



City of Tacoma

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair Naomi Wilson, Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Secretary Andee Walton, Addison Atkatsh, Laura Badeaux, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Kristi Coyne, Carlos Lugo, and Nikki Singh.

Members Absent: Kimberly Ellefson, Connie Ladenburg

Staff Present: Erin Watlington, Interim Assistant Director (NCS), Vicky McLaurin (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:04

- Meeting chaired by Chair Wilson.
- Roll call.

2. Approval of the February Agenda at 6:05

- Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lugo. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of the January minutes at 6:06

- Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve minutes and Secretary Walton seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Community Trauma Response Team (CTR) at 6:07

- Presented by James Watson, Executive Director, JCW & Associates
 - i. CTR responds to significant events including homicides, suicides, fires – anything traumatic to which community response is requested.
 - 1. Requested directly from community members or via SouthSound911.
 - ii. Volunteer-based since 2010. Mission includes violence abatement and mediation.
 - iii. Dispatch is based upon rotational volunteer sign-up.
 - iv. CTR provide volunteers with training and a certificate of completion.
 - v. Funding includes self-care and trauma exposure considerations for volunteers.
 - vi. Leadership includes ordained ministers, who work in addition to responding Chaplains and Designated Crisis Responders (DCR).
 - vii. Several Commissioners expressed interested in volunteering with CTR.
- Vicky McLaurin makes clear that CTR is no conflict of interest for HSC, as the organization will not be a part of the next funding cycle's consideration.

5. Commissioner Membership at 6:44

- Chair Wilson polls each Commissioner whose obligation is expiring on their intent to re-apply to the HSC.
 - i. All Commissioners intend to re-apply. Secretary Walton expresses intent to re-apply, but inability to continue as Secretary due to limited availability.

6. Competitive Funding at 6:56

- Presented by Erin Watlington, Community Resource Analyst, Senior
 - i. Applications open to Public in June, with release to HSC for review projected as June 12th.



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- ii. August 9th is target date for oral presentations from applicants.
- iii. April 25th is target date for NCS to present to HSC.
- iv. May 8th is target date for presentation from NCS to HSC on what City prioritizes for funding.

7. Meeting Topics at 7:00

- Chair Wilson asks Commissioners to suggest future meeting presentations and topics.
 - i. Commissioner Lugo: Municipal Court Diversion Programs
 - ii. Secretary Walton: Hilltop Action Coalition and other Hilltop Neighborhood happenings.
 - iii. Commissioner Coyne: Update from Tacoma Police Department Community Services.
 - iv. Chair Wilson: Invite HOPE Team to speak again.
 - v. Chair Wilson invites Commissioners to e-mail her other topics, as they think of them.

8. Public Comment at 7:04

- No written public comments received.

9. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:05

- Commissioner Lugo motions to excuse Commissioner Ladenburg. Secretary Walton seconds. Approved unanimously.

10. Good of the Order at 7:05

- Secretary Walton requests another Commissioner take minutes at the March meeting, in her absence.
 - i. Commissioner Singh volunteers.
- Chair Wilson recognizes Black History Month and reminds everyone of Lincoln District cultural celebration.

11. Closing Comments/Adjourn at 7:08

- Chair Wilson thanks everyone for their attendance.
- Erin Watlington asks about calendar invite for this past meeting.
- Chair Wilson adjourns the meeting at 7:10.