



**HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 22, 2021**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Human Services Committee meeting was called to order by Committee Chair, Carmen Goers, at 4:03 pm on Monday, February 22, 2021 via Zoom.

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

Staff present: Community Services Manager- Joy Scott
Human Service Program Coordinator- Kyla Wright

Absent: Tammy Gourdine

Guest: Madison Jaramillo, YMCA Arcadia House

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Committee Member Barb Derda moved to accept the January 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Committee Member Sue Miller seconded the motion. All committee members were in favor of adopting the minutes.

The January 25, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

- Committee Chair Carmen Goers reminded Committee Members to sign and return the Conflict of Interest forms to Kyla at their earliest convenience.
- Kyla presented an overview of the Homelessness Interventions and gave a summary of the eight programs totaling \$184,000 of Human Services funding for services that include support and services that include diversion, shelter services and rapid exit from shelter. These programs serves Auburn residents who are currently experiencing homelessness.

In the presentation, terms associated with Homelessness Interventions such as diversion, rapid exit from shelter, strength-based approach, and

Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) were highlighted. Diversion is a housing-first, low barrier support for households currently experiencing homelessness (people who are requesting shelter or housing who do not have a safe place to sleep tonight) with the goal of securing housing using creative solutions that fit the needs of the household and obtain safe, permanent housing away from the homeless housing system. Rapid exit from shelter is a housing first approach to find an immediate, safe housing option for households within the sheltering systems. Types of support could include paying outstanding rental debt or conflict resolution and mediation to (re)connect with their existing networks. Strength based approaches that emphasize self-determination, resourcefulness and resiliency and center these strengths and resources to develop goals and solutions. This approach is client-led with a focus on competencies instead of deficits. And CEA is the entry point for accessing temporary and permanent housing resources for individuals experiencing homelessness. The purpose of CEA is to ensure that all households experiencing homelessness have equitable access to housing resource connections to resolve their housing crisis.

Joy gave more detailed information about the regional response to CEA and the Dynamic Prioritization model. Dynamic Prioritization is a revised coordinated entry approach which uses population-specific prioritization criteria (i.e., assessment result, unsheltered status, length of time homeless) to identify the most vulnerable households and utilizes a case conferencing model to connect prioritized households to housing based on the anticipated number of available housing resources over the next 60 days. Joy also informed the group about the recent and upcoming changes for the King County Regional Homelessness Authority who selected a new CEO.

- Madison Jaramillo the Facilities-Based Housing Director with the Y Social Impact Center's Arcadia House joined the meeting to give an update on the types of work the program is doing. She highlighted the shelter support work with teens and young adults and how the program has pivoted to meet these needs while maintaining safety protocols during the pandemic.

Arcadia provides shelter and case management to Auburn youth and young adults and creates a safe and welcoming environment where program participants can work with case managers to work through barriers to housing and stability that are specific to their situation. Clients may also receive referrals to other programs at the Y that support their stability.

Because so many spaces such as schools and libraries have not been operating in person due to the pandemic, many youth and young adults have not had access to places that may have provided support or safe place to spend time. Arcadia has adapted their program hours to accommodate those emerging needs.

- Kyla and Joy re-reviewed the end of year performance summary for 2020 funded programs. Committee Members had questions about programs that did not receive full payout. Staff explained that the criteria for full payment was adjusted in 2020 to account for programmatic challenges due to the pandemic. Programs needed to have been operational and incurring expenses, have met other contractual obligations such as insurance

coverage, and met 25% of their annual service goals. One program which did not receive a full payout was not operational for several quarters due to Covid restrictions, one program did not have insurance coverage for a portion of the year, and one program did not meet 25% of their annual service unit goals.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next meeting, March 22, 2021 via Zoom.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

APPROVED THE 22 day of March, 2021



Carmen Goers, Human Services Committee Chair



Jeff Tate, Director of Community Development

City of Auburn

Human Services Committee

February 22, 2021

4:00-5:00pm

Via Zoom

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Agenda

4:00 PM Welcome & Check-In

Minutes

Carmen

Miscellaneous

- Homelessness Intervention Overview Kyla/Joy
- Agency Presentation YMCA- Arcadia Shelter
- Questions/Discussion All

5:00 PM Adjournment

Additional Information

Notes:

Reminders:

Next Meeting: March 29, 2021