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EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 21, 2020 – 8:30am to 10:30am
Conference Call

<p>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Lauren Thomas, Hopelink – Board Chair Al Smith, Perkins Coie - Vice Chair Amy Falcone, Kirkland City Council - Sec/Treasurer Tony Copes, Eastside Interfaith Social Concerns Council Barbara de Michele, Issaquah City Council Jessica Forsythe, Redmond City Council Monique Gablehouse, EvergreenHealth Dr. Harlan Gallinger, Issaquah School Board Stephanie Hamrick, Overlake Medical Center Paul Lwali, Friends of Youth Lynne Robinson, Bellevue City Council Helene Wentink, Alliance of Eastside Agencies</p> <p>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT Claudia Balducci, King County Council Eric Evans, Shelter Holdings LLC Cassandra Sage, LW School Board</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT Leslie Miller, Work Group Chair Monica Negrila, Work Group Vice Chair Brooke Buckingham, Governance Task Force Liz Mills, Legislative Consultant</p> <p>VISITORS PRESENT Rita Badh, City of Sammamish Dee Dee Catalano, City of Bellevue Alex O'Reilly, City of Bellevue</p>
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CALL TO ORDER – Vice Chair Al Smith called the meeting to order at 8:36 am. A quorum of the Board was present.

Amy Falcone acknowledged that the financial report was included in the packet. She shared that the 990 has been reviewed by the Executive Committee and will be shared with the Board soon. She called for questions – there were none.

Review of March Minutes

Motion 1: *"I move the Board accept the meeting minutes from the March 19, 2020 Meeting as presented."*

Discussion – None.

Motion was made by Amy Falcone and seconded by Lynne Robinson. The minutes were approved as presented unanimously.

Revised 2020 Workplan Adoption

Work Group Chair Leslie Miller shared that one priority item was added: to provide COVID-19 support to members. One item was removed: to coordinate a regional needs assessment. This is because neither the Forum nor the cities are in the position to do that work right now. It is hoped that it can be taken up possibly in 2023-24. Leslie reviewed the other priority and secondary items.

Lynne Robinson asked if part of our mission was to be a funder. It was clarified that it was not our role and that EHSF is a member organization without funds to disperse.

Leslie said that one of the specific ways we want to provide support is to track new grant opportunities on the EHSF website as a service to members. The Board supported the idea.

Motion 2: "I move the Board adopt the updated 2020 Work Plan as presented."

Motion was made by Amy Falcone and seconded by Tony Copes. Motion passed unanimously.

Organizational Review Update

Work Group Vice Chair Monica Negrila provided an update to the organizational review process including the two consultants assigned to our project, Liz Keever and Jack Thompson. She shared some highlights from their bios.

They have the report completed by Altruist Partners which includes interviews with Board members. They asked if additional interviews should be considered. Board members supported additional interviews.

The timeline for the remainder of the process depends on how long the interview process takes.

Financial Report Clarification

Board Chair Lauren Thomas clarified that our custom is to include the financial report as informational unless action is needed. Jessica Forsythe asked if we anticipate any drop in membership dues because of COVID-19? Leslie Miller reported that she had done some checking and because the dues were already budgeted by cities, it is likely they will be paid in full. The same was true for the hospitals. Lauren added that nonprofits may be making budget cuts and we could expect to see some attrition.

Legislative Report

Consultant Liz Mills referred to the report that was part of the packet and explained that some things could change again because of the \$3.8 billion shortfall projected for FY2021. It is expected that there will be a special session after the June 17 revenue forecast. The EHSF Legislative Committee has been meeting and will be ready to advocate for our priorities. The Board discussed ways to advocate, their role as Board members and their interest in supporting advocacy work. Members requested a copy of a recent sign-on letter about guiding principles. Leslie Miller offered to send it to the full Board. Helene Wentink, Alliance of Eastside Agencies, invited Liz to an AEA meeting in July to discuss legislative issues.

COVID-19 Updates and Other Information Sharing

Board Chair Lauren Thomas led a discussion on COVID-19 updates and other information sharing. Members discussed online fundraising, the great support from city staff to Eastside organizations, COVID-19 related funding and other items. The Board decided to add a meeting before September to work on the organizational review and other items. Regarding the Work Group, Leslie Miller reported that the Forum may be first doing a survey of member needs and then finding expert speakers to speak to those needs at Work Group meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Lauren Thomas adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am.