

Social Services & Community Development Committee
April 22, 2014 Summary

Ford called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. All members were present except Lawless. Clarke also was in attendance.

Partner Agency Outcomes Process

Amy Baker discussed the Social Services partner agency review process. She stated that she has reviewed the first two quarterly reports for the 35 partner agencies offering 54 funded programs. In addition she visited each of the agencies during the first half of the fiscal year.

Baker stated that she would be visiting each agency again during the 3rd and 4th quarters. She stated that based on the review of the quarterly reports and site visits most of the programs were meeting program goals and other metrics.

Baker stated that in a few cases metrics were not being met sufficiently. She stated that in 2 cases partner agencies agreed to relinquish funding for respective programs.

Myers stated that this type of site visit was much needed and what he envisioned when they first starting discussing improving the partner agency outcomes. It stated that the review enabled programs to be run effectively and efficiently while provided much needed direct services.

In response to a question from Lane, Baker described the site visits as well as the quarterly review process.

Lane agreed with Myers that the review was a proactive attempt to improve effectiveness and efficiency of the partner agencies.

Tenant Relocation Fund

Mills discussed the Tenant Relocation Fund. She stated that those funds were restricted to redevelopment and re zoning opportunities. In addition the Department has limited funds to assist tenants if their property is condemned.

Connie Godfrey stated that they were requesting that some funds in the Tenant relocation Fund be transferred to a 3rd effort that would provide the Department some flexibility when situations fall between condemnation and redevelopment

In response to a question from Lane, Godfrey provided information on the assistance provided due to condemnations.

On a motion by Myers, second Scutchfield to amend section 5-1-07 of the Code of Ordinance to allow for any funds in excess of \$ 200,000 to be allocated to other relocation assistance programs. The motion passed unanimously.

Myers requested that the Administration examine re funding any deposits paid by the fund to LFUCG. In response Horn stated it may be problematic with utility deposits but they will examine that issue.

Ford thanked Mills for bringing this opportunity to the Council for consideration.

On a motion by Myers, second Scutchfield to create an Emergency Temporary Relocation Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

Workforce Investment & Training

Ford reviewed the items in the packet pertaining to workforce development. He stated that he was a proponent of having a stronger workforce development presence in Fayette County. He stated that the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board (WIB) is investigating the potential for obtaining an alternative fiscal year which would remove the WIB from the Bluegrass Area Development District (BGADD).

Myers commented on the Attorney General opinion regarding the ADD engaging in activities beyond its scope. Myers stated that his supported the WIB's effort to become more independent from the BGADD.

In response to a question from Beard, Atkins updated the Committee on the BGADD response to the State Auditor report. Atkins stated that the lack of a change of direction from the WIB was problematic.

In response to a question from Stinnett, Atkins stated that a change of fiscal agent would not necessarily change the make up of the BGWIB and its 17 county service area.

Stinnett stated that the Committee should concentrate efforts on 3 areas; 1. Relationship between Lexington and the BGADD; 2. Identifying workforce partners in Fayette County, including Commerce Lexington, BCTC, UK and others; and 3. LFUCG's role and level of financial commitment to workforce efforts.

Ford and Myers agreed with Stinnett.

Atkins discussed the dues to the BGADD as well as Fayette County match for the homecare services.

In response to a question from Kay, Atkins reviewed the actions taken by BGADD Board including the response to the State Auditor report as well as the work of the River Park Neighborhood Association reviewing the work on the ADD.

In response to a question from Scutchfield, Atkins discussed how the other WIBs across the state are organized. She stated that the action plan response to the State Auditor may assist other WIBs in their relationship with their respective ADDs.

Clarke stated that Fayette County needed more workforce development resources and was supportive of the steps being taken. He asked for guidance from the Committee regarding dues payment to the BGADD as well as the homecare match as his Link will be reviewing those issues.

Ford suggested that the 2 payments should be segregated. He stated that he supported moving forward with the homecare match but wanted to continue the suspension of dues until at least the BGADD had provided its response to the State Auditor.

Mills stated that the homecare match of \$ 40,000 provided \$ 400,000 of direct services to Fayette County seniors.

Myers suggested that LFUCG work with the State delegation to codify the Attorney General's opinion regarding the ADD's ability to engage in work only with the consent of the local government.

Beard stated that the BGADD had been attempting to take over the work of the Mayor's Training Center for some time.

On a motion by Ford, second Myers, the Committee endorsed the Bluegrass Workforce Investment Board's attempt to identify a new fiscal agent, independent of the Bluegrass Area Development District. The motion was approved unanimously.

Graham stated that the motion should be moved to the work session so that the Council can consider the motion at the next Council Meeting.

Stinnett received clarification from Ford that the continued work in the Committee would involve all of the workforce efforts not just those managed by the WIB.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.