



EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM
Board Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 8:30am to 10:30am
Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E-121

- Welcome and Introductions – Introduce Lynne Robinson, replacing John Chelminiak for the City of Bellevue board seat.
 - Attendance: Shelley Kloba, Lynne Robinson, Lauren Thomas, Rev. Steve Baber, Paul Leuzzi, David Downing, Terry Pottmeyer, Lisa Callan, Byron Shutz.
- Officer Election – Need to nominate and elect a Board Member to serve as Secretary/Treasurer – Paul nominated Lisa Callen, Shelley made motion, Lynne seconded. Motion passed.
- Discussion on Leadership Eastside Civic Incubator Partnership
 - Described what the project is, let the Board decide. Brooke and Martha share their thoughts. Martha feels it doubles the dues the cities are paying, then the membership fee they pay us also pays to LE. Paul wonders if the work they are doing duplicates our work. Terry mentioned that this might be something to discuss at the retreat.
 - David mentioned that in the past that the Forum has opted not to participate in these type of things. Conflict with city
 - ACTION: ask james who else has joined
- Possible Agenda for Board Retreat
 - ACTION: Send out mission charter bylaws
 - Other similar agencies, to know where we fit in (KCAHS, etc)
 - Key questions related to the bylaw review
 - One of the outcomes should be to verify the mission and vision, make outcomes measurable
- Update on Work on Homelessness
 - Report out from One Night Count – Leslie Miller
 - 80% increase. Issaquah was a part of the count this year for the first time, but not the sole reason for the increase. The number of people found in cars rose significantly.
 - Terry – Youth component. There is available a different methodology used. That was also done in January, but the report isn't out, not split out for Eastside.
 - If a person is couch-surfing, they no longer qualify for homeless services (HUD definition that now the County uses). This shift was made to ensure there are services for people that are out on the street or sleeping in their cars.

- Leslie shared some of the reasons people will sleep in their cars rather than sleeping in the shelters
 - Every time the rent goes up \$100, homelessness goes up approx. 15%. Also, the wage stagnation exacerbates the issue. Heroin epidemic has also added to that issue.
- Report out from “Convening of Cities” hosted by SCA/All Home –
 - Leslie shared that it was a great event, felt like there was motivation to move forward
 - Martha shared that the cities were asked to send teams (Council member, staff, police and ?). Partnered with another city from your region. Covered topics like the federal plan, “Opening Doors”.
 - Lieutenant from Portland shared how they’ve adjusted policing. Shared their presentation online. Recognized homeless are most often the victim.
 - Recommendations from 3 who have experienced homelessness. Services at shelters, give first responders tools to deal with those that are homeless, remove stigma
 - How can we have the cities share their approaches to address homelessness, what their policies are.
 - Paul was concerned that these still are how to deal with homeless in a humane, caring way, but it doesn’t address how to reduce/eliminate homelessness.
 - Terry specified her thought that this is All Home’s role
 - Martha mentioned one of the next steps is to have the cities be more coordinated.
- Update on Year-Round Men’s Shelter – Emily, Bellevue is taking the lead. Doing due-diligence on site, and is about 3 years out. Another group is looking at where to have the winter shelter until then. May be able to rent the sound transit site for next winter, but still need for the following
 - Brooke shared around the loss of the Day Center at the end of the month.
- Opportunity to raise awareness
 - Educate
 - Highlight the work that is happening on the Eastside
 - Paul: The community doesn’t need awareness, but they need solutions. The community may not feel safe with increased homeless on streets and in tent cities.
 - Byron – the education should be on getting by-in from the community on what the solution is. How to get to affordable housing with services.
 - Rev. Baber – there should be studies or policies from other parts of the country that say what has been the root cause, what the solution is. We need information about it.
 - Terry: Is there a way for us to offer actionable steps that individuals can make? All Home has been messaging that. Is there an opportunity for us to bring that to the attention members of the community? Redmond Committee on

Homelessness has some actionable things. Address misconception that people have.

- Rev. Baber – drug courts, political item. Education item for judges, politicians. “The new Jim Crow” book helped initiate letting drug possession people out of jail. Find report that can identify what is causing homelessness.
 - Shelley – getting engaged in the parking program, getting engaged in the shelter. But also their political votes, improving wages, more affordable housing, what type of zoning do we need? Medicaid not helping co-occurring mental health and drug dependency services. Integration in April between mental health and drug counseling.
 - Paul – letting them know about the rise in unsheltered.
 - HAVE THEM CONNECT THE DOTS. A HUMAN STORY – MAYBE SOMEONE (OR TWO) FROM THE DAY CENTER. HOW YOU VOTE IS PART OF THE SOLUTION.
 - Lauren – what it takes for a healthy community. Homelessness is one of the symptoms.
- Updates/Discussion
 - Legislative Update
 - Homeless students and stability act passed and budgeted
 - HOPE act, passed and funded, increases from 25 beds to 75 beds.
 - BSK – Certain amount to address youth and family homelessness. Went to council yesterday. \$19 mil over 6 years.
 - Financial Update
- Information Sharing
 - EHSF Membership Packets Reminder
 - General Announcements
 - Coordinated entry for all – All Home Board. Difficult when people are referred to housing where they don’t have the support them. Eastside sent a letter to the Executive Committee to go with a more banded approach instead of the highest need approach.
 - There’s extra money on this year’s MIDD, they are looking on how to spend it.
- Opportunities for Board Involvement
 - Work Group meetings every 2nd Tues, 9-10:30am, Room 1E-120
 - Legislative Subcommittee every 2nd Tues, 10:30-11am, Room 1E-120

Board Retreat: March 30, 9:00am, Hopelink Board Room, Willow Creek Corporate Center, 10675 Willows Road NE, Ste. 275, Redmond, WA 98052

Next Board Meeting: May 18th, 8:30am, Bellevue CitHAY Hall – Room 1E121