driving our priorities and reducing workload. Work Group Leadership can work to better identify the elements that would throw the workload out of balance.

Coordinator Maraldo explained that over the last four years, the hours of the Workgroup Chair have increased because the group wants to see more done. There may be a need to clarify the responsibilities of the Workgroup Chair, Coordinator and Vice-Chair in the Policies and Procedures.

Lynne Robinson – There's been a motion and a second and discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

Opportunities to Partner with ERIC – Debbie Lacy

Debbie Lacy, Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition (ERIC), reported on East King County Immigrant Integration.

- The Forum sponsor her attendance at the National Immigrant Integration Conference.
- Provided presentation indicating changes in residents on the Eastside. Many speak a language other than English at home, and the percent that is low income is growing. There is an increase in diversity within the school districts.
- Debbie shared the background to the Eastside Refugee and Immigrant Coalition's and goals.
- Debbie shared her experience at the National Immigrant Integration Conference she attended in December of 2017.
 - The Cities for action has 150 Mayors. The Municipal Government Efforts:
 - Defusing tensions between immigrant groups and or between immigrant groups and the receiving community
 - Attracting immigrants in order to revitalize older cities, especially related to local economic development needs
 - Integrating a more long-standing immigrant community, often by moving from providing them services to including them in local leadership and policy formulations.
 - Measurable indicators:
 - Increase the number of immigrants and people of color serving on boards and commissions and who run for council
 - Increase number of immigrants who become naturalized citizens
 - Increase number of immigrants and people of color who participate in focus groups, town halls, etc.
 - Provided information on nurturing immigrant business owners and looking at the makeup of our cities.

- Need to address “Brain Waste”: when foreign professionals experience underemployment or unemployment due to the challenges they face as immigrants
- Debbie shared the components for the local welcoming framework
 - Leadership and Communications,
 - Equitable Access
 - Economic Opportunity
 - Education
 - Civic Engagement
 - Safe and Connected Communities.
- Opportunities for EHSF involvement.
 - Provide 2-way integration for immigrants.
 - One of the potential areas to work with ERIC is around services, eliminating barriers. Eastside developed the Cultural Navigator Program about 10 years ago. It’s a good time to see about current needs, and how the model should look in the future.
 - Bring in ERIC for dialogue and opportunity to share and learn, and have the Forum be the facilitator for that.

Federal Legislative Agenda Update

Marnie Maraldo – is in the process of putting together congressional meetings. She provided information for the Federal Agenda.

Proposed Motion 4: “I move the Board add ‘Continue direct funding to local governments through the Community Development Block Grant program’ to the Federal Legislative Agenda for 2018.”

Discussion – Claudia Balducci – S2680 Senator Murray introduced this. Should we support her on this within the motion? It was suggested to add the broad language that Marnie Maraldo spoke of and include support for S2680. Dave Adler asked that the additional change be more specific. **Motion is tabled. Marnie Maraldo will rewrite the motion for the June meeting.**

Updates

Affordable Housing week is this week. Cassandra Sage went to the Kirkland Proclamation. Marnie Maraldo attended Newcastle and Issaquah meetings to accept the proclamations.

There is an event this evening at Bellevue First Congregational tonight at 6PM regarding The Difference a Home Makes.

Nominations and Memberships have met. No updates at this time.

The Board leadership has discussed the need to focus on implementing a new policy and training. If anyone wants to join the committee to discuss next steps please let Marnie

Maraldo know.

Martha Sassorossi – funding landscape project. There will be information at the June meeting.

Lynne Robinson referred members to the Opportunities for Board Involvement.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2018, at 8:30, Perkins Coie, Bellevue in the PSE Building, 7th Floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Smith
Recording Secretary