

Social Services & Community Development Committee August 27, 2013 Summary & Motions

Ford called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. All members were present except Kay and Lawless. Clarke was also in attendance.

6.18.13 Committee Summary

On a motion by Ellinger, second Lane, the summary of the 6.18.13 Social Services & Community Development Committee meeting was approved unanimously.

Social Services Needs Assessment: Barriers to Self Sufficiency

Ford called on Commissioner Mills. Mills introduced DR. Ginny Wilson, with the University of Kentucky Martin School for Public Administration and Policy. Wilson discussed the purpose of the data analysis. She introduced graduate students, Zhen Li; Heath Rico; Chenglin Zhao; and Ellie Song.

The students discussed the methodology used to analyze the data. They also outlined the comparison of non profit social service providers in various peer cities.

The students stated that 17.9% of the Lexington population is below the poverty guideline. In addition 16.5% of the population has a single parent household.

The students stated that there were a substantial number of non profit service providers in Lexington and that the per capita revenue for the providers is \$ 2300. They stated that it provides for almost 8% of the city's total personal income.

The non profit service providers identified the major barriers to self sufficiency:

- Lack of safe affordable housing;
- Lack of access to mental health services;
- Lack of information about services;
- Lack of coordinated human services case management;
- Lack of marketable skills;
- Lack of high school education;
- Lack of available jobs;
- Financial exploitation;
- Lack of access to mental health services outside of weekday hours;
- Cost of childcare services;
- Lack of public transportation; and
- Lack of information about available jobs.

The students also discussed service capacity within the non profit service providers. The students noted that many of the service providers are located in areas that are not served by public transit or are in areas not needing the services so access is important.

FY 15 Social Services Partner Agency Process

Mills discussed the social services partner agency budget review process. She summarized the results of surveys of the partner agencies and the reviewers.

She stated that the applicants were generally pleased with the process. In addition the survey of reviewers was also positive.

Mills identified recommendations to enhance the budget review process including:

- Add one week after submission deadline for review and corrections;
- Point penalties to start after review/correction period;
- Addition question to application regarding how will the program be impacted by receiving less than the requested funding;
- Financial Statement amended to require reporting salary and positions for program staff only;
- Scoring to include up to 5 points of currently funded programs; and
- Add points for programs dealing with needs identified in Barrier Study

On a motion by Myers, second Akers to add points meeting needs identified in the Needs Assessment was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Myers, second Scutchfield to adopt schedule for Partner Agency funding process was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Myers, second Scutchfield to add 1 week to the schedule for review and corrections was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Myers, second Akers to add program outcome points was approved unanimously.

On a motion by Myers, second Beard the Financial Statement was amended to require salary and position information for direct program staff only.

On a motion by Myers, second Ellinger to add question “How will program be impacted if agency receives less than requested amount”?

Mills stated that once the changes are made Councilmembers will receive a final copy for review.

Summer Youth Employment Update

Mattie Morton discussed the summer youth employment program. She stated that they received 400 applications and 225 were hired. She stated 223 youth worked at 113 different work sites 20 hours per week for 6 weeks (mid June to the end of July).

Morton stated that there were 116 females and 106 males in the program. She stated that 168 were African American, 30 were White and 25 were another race.

Morton stated 130 businesses applied and 117 work sites were selected. She stated that 65 were repeat sites and 52 were new sites.

She stated that the participants earned \$ 7.25 per hour for the 120 hour 6 week period. Morton reviewed an end of summer evaluation of the participants.

The meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM.

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