

Homeless Services Advisory Board

July 17, 2023

Record Mtg via Zoom

1. Call to Order – Keylee Marineau at 3:35PM

2. Roll Call –

In Attendance			
Joshua Chaney		Ti'eri Lino	X
Candice Garman	X	Nova Paden	X
John Brown		Anna Schlecht	X
KayVin Hill	X	Anthony Ducote	X
Tammie Smith		Keylee Marineau (staff)	X
Stephanie Reinauer	X	Jessica Olson (staff)	X
Leslie VanLeishout			

2. Approval of Agenda – *Keylee amended the agenda to include a discussion about decision making models - Anthony moved to approve, KayVin seconded, unanimously approved

3. Approval of Minutes – Candice moved to approve, Anthony seconded, unanimously approved

4. Questions, Updates, and Clarifications – Keylee asked everyone to briefly review and read out the norms.

5. Announcement of HSAB Chair and Vice-Chair – Keylee announced that Anthony Ducote was elected as Chair, and KayVin Hill was elected as Vice-Chair

6. Debrief of FY 24 Funding Process –

What worked:

- The open discussion at the meetings, listening to each other and feeling heard
- A lot of conversations and insights were shared
- Scoring process was helpful through Zoom Grants
- Scoring criteria were helpful
- County staff were respectful and compassionate
- Extending the timeline was helpful

What was challenging:

- Splitting the applications up between groups made the scoring confusing
- The timeframe was really stressful
- The collective inexperience of public funding processes
- Conflict of interest issues made it difficult for subject matter experts (SME) to weigh in on discussions

- Not knowing the other HSAB members made it difficult to understand where a person was coming from and how to navigate difficult conversations

Suggestions for future funding process:

- Have further conversations about conflict of interest and how to navigate that for providers in the HSAB
- Have the SME present on their expertise during the months that there is not a competitive funding process occurring – SME can assist in creating processes and identifying funding priorities
- Explore alternate ways to score applications generally to ensure equitable funding distribution
- Explore what groups are not represented on the HSAB and recruit members from those groups
- A discussion was had about not knowing one another well and wanting to find a way to address that. It was agreed that knowing each other better might increase the comfort of talking openly and navigating future conversations and potential conflicts.

Action items from this meeting are:

- Create a workplan between now and next funding cycle to be prepared for the next funding cycle
 - Add this to the August Agenda
- Find an activity for the HSAB to engage in to facilitate knowing each other better
 - Send out email to HSAB to generate ideas and agree on an activity for August meeting

Ideas for activities: Group Collage, play a game, volunteer to paint a wall downtown for a mural, paint a mural, Build 3 minute authentic introductions into next agenda.

7. Lived Experience Housing Steering Committee update – After meeting with Confluence Consulting Group, Thurston County Office of Housing and Homeless Prevention (OHHP), and the LEHSC, Interfaith Works decided to not move forward with the LEHSC contract. County staff reached out to PiPE to see if they would be willing to hold the contract, as the second applicant for the 23-25 Consolidated RFP. PiPE agreed to move forward with the contract and will be meeting with the OHHP and Confluence to begin transition planning shortly.

The Advisory Board members present agreed to support PiPE moving forward. OHHP staff will ask PiPE staff to attend the August HSAB meeting and present their plan. The HSAB will then vote to decide to make a recommendation to the RHC at the August RHC meeting to approve PiPE for the LEHSC, in order for final approval of the recommendation to come to the BOCC prior to September 1st.

Anthony and Nova, both members of the LEHSC were comfortable in supporting the recommendation of PiPE to facilitate the LEHSC if approved by the BOCC.

8. Consolidated Homeless Grant Inflationary Funds – Keylee provided a brief overview of the CHG Inflationary funds from Department of Commerce and invited the HSAB members to join a provider call scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th at 3pm where OHHP staff intend to determine, with provider feedback, the best way to distribute funds to agencies.

9. Decision Making Model – Jessica provided a handout with graphics describing both Robert's Rules and Consensus Based decision making, and walked HSAB members through a high level overview of the two models, asking members to consider each for a future discussion and decision making.

10. Adjourn - 5pm