

## **Social Services & Community Development Committee August 26, 2014 Summary**

CM Ford called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM. CMs Ford, Akers, Ellinger, Lawless, Stinnett, Scutchfield, Myers, Beard, and Lane were present. CM Kay was absent. CMs Clarke and Henson also were in attendance.

### ***Committee Summary***

On a motion by CM Beard, second CM Akers, the summary of the April 22, 2014 Social Services & Community Development Committee meeting was approved unanimously.

### ***Lexington Area Workforce Analysis***

Billie Peavler, Executive Director with the Business and Education Network, presented the project scope related to the Workforce Study of Central Kentucky. She stated that an initial data analysis will be performed, followed by recommendations for action. Regional job demands within sectors will be identified and analyzed. Peavler reviewed the study timeline, which will be completed in December 2014 and presented to the community in January 2015. She stated that Council is considering appropriating \$50,000 to partially fund the study. The study will focus on effective outcomes, reduction of employment barriers, and mutual benefits for the public and private sector.

CM Ford clarified that the \$50,000 LFUCG expenditure for this item is being considered during the August 28, 2014 Council meeting (first reading, Resolutions).

In response to a question from CM Stinnett, Peavler stated that average salary information will be collected as part of the study. CM Stinnett stated that Internet access is a barrier that the study should address, and asked how community consensus of the study will be gained. Peavler responded that one of the tasks associated with the study is identifying stakeholders and ensuring they are engaged in meetings related to the study. CM Stinnett discussed the identification of educational opportunities.

CM Stinnett discussed ex-offenders' employment barriers, and asked if the study would compile a list of employers that hire ex-offenders. Peavler responded that this issue would not be addressed as part of the initial data collection for the study, but may be a countermeasure recommended for implementation in the study.

In response to a question from CM Akers, Peavler stated that community education is a partner in the study, including universities, public and private schools, and BCTC. She identified other study partners and stakeholders. CM Akers requested that the full list of stakeholders be provided. CM Akers identified other partners that should be included in the study, including Lextran, the social services community, and CTE. She suggested that Peavler meet with Commissioner Mills to discuss the findings presented in the Community Needs Study.

CM Henson commented on barriers to employment and recommended including the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation and other community partners in the study.

In response to a question from CM Myers, Peavler stated that the deliverables of the study will be the data, a report, and a suggested model for addressing the issues. She discussed future phases, which will include developing a team and countermeasures to address barriers to employment.

### ***Partner Agency Outcomes Process – Year-End Report***

Commissioner Mills presented the year-end report of FY14 partner agency outcomes. She stated that Amy Baker visited each agency twice during the fiscal year to discuss program success and observe the program's implementation. Approximately two-thirds of funded programs met their goals, thirty percent partially met their goals, and two programs did not meet their goals and returned funding to the LFUCG. Mills provided program and outcome examples, and discussed the Summer Lunch Program. She stated that a summary of each funded program and its outcomes is included in the committee packet.

CM Myers commended Mills for her work on the partner agency process. CM Akers also spoke favorably of the process, and of the Summer Lunch Program.

CM Ford reviewed recent LFUCG funding trends for social service partner agencies. Mills discussed the successes of Fayette County nonprofit agencies.

### ***Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention – Update***

Charlie Lanter, Director of the Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention ("Office"), provided an overview of his office's efforts over the past 90 days. He discussed the Housing First model, development of a Mental Health Court, and the transition of partner agency funding for emergency shelter funding from Social Services to the Office of Homelessness.

Motion by CM Lawless, second CM Myers, to allow five additional minutes for Mr. Lanter's presentation. Approved without dissent.

Lanter discussed the Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Board's scope of work, the Housing First model, and next steps in the process.

CM Akers asked for clarification regarding social media presence of the Office. In response to a question from CM Akers, Lanter stated that the Catholic Action Center does not utilize the HMIS system, and explained that the LFUCG does collect homelessness data in other ways, but would prefer that all agencies use HMIS.

In response to a question from CM Myers, Lanter discussed programs in comparable cities and the use of HMIS. He described the challenges of HMIS implementation, and how participation could be incentivized.

CM Clarke spoke in favor of the Housing First model, and asked for clarification regarding the housing inventory. Lanter stated that the RFP requests proposals for implementation, and discussed options for providing housing inventory.

In response to CM Ellinger, Lanter provided information regarding the RFP, and stated that the proposals are due by September 2, 2014. Implementation will begin in October 2014, with housing provided as soon as November 2014.

***Items Referred to Committee***

CM Myers asked that the language for *Increasing Commitment to Partner Programming* be amended to *Increasing Commitment to Partner Agency Funding*

CM Ford asked CAO Hamilton to work with the departments of Social Services and Planning to propose reorganization of the Office of Homelessness Prevention & Intervention to the Department of Social Services.

The meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.