



City of Denton

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Meeting Minutes

Human Services Advisory Committee

Monday, November 18, 2019

6:00 PM

City Hall East
Second Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Gretchen Busl, Hannah Garcia, Rhonda Love, Laura Mauelshagen, Amy Morgan, Roy Onyebetor, Jane Upshaw, Christie Wood

Members Not Present: Pamela Barnes, Patricia Barrington, Angela Bennet-Engle

Staff Present: Anja Taylor, Grants Program Coordinator and Danielle Shaw, Community Development Manager

A quorum was established. Hannah Garcia, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- A. **HSAC19-036** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding submitted Street Outreach and Rapid Re-Housing applications.

Staff projected a spreadsheet of the Street Outreach and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Grant applications on the overhead for the committee to review. Shaw reminded members that City Council approved supplemental funding packages, which the committee agreed to consider in the last meeting, held on November 7, 2019. Community Development received two (2) Street Outreach applications and seven (7) RRH applications.

Shaw provided the committee with an overview of Street Outreach. Street Outreach helps the City build connections with individuals experiencing homelessness living unsheltered. Currently, the City has a volunteer-led Street Outreach Team. The goal of the Street Outreach Grant is to acquire a full-time staff member trained in behavioral and mental health to be “on call” as issues arise and available to complete more frequent outreach visits in the community.

Shaw directed members to review the Street Outreach Grant applications. The two (2) applicants were Denton County MHMR Center and Our Daily Bread. Shaw encouraged members to reference the spreadsheet designed to help the committee compare submissions and issue scores for each application. The scoring system is based on a 0-5 scale, with 0 being the lowest possible score and 5 being the highest possible score.

Members inquired about the system performance measures outlined in the Street Outreach Grant application. Staff provided additional clarification on performance measures, as well as the 0-5 scoring system to ensure applicants are scored appropriately. Members discussed the Street Outreach Grant applications.

Based on HSAC recommendations, Denton County MHMR Center scored 35/45 points and Our Daily Bread scored 45/45 points. Members asked staff if the committee had the option to fund Our Daily Bread in the total maximum annual

amount (\$64,600), even though the application received was for \$43,000. Shaw presented various funding options to the committee.

Jane Upshaw moved that Our Daily Bread be awarded \$64,600 for direct client services and staff salaries. Hannah Garcia seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Shaw provided the committee with an overview of RRH. Due to limited Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in the community, Council approved an additional \$100,000 in RRH funds to help individuals experiencing homelessness with rental assistance in order to transition into a permanent housing solution. Shaw explained that the RRH Grant is specifically for agencies that provide direct services to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Shaw directed members to review the RRH Grant applications. The seven (7) applicants were Christian Community Action, Denton County MHMR Center, Denton County Friends of the Family, Grace Like Rain, Monsignor King Outreach Center, Our Daily Bread, and The Salvation Army. Shaw encouraged members to reference the spreadsheet designed to help the committee compare submissions and issue scores. The scoring system is based on a 0-5 scale, with 0 being the lowest possible score and 5 being the highest possible score.

Members inquired about the system performance measures outlined in the RRH Grant application (Q7: Total Housed/Clients Maintained Housing for a Minimum of 3 Months). Shaw provided a further explanation of the performance measures so that members could better understand the evaluation criteria. Members discussed the RRH Grant applications.

Based on HSAC recommendations, Christian Community Action scored 27/55 points, Denton County MHMR Center scored 44/55 points, Denton County Friends of the Family scored 40/55 points, Grace Like Rain scored 35/55 points, Monsignor King Outreach Center scored 46/55 points, Our Daily Bread scored 48/55 points, and The Salvation Army scored 47/55 points.

In consideration of the final application scores and requested award amounts, the committee discussed funding recommendations for the \$100,000 RRH Grant.

Christie Wood moved that Monsignor King Outreach Center be awarded \$60,000, and Our Daily Bread be awarded \$40,000. Roy Onyebetor seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- B. HSAC19-037** Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give staff direction regarding the reallocation of funds for the 2019-2020 Human Services Grant Year.

Staff presented the HSAC Funding Recommendations Chart for the 2019-2020 Grant Year. After the final recommendations to City Council in early 2019, Interfaith Ministries notified the City that they would decline their \$7,000 award. In addition, Giving Hope declined their \$35,000 award. Shaw explained that this provides an opportunity for HSAC members to re-allocate a total of \$42,000 in Human Services awards to another sub-recipient(s).

Shaw advised the committee that members could award the \$42,000 to another sub-recipient(s), fully fund Our Daily Bread for the RRH Grant, or send out another grant application for agencies to apply. Members discussed the re-allocation of \$42,000 in Human Services awards.

Hannah Garcia moved that Our Daily Bread be awarded an additional \$27,100 to fully fund the RRH Program. Jane Upshaw seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Members continued discussion on the remaining \$14,900 in Human Services awards.

Hannah Garcia moved to fully fund PediPlace (\$2,500) and split the remainder between Health Services of North Texas and The Salvation Army (\$6,200 each). Christie Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

In consideration of the 2020-2021 Combined Funding Application, members discussed a meeting schedule. It was determined that Taylor, Staff Liaison for the HSAC, would send out a Survey Monkey to the committee for members to complete and a meeting would be scheduled based on the availability of the majority of a quorum.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Anja Taylor, Staff Liaison for the Human Services Advisory Committee

Minutes Approved: 