



EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM
Board Meeting Agenda
Thursday, June 21, 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 8:32am. 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, Mariah Bettise, Lisa Callan, Tony Copes, Sara Levin, Tanika Padhye, Terry Pottmeyer, Cassandra Sage, Al Smith, Helene Wentink.

Work Group Members: Marnie Maraldo – EHSF Coordinator, Dee Dee Catalano – Acting Work Group Chair, Leslie Miller – Acting Work Group Vice-Chair, Brooke Buckingham, Alex O’Reilly, Madeline Cavazos.

Review of May Minutes

Motion #1: *“I move the Board accept the meeting minutes from the May 17, 2018 Board Meeting as presented.”*

Motion made by Lauren Thomas, seconded by Al Smith. Motion passed.

Work Group Chair Transition

Acting Work Group Chair Dee Dee Catalano shared that Work Group Chair Martha Sassorossi accepting employment with King County. Ms. Catalano is taking the Chair position until the City of Issaquah hires a replacement staff member and that person has received adequate training, likely to occur in January 2019. The increase in Coordinator Maraldo’s hours from 60 hours per month to 75 hours per month commences in July, which will allow her to take on some more administrative responsibilities, including bookkeeping.

Motion #2: *“I move the Board appoint Dee Dee Catalano as Work Group Chair.”* Motion made by Lauren Thomas, seconded by Lisa Callan. Motion passed.

2018 Work Plan Update

Coordinator Maraldo, Work Group Chair Catalano and Work Group Vice-Chair Miller conveyed the need to amend the 2018 Work Plan given the Work Group Chair transition and other issues related to city and provider staff work load. They shared the 2018 Work Plan Update (PROPOSED) (*see Appendix A*) which highlighted the estimated priorities for the Work Group’s work. The leadership team provided a proposal for amendments to the work plan.

The Board had a discussion regarding the following items:

- Identify collect and analyze gaps based on existing, cross-sector Eastside Needs Assessment
- Identify and test tracking tools/methods for county legislation
- Increase presence at city council meetings regarding 2019/2020 human services
- Conduct advocacy training for Board

Motion #3: *“I move the Board remove the items marked low and secure a proposal to hire a consultant to work on the Eastside Needs Assessment.”* Motion made by Eric Evans but did not receive a second. Motion failed.

There was a consensus of support to postpone the Eastside Needs Assessment into 2019. Coordinator Maraldo specified this would be a multi-year project, and there had been one initial meeting that included city staff from each of the Eastside Cities and from Hopelink. Work Group Leadership assured that this item will not be dropped off if pushed into 2019. Alex O'Reilly specified that the City of Bellevue could utilize their MSW interns beginning in October of this year, but a final consolidated assessment would not be available this year. Work Group Leadership noted that providing the project coordination and management of such as assessment would require significant staff time.

Board Chair Robinson directed more conversations back to the proposed amendments.

- Create an infographic to support advocacy and messaging (this was marked "LOW")
- Conduct equity training(s) for Board and membership
 - Board equity training will be part of September strategic planning.
 - Training for agencies should be postponed to 2019.

AEA could help with lower priority issues if appropriate.

Motion #4: *"I move the Board amend the 2018 Work Plan a proposed except:*

- *Remove 'Ensure representation on each of these oversight committee';*
- *Retain 'Identify and test tracking tools/methods for county legislation';*
- *Retain 'Increase presence at City Council meetings regarding 2019/2020 human services'; and*
- *Remove 'and membership' from 'Conduct equity training for Board and membership'"*

Motion made by Lauren Thomas, seconded by Helene Wentink. Motion passed.

Funding Landscape Assessment

Brooke Buckingham, who managed the assessment project, shared a presentation on the Funding Landscape Assessment. The final draft of the report is expected later in June or the beginning of July. The presentation can be found on the EHSF Website [here](#).

Board members shared questions and comments about the assessment. When looking at the graph on funding composition over time, there was concern that if this is all the funding added then averaged, large agencies would skew the numbers. It would be interested to average the averages for individual agencies. There was a question about the increase in government overall spending, and how it relates to the fact that agencies report government proportion going down and direct funding going up.

There was interest by Board members to see data regarding the increase in tax collection vs. increase in funding for human services. Also, interest in personal income over time.

City staff shared that this information would be very helpful for them. Those Board members whose organizations are service providers indicated that the common application between cities has been very beneficial. The cost of accountability needs to be realized by cities. They ask for more accountability, but don't want to fund the administration of that accountability. Compliance is a growing cost of agencies. Used to have external audit to cover this, now there is more compliance work on top of that.

There was a question as to whether cities and funders can help with other resources rather than only funding.

Ms. Buckingham verified that the report will be sent out to Board members. Their questions will go back to Megan. Board members asked for an executive summary. Ms. Buckingham assured the Board that a summary is included.

September Event Planning

Ms. Maraldo shared current planning details for the September 5, 2018 event. Committee had met the two days prior, agreeing to work with the King County Heroine and Opiate Addiction Task Force. The committee is also looking into creating a dashboard of work by cities based on the November 2016 SCA Mayors Commitment.

Coordinator Maraldo asked Board members for suggestions for invitees. One suggested Bellevue School District. Given the constraints of time, Coordinator Maraldo invited Board members to email suggestions to her.

Updates

- Financials – Coordinator Maraldo shared the latest financials. It was suggested that the Forum have a professional audit next year. The Board requested that Coordinator Maraldo receive a proposal for external audit to see if it is a worthwhile expenditure. It was suggested than an internal financial review may be more cost effective given the size of the Forum budget. Coordinator Maraldo highlighted that the Forum policies and procedures does not include any details around finances. The Board agreed that this should be addresses.
- Legislative Advocacy – At the May Board meeting, there was a request to have Coordinator Maraldo bring an update to the Federal Legislative Agenda that would include more broad language to allow the Legislative Committee to include emerging legislation in its advocacy. The Committee proposed amended language (Appendix C – amendments highlighted in red). Coordinator Maraldo will be working to set up meetings with congressional members. Rep. Adam Smith scheduled for August 22nd at 10am at his Renton office. It was suggested to set up meetings with candidates as well. This would be best to do after the August Primary.

Motion #5: “I move the Board amend the 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda as presented.” Motion made by Lauren Thomas, seconded by Tony Copes. Motion passed.

Coordinator Maraldo will be working to set up meetings with congressional members. Rep. Adam Smith scheduled for August 22nd at 10am at his Renton office. It was suggested to set up meetings with candidates as well. This would be best to do after the August Primary.

Information Sharing

Coordinator Maraldo mentioned that she had sent Board members the invitation to the AEA Pivot Point event where AEA, EHSF and KCAHS would be sharing the work of each organization and to discuss how we could partner better together.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am

2018 Work Plan (As Approved)

EHSF Mission: To foster strong public and private partnerships for a stable network of health and human services for the benefit of all East King County residents.

#	Summary	Deliverables	Lead	Current Update
1	Engage & Advocate to Address Emergent Human Services Needs on the Eastside			
	Proactively address human services issues on the Eastside and respond to critical opportunities in a timely manner. Issues to focus on include (but are not limited to) affordable housing/homelessness, health, aging, domestic violence, and immigrant/refugee services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize 2 events that engage or provide education on emerging issues Invite special speakers to the Board and Workgroup 	<p>Events Committee</p> <p>Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in several proclamations for Affordable Housing Week, May 14-18. Board and Workgroup members accepted proclamations at city council meetings in Kirkland, Issaquah and Newcastle. Working on September Event (Sept. 5, 2pm, NBCC) Workgroup speakers: Debbie Lacy (ERIC) Report on National Equity Conference; Adam Schmid (KC) VSHSL Implementation Plan; Kelly Rider (KC) Update on Regional Affordable Housing Task Force work Board speakers: Debbie Lacy (ERIC) Report on National Equity Conference and opportunity to partner with Welcoming Eastside work.
2	Impact Local Funding & Policies			
	Assess impact of policy/funding shifts, resulting from Funding Landscape Report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce Eastside Funding Landscape Report and develop a plan for next steps based on results 	Work Group Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All research work has been complete, data uploaded to GoogleDocs and preliminary report written. Brooke working to refine report for June Board meeting.
	Track King County legislation, Transformation of Health & Human Services, and the Regional Affordable Housing Task Force.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coordinate feedback to inform the VSHSL Implementation Plan Identify and test tracking tools/methods for county 	<p>Coordinator</p> <p>Legislative Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Various Forum members attended VSHSL Community Meetings in the Spring. Adam Schmid from KC presented to the Forum WG. LC to begin working on plan during the summer. Madeline Cavazos from CM Balducci's office will be joining the LC.

		<p>legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase presence at City Council meetings regarding 2019/2020 human services 	Work Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Will partner with AEA/KCAHS and seek volunteers
3	Impact State & Federal Funding & Policies			
	<p>Advocate for those items on our state and federal legislative agendas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Track bills and budget related to agenda items ● Write letters to legislators ● Meet with legislators and members of Congress or Congressional Aides ● Protect current funding; Increase funding where opportunities arise ● Advocacy Day in Olympia 	Legislative Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tracked 18 bills or budget items associated with 2018 State Legislative Agenda. Sent letters to members of legislature. 12 bills or budget items passed. ● Conducted first Advocacy Day, with 8 attendees meeting with 5 legislators and 10 legislative assistants in Olympia. ● Sent meeting requests with members of Congress, looking to schedule for August.
4	Enhance Forum Capacity and Strengthen and Develop New Partnerships			
	<p>Develop a training plan to address areas of equity and advocacy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Conduct equity training(s) for Board 	Equity Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Equity Committee has met twice to work toward what training might look like. Board is looking for information on how to implement equity policies. Smaller Work Group member organizations still need some type of equity training available to them at a low cost.
	<p>Generally, enhance Forum capacity, strengthen and develop new partnerships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase number of stakeholders through publicity, events, and individual meetings 	Work Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ KCLS ○ Snoqualmie Hospital. ○ ISD and LWSD has identified staff (Director of Intervention) to attend WG meetings. ● Participation in partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AEA Pivot Point event ○ Leadership Eastside Civic Incubator Team on Basic Needs

Appendix C

Eastside Human Services Forum: 2018 Federal Legislative Agenda



The Eastside Human Services Forum strongly urges Congress to preserve the appropriation of dollars towards human service programs. EHSF advocates for solutions that strengthen and grow the system of diverse and integrated services required for our communities to thrive

Together, the following items ensure East King County residents reach their full potential: **Basic Needs, Making Homelessness Rare, Brief and One-Time, Programs for Older Adults and People with Disabilities, and Early Learning and Youth Programs.** These issues were selected with a lens on equity and diversity, with each being important to build up a healthy, thriving community.

FEDERAL AGENDA

PRESERVE AND INCREASE ACCESS TO BASIC NEEDS AND HEALTH SERVICES

Including:

- Support healthcare that is affordable and accessible for all. Oppose changes to the 2017 **Medicare** and **Medicaid** programs that would result in cuts to benefits, increased costs for beneficiaries or reduced coverage. Expand the current benefits to **include dental, vision and hearing**;
- Support the **DREAM Act (Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors)**;
- Expand **Earned Income Tax Credit**. Expand and make refundable the **Child Tax Credit Reimbursement**. Oppose requirements for a social security number for minor children;

ENACT LEGISLATION AND PROVIDE FUNDING TO MAKE HOMELESSNESS RARE, BRIEF AND ONE-TIME

Including:

- Support the **Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act (S.548)** ensuring protections remain in place for low-income tax credits;
- Reauthorize the **Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act (H.R. 1779/S.262)**.

ENACT LEGISLATION AND PROVIDE FUNDING TO SUPPORT OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Including:

- Support critical services which promote the health and independence of older adults, such as services funded through the **Older Americans Act** and the **State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**;
- Eliminate the **income cap** on Social Security to secure the long-term solvency of the system;
- Support **S. 568 and H.R. 1421** which amend the Social Security Act to count a period of receipt of **outpatient services** in a hospital toward satisfying the 3-day inpatient hospital stay requirement for coverage of skilled nursing facility services under Medicare;

STRENGTHEN FUNDING OF EARLY LEARNING AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

Including:

- Renew **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** and **Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program (MIECHV)**;
- Support an increase in the number of children served in early learning programs such as **ECEAP** and **Head Start**.