



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
August 23, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by Carmen Goers, at 4:05 pm on Monday, August 23, 2021 via Zoom.

Committee Members present: Jason Berry, Carmen Goers, Janeane La Casse, Kelly Lindberg, Shawn Parkhurst Paton

Staff present: Community Services Manager – Joy Scott

Absent: Sue Miller, Tammy Gourdine

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Committee Member Kelly Lindberg moved to accept the May, June, and July 2021 meeting minutes. Committee Vice Chair Janeane La Casse seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor of adopting the minutes.

The May, June, and July 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

- Committee Member Update
 - Community Services Manager Joy Scott shared that there are two open positions on the Human Services Committee. The City has renewed the request for applicants, and would like to have the positions filled prior to the start of the next year. Committee members or others who have questions should reach out to Kyla Wright for more information.
- Fall/Winter Planning
 - The committee discussed the upcoming meeting topics for the remainder of the year. Committee and staff would like to schedule a joint Human Services Committee/City Council meeting prior to the end of the year, possibly in September 2021 (subject to Council and Committee availability). Other upcoming Committee meeting topics include strategic planning for the 2023-2024 funding cycle, Human

Services and CDBG budget considerations, and a CDBG public hearing for the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

- 2023 – 2024 Application Details
 - The Committee discussed the timeline for the upcoming 2023-2024 Human Services Grant Funding application cycle. In August, the Human Services Funding Collaborative (HSFC) has been auditing current application questions and format and developing workgroups to review ways to update application process to be more accessible and equitable. September will include outreach to community-based organizations and smaller organization about upcoming application and an application information session for new applicants to review application/funding requirements. In October through December, staff and the Committee will focus on continued outreach to agencies regarding applications and Human Services funding amounts and priorities.
- Health Through Housing Initiative
 - Joy provided a brief overview of King County's Health through Housing Initiative and the recent purchase of a property in Auburn.
 - In July, King County purchased their fifth Health Through Housing hotel in Auburn, the Clarion Inn. This hotel will be converted to provide 102 units of emergency supportive housing/permanent supportive housing with 24/7 onsite staffing, case management, physical and behavioral health services, housing counseling, and other tailored services and supports for the individuals housed.
 - The property is expected to open by end of 2021, and King County will be opening applications for operators and service providers opening in coming weeks. The property (capital, operations, and services) is fully funded by the Health Through Housing program for the life of the property, and requires no additional funding from the City of Auburn. Housing resident applications will occur through Coordinated Entry.
 - Committee member Kelly Lindberg asked how providers are chosen for the building. Joy Scott responded that King County released an RFQ and has an initial list of service providers and operators who have expressed interest in properties in South King County. A separate application, specific to the Auburn property, will be released to those providers on the RFQ list, and agencies will apply to operate or provide services at this location. King County will work collaboratively with Auburn city staff on operator and provider selection.
- 2021 Quarter 2 Agency Performance Summary
 - Joy shared the Quarter 2 agency performance spreadsheet and noted some themes that city staff have heard from agencies:
 - Broad range of agencies who have met targets and those that have had some challenges
 - Many agencies have reduced staffing capacity due impacts of COVID-19 and Public Health Guidance

- Agencies funded by multiple SKC cities are working on regional outreach plans and strategies
- Discussion
 - Committee Chair Carmen Goers asked about the potential impacts of the crisis in Afghanistan on local refugee resettlement efforts, and how closely refugee resettlement agencies work with cities. Joy responded that the City participates in a quarterly Community Consultation led by the Office of Refugee and Immigrant Assistance in which we collaborate with the resettlement agencies operating in King and Pierce Counties. Sarah Peterson, Washington State Refugee Coordinator, presented to the Committee in 2019. Joy will explore opportunities to share more current information with the Committee and include in a future meeting agenda.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Human Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2021 via Zoom.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Committee member Jason Berry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Committee member Shawn Paton seconded. All members were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

APPROVED THE 27th day of September, 2021


Carmen Goers, Human Services Committee Chair


Jeff Tate, Director of Community Development

City of Auburn

Human Services Committee

August 23, 2021

4:00-5:00pm

Via Zoom

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Agenda

4:00 PM Welcome & Check-In

Minutes

Carmen

Miscellaneous

- Committee Member Update Joy
- Fall/Winter Planning Joy
- 2023-2024 Application Details Joy
- Health through Housing Joy
- 2021 Q2 Summary Joy
- Questions/Discussion All

5:00 PM Adjournment

Additional Information

Notes:

Reminders:

Next Meeting: September 27, 2021