

The Human Services Commission approved these minutes on July 17, 2018

CITY OF BELLEVUE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES

June 26, 2018
6:00 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
City Council Conference Room 1E-113

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Mercer, Commissioners Kline, Ma, McEachran, Oxrieder, Perelman, Piper

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Alex O'Reilly, Dee Dee Catalano, Christy Stangland, Department of Parks and Community Services

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gerry Lindsay

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Mercer who presided.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon the call of the roll, all Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Perelman who arrived at 6:11 p.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 5, 2018

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Commissioner Ma. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McEachran and the motion carried unanimously.

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

5. STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner McEachran said he watched the June 25 City Council meeting at which there was a strong conversation about the Land Use Code amendment dealing with the Eastgate shelter site. He said the position of the neighborhood can be

deducted by reading the minutes of the East Bellevue Community Council meetings.

Commissioner McEachran said the *Seattle Times* recently ran an article on the region's second-fastest growing neighborhood, which it says is downtown Bellevue. He also called attention to two documents printed out for the Commissioners to read: the City Council priorities and the State of the City report. He thanked staff for providing the Commissioners with printed information about ARCH.

Commissioner McEachran reported that he had had a couple of visits with the new fire chief who is anxious to learn more about the Human Services Commission, and that he had also met with the police chief.

Commissioner Ma noted that the City Council is focused on economic development and pointed out that affordable housing is a very important element of sustained economic development. Affordable housing should be pushed through that lens. Human Services Manager Alex O'Reilly said after the process of reviewing the applications and developing a recommendation is done, the Commission will return to a schedule of having folks make presentations on various topics. That may include having the economic development staff come and inform the Commission about their work.

Commissioner McEachran pointed out that the economic development office has been renamed the Office of Cultural and Economic Vitality. He suggested that Associate Planner Janet Lewine, resource staff for the affordable housing strategy, should be scheduled back to back with a presentation from the economic development staff in order to gain a fuller picture.

Commissioner McEachran shared with the Commissioners a map showing the location of affordable housing units in the city. Commissioner Kline said it would be nice to also have a map showing affordable housing units on the Eastside generally.

Commissioner Piper said he staffed a foster care booth at the Pride Fair on June 23. He said he took some time to talk to some in the crowd about issues, including suicide. Recent reports about the increase in suicide rates in the state is particularly alarming in light of the fact that the rate among LGBTQ youth locally is five times the national average.

Ms. O'Reilly reported that Arthur Sullivan with ARCH will be retiring at the end of September.

Ms. O'Reilly also informed the Commissioners that Crisis Clinic is changing its name to Crisis Connection.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Round 2 of Application Review: Goals 2, 3 and 4

50. King County Bar Association: King County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Services

Chair Mercer noted that the ask is roughly double the previous amount.

Commissioner Ma said he could support giving the application more than just a COLA given the need owing to current events. Commissioner Oxrieder agreed. Ms. O'Reilly explained that the King County Bar Association works more on the housing side as opposed to the immigration side.

Chair Mercer said the King County Bar Association and Eastside Legal Assistance Program are the two programs that focus on legal services. Commissioner Piper said while there is some overlap in the services the two agencies provide, they are largely complementary to each other, with ELAP focusing more on domestic violence and immigration issues.

Commissioner Perelman pointed out that the application does not project much of an increase in expenses even though the ask is considerably higher. She said she would support a COLA increase for the application.

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

51. MAPS-Muslim Community Resource Center (MCRC) : Information, Referrals, & Resources

Commissioner Ma said their presentation before the Commission caused him to change his mind about funding the program, especially with the Muslim ban coming back on. It will be important for Bellevue residents to see Muslims working and helping in the community. Their approach differs from other organizations in that most of the funding comes directly from members of the mosques and it is run entirely by volunteers.

Commissioner McEachran said the program serves as Velcro to the Muslim community. Where there is a need to connect to that which is distant, the organization finds a way to do it consistently.

Commissioner Ma recommended full funding.

Commissioner Perelman said her preference was to put the entire request into the third column.

Commissioner Kline pointed out that the agency did not include an audit or financial review with their application. She said staff went back and asked for their Form 990 hoping to gain some information regarding their financial integrity by having the form prepared by a third party. It was found, however, that the form was in fact prepared internally. She said she was troubled by not having any third-party verification of their financials. Form 990 asks specifically what the mission of the agency is and the form as filled out clearly states it is to further the Muslim religion.

Ms. O'Reilly clarified that MAPS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and said the Muslim Community Resource Center operates under that umbrella organization.

Reading from the Form 990, Chair Mercer said the mission of the organization is to provide Islamic educational, social and cultural services to the Muslim community in the region and to promote the teachings of Islam to the inquiring non-Muslim. She said that was problematic for her. Commissioner Piper concurred.

In arguing the other side, Commissioner Kline point out that that is the mission statement for MAPS, the umbrella organization, and not necessarily MCRC.

Commissioner Perelman said it would be interesting to read the mission statement for Salvation Army.

Commissioner Ma said in addressing the Commission the program representatives stated that they serve as an arm of the overall organization, and that their intent is to serve the community through their Muslim faith.

Commissioner Oxrieder said the question is whether or not public funds can be awarded to a religious organization. Ms. Catalano said her research has shown that federal grants can be given to faith-based non-profit organizations so long as the funds are used for social services.

Commissioner Kline suggested asking the city's legal department to weigh in. Chair Mercer agreed and said she would like to ask the organization specifically what role religion plays in the delivery of their services. She said she wanted to know if the mission statement of promoting the teachings of Islam to the inquiring non-Muslim is happening in or as part of MCRC's delivery of services.

Commissioner Perelman said she would like to know if MAPS currently has any grants from the federal government.

Commissioner Piper said he would like to see the firewall between MAPS and MCRS clarified. Ms. O'Reilly said it is the same for both.

Chair Mercer suggested that if the application survives a legal review, it should be funded at \$10,000.

Commissioner Kline noted from the application that the organization's assets total \$5 million and that their revenues for the 2016 were \$2.2 million.

Commissioner Ma commented that in light of the discussion he would recommend putting the ask into the third column. He added that from the perspective of an equity lens, the Commission should be open to funding the services provided by the organization, provided the application passes legal muster.

Commissioner Kline said the current process has revealed that there is a gap in how the funder cities work with and prepare small agencies, many of which are faith based, in how to apply for and become the recipients of government grants. United Way of King County and other funders are facing the same issues, which should come as no surprise given the influx of different immigrant and refugee groups. All funders need to be clear, however, about insisting on the submittal of financial information prepared by third parties, regardless of the size of the applicant's organization. That should be tightened up in the next funding cycle.

Commissioner McEachran commented that over the past 10 to 15 years cross-cultural groups have appeared in Bellevue. They work through a sequence of volunteerism and ultimately present themselves as having strong possibilities for meeting needs in the community. They are not always sophisticated by the time they seek funding from the city. It is to some degree the responsibility of the city to help educate them. Commissioner Kline concurred, noting that United Way used to fill that role, but that aspect has since fallen by the wayside.

Ms. O'Reilly said the financial review information submitted by NAMI was several years old. She said their staff asked her if the city has resources for discounted financial audits. She said she reached out to the Washington Society of CPAs at the suggestion of Commissioner Kline and the response she received was that they offer services in that regard.

Commissioner Perelman asked if the Commission could make funding contingent on the receipt of an independent audit. Ms. Catalano said the Commission could choose to do that. The problem would be in the agency not meeting the contingency requirements by January 1, 2019, at which time the Commission would have to recommend reallocation of the funds, which the Council would have to approve. The workaround would be to require the contingency requirements to be met prior to the Council approving the Commission's recommendation.

Commissioner Perelman suggested asking MCRC if it would be open to having their 2017 Form 990 produced by a third-party. She also suggested asking the legal department to include Salvation Army and Jewish Family Service in its review of the MCRC and MAPS mission. Commissioner Piper voiced support for taking the equitable tack.

Ms. O'Reilly reviewed with the Commissioners the list of agencies that submitted Form 990 financials and indicated which had been prepared by third parties.

Commissioner Ma pointed out that because the current application does not specifically require submittal of financials prepared by a third party, the Commission could not direct any agency to do so. He agreed the Commission could certainly ask any agency for the documentation, including MAPS. MAPS should, at the very least, submit its 2017 Form 990, even if it is prepared internally.

Chair Mercer clarified that the Commission had asked for a review by the city's legal department of the missions of all faith-based organizations that have submitted applications for funding, specifically Salvation Army, Catholic Community Services, India Association of Western Washington, Jewish Family Service and MAPS. She noted the Commission had also asked if MAPS has received any government funds from any source, and whether or not religion plays a role in the delivery of their services.

Chair Mercer asked the Commissioners how they would like to proceed relative to funding the application should all of the answers that come back are satisfactory.

Commissioner Oxrieder suggested funding the application at \$10,000, and putting \$10,000 in the third column. Commissioners Piper and Ma agreed with that approach. Chair Mercer said her preference was to place the full ask in the third column. Commissioner Perelman said she could agree to either approach. Commissioner Kline said her inclination was to put the full amount in the third column as a way of building a better case for additional funds.

After additional discussion, Chair Mercer and Commissioners Kline, Perelman, Ma and Piper agreed to put the full ask in the third column. Commissioner Oxrieder held with the view that the ask should be split evenly between being funded and being placed in the third column. Commissioner McEachran said he was leaning toward the split option as well.

Commissioner Perelman said she would like to have Councilmember Robinson, the Council liaison, attend the meeting on July 17 and offer her opinion.

Given the majority, the full ask was placed in the third column.

Ms. O'Reilly said she would ask MAPS when its Form 990 for 2017 would be done and who was preparing it.

52. Youth Eastside Services: Behavioral Health Care for Children & Youth

Chair Mercer noted that the ask was less than a COLA increase.

Ms. O'Reilly commented that the organization does a lot of work in the area of suicide prevention.

There was consensus to fully fund the application.

53. Youth Eastside Services: Community-Based Outreach Services

Chair Mercer noted that the increase in the ask was less than a COLA increase.

There was consensus to fully fund the application.

54. Youth Eastside Services: Early Childhood Behavioral Health

Commissioner Perelman pointed out that the substantial increase in the ask reflected the actual cost of the program. She recommended a COLA increase.

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

55. Youth Eastside Services: Success Mentoring

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

56. Consejo Counseling and Referral Service: Domestic Violence
Community Advocate Program

Chair Mercer noted that the ask was actually less than the previous allocation. Commissioner Perelman said that was the result of the agency seeking funding from other cities.

There was consensus to fully fund the application.

Commissioner Perelman said she wanted it clear that the reduction in funding below the previous allocation was solely because their ask was reduced.

57. Crisis Clinic: Teen Link

Chair Mercer said the program is one that addresses the issue of suicide prevention. She also pointed out that in the application the agency indicated it is no longer receiving MIDD funds from King County, a statement the MIDD program director has since confirmed.

Chair Mercer said the upshot is that the funds will still go to the cause, but the individual schools will choose their provider, which may or not be Crisis Clinic. Ms. Stangland said the suicide prevention dollars may end up being allocated to other geographic areas and thus not accessible by Bellevue clients.

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

58. Harborview Center for Sexual Assault & Traumatic Stress

Chair Mercer noted that the ask matched the previous allocation.

Commissioner Perelman asked if the agency was asked about their plans to provide legal advocacy. Commissioner Piper pointed out that their answer was given on page 6 of the application. Commissioner Perelman questioned why they were not choosing to partner with another agency instead.

Commissioner Ma commented that the care outlined in the application is being provided by an established medical center, and the care is of the type that ideally should not be provided by a non-profit agency trying to fill a gap.

Chair Mercer called out the fact that the actual estimates and projected service units are all the same numbers from Bellevue.

Commissioner Perelman pointed out that while the organization is well respected, the amount of funding requested from Bellevue represents only a drop in the bucket and they will not have a huge impact. Commissioner Kline agreed the application could be flagged as a place to go back if the Commission needs to look somewhere to bridge what it wants to do.

There was consensus to fully fund the application and to flag it for possible additional consideration with regard to the funding amount.

59. King County Sexual Assault Resource Center: Comprehensive Sexual Assault Advocacy Services

There was consensus to fully fund the application.

60. LifeWire: Survivor Advocacy Services

Commissioner McEachran commented that the program has a significant relationship with Bellevue College, which is something that is important to the Council. He said he would favor funding at a level higher than a COLA.

Commissioner Perelman asked if the agency would hire an additional FTE at Bellevue College if the application were not funded. Ms. Stangland said the answer given by the agency is that it would not be able to provide advocacy on the campus of the college, or adequate support to the growing Bellevue College community.

Chair Mercer said she found it interesting that the number of participants enrolled in the program is 1020, while the number of participants measured for the outcomes is only 237.

Commissioner Ma said his inclination was to fund the application a bit above the COLA level.

Commissioner Perelman suggested the previous award of \$168,794 was very generous.

Commissioner Kline said she would like to see the program given an increase in funding but said the money is just not there to give. She also pointed out that the application indicates a drop in donations and events, which are areas under the control of the agency.

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

61. Refugee Women's Alliance: Domestic Violence Program

Chair Mercer noted that the ask was less than a COLA increase.

There was consensus to fully fund the application.

62. Asian Counseling and Referral Service: Whole health Oriented Mental Health Program

There was consensus to fully fund the application.

63. Bridge Disability Ministries: Meyer Medical Equipment Center

Chair Mercer pointed out that the agency had not been previously funded despite having previously applied.

There was consensus not to fund the application.

64. Crisis Clinic: Crisis Line

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

65. Easter Seals Washington: Easter Seals Washington Adult Care/ Health Services

Commissioner Perelman said she would agree with either keeping the funding flat or reducing it. She said her reasons included usage of the funds and the need to ask other cities for funding given the Bellevue's share is disproportionately high.

Commissioner Kline noted that Bellevue clients represent 25 percent of the total, but the ask of Bellevue is half of the total ask from all cities.

Commissioner Piper agreed and said he would agree to defunding the application. He said he was not satisfied with the rationale given for asking Bellevue for more. Commissioner Ma said the justification given is that the cost of doing business in Bellevue is higher. He agreed that was not a sufficient argument.

Commissioner McEachran said he could support reducing the allocation as well. He referred to page 14 of the application and pointed out that the budget shows a profit of \$265,000, twice the total ask of all the cities. Ms. Catalano said the agency claimed that resulted from a glitch in the system. The amended budget submitted by the agency does not show a profit.

Commissioner Perelman asked exactly what Bellevue's funds go for, and Ms. O'Reilly said according to the application Bellevue dollars pay for salary and wages.

Commissioner Kline said \$30,000 would be roughly in line with the percentage of Bellevue clients served. She said if the full ask were approved, Bellevue would be paying a disproportionate share of the cost burden in comparison to other cities.

There was consensus to fund the application at \$30,000.

66. Friends of Youth: Youth and Family Services Counseling and Prevention

Chair Mercer said the program is new. Ms. O'Reilly noted that as proposed very few Bellevue residents would be served.

There was consensus not to fund the application.

67. HealthPoint: HealthPoint Dental

Commissioner Kline said the Commission needed to consider whether or not to concentrate the dollars allocated for dental care. Commissioner McEachran concurred.

Commissioner Ma asked if International Community Health Services (ICHS), which is the other program offering dental services, is more local. Ms. O'Reilly said they are located in Bellevue.

Ms. Stangland stated that the HealthPoint program serves more Medicaid clients, while ICHS focuses more on serving the immigrant and refugee populations.

Commissioner Perelman said the number of residents served by HealthPoint is far less than the number of Bellevue residents served by ICHS. The total dental care service units for HealthPoint is 1200, while ICHS is 9000.

Ms. O'Reilly pointed out that ICHS offers a 25 percent discount for non-preventive, elective procedures. They consider preventive and basic restorative services to include teeth cleaning and fillings, while elective procedures include crowns, bridges and implants. They offer a payment plan as well.

Commissioner Ma asked why the ICHS ask was so much higher. Ms. O'Reilly said the application indicates the costs are calculated on the basis of cost per client. About 75 percent of the ICHS dental patients at Bellevue are adults who are less likely to have dental coverage than children. About 11 percent of Bellevue dental patients did not have coverage in 2017. With the uncertainty surrounding the Medicaid program, the number of dental insured is likely to increase and could affect the ability of ICHS to continue providing affordable dental services.

Commissioner Ma said he was leaning toward putting more funding into ICHS, taking \$20,000 away from HealthPoint.

Commissioner Perelman commented that based on their program budgets, the two are about equal in size. Ms. O'Reilly added that for a while HealthPoint was the only game in the area taking adults. When ICHS came in, they were able to attract more people, largely due to transportation issues.

Chair Mercer noted that HealthPoint is located in the Together Center, which points toward their collaborative nature.

Commissioner Kline said she was not fully supportive of the notion of taking money from HealthPoint and giving it to ICHS based on the fact that the two programs serve different populations. Commissioner Oxrieder noted that both serve Medicaid clients. Commissioner Perelman reiterated that immigrants and refugees are the target audience for ICHS.

Commissioner Perelman asked what the response of ICHS was to the question of their showing a surplus and how they would use city money. Ms. O'Reilly said they responded in regard to their medical program. Ms. Stangland said the ask for their medical program is quite large, and because the program is new the funds show up as non-committed revenue. They are not expecting to receive their full ask.

Commissioner Perelman said she could support giving HealthPoint \$40,000 and increasing ICHS to \$51,000 from regular funds, and adding \$25,000 in the third column for ICHS.

Chair Mercer said she could support that approach.

Returning to the issue of the budget surplus for ICHS, Ms. O'Reilly commented that many of the services offered cannot be billed for, like behavioral health and patient education. They are considering the funds will be spent down for those holistic care

services. She allowed that those services should in fact show up as expenses in the budget.

There was consensus to fund HealthPoint dental at \$40,000.

68. HealthPoint: HealthPoint Medical

Chair Mercer said the ask was less than a COLA increase would be.

Commissioner Perelman pointed out that the number of Bellevue residents served is tiny compared to other cities, yet the ask from Bellevue is considerably higher. The numbers do not add up to fund the program at the rate asked. Ms. Stangland said the question was put to the agency and their response was that their ask is in line with past funding requests. Ms. O'Reilly added that they also indicated each city has different amounts available for health and human services.

Commissioner Perelman said that translates into Bellevue has more money. She said the program budget totals \$50 million, and the fee-for-service program and managed care revenues all sound like Medicaid. She said she was not sure why Bellevue was even in the mix. She said she could support defunding the application.

Commissioner Ma said he could not support that approach. He said he could support lowering the funding level because the program does not serve as many Bellevue residents. Medicaid reimbursements are low, and the federal government seems intent on continuing to reduce Medicaid funding. Local funds are needed to help pay for the services provided.

Chair Mercer questioned how much benefit could be derived from the relatively meager funds from Bellevue in light of the agency's \$50 million budget.

Commissioner Piper said there is a clear disconnect between the requested funding and the number of service units. He said he could support putting the dollars where they could be better used.

Commissioner Perelman suggested the Commission would benefit from having ICHS representatives attend a meeting to talk about other areas in which they could be involved. Ms. O'Reilly said in addition to their main office, ICHS health advocates set up shop at Mini City Hall in Crossroads. ICHS is also the medical provider for the school-based health clinic at Highland middle school. She agreed to invite a representative to a future meeting.

Commissioner McEachran noted that the review team had recommended against funding the ICHS medical application because of the budget surplus.

Commissioner Ma pointed out that HealthPoint does not have a surplus. Commissioner Perelman reiterated that their budget in 2018 is \$54 million, and will

\$56 million in 2019. Commissioner Ma said he would be comfortable in reducing the award. Commissioner Piper said he could support that. Chair Mercer suggested there would not be much difference between reducing the allocation and defunding it altogether given the overall size of the budget.

Commissioner Oxrieder observed that if Bellevue does not fund the program, Bellevue residents will need to seek services elsewhere.

Commissioner Kline stressed the importance of Bellevue serving as a leader by example on the Eastside. Collectively, the program needs funding from the cities. She said she could support reducing the allocation somewhat to get the point across that the other cities need to step up, but could not support pulling out entirely. She proposed \$50,000.

Reading from the application, Commissioner Perelman noted that the number of Kirkland clients is currently at 6000 and is going to go to almost 7000 in 2019, while the ask of Kirkland increases from \$15,900 to \$16,000. By comparison, Bellevue's clients served stands at 2400 and is projected to increase to 2700 while the ask increases from \$62,000 to \$63,000. Commissioner Kline said that translates into the fact that Bellevue clients represent 1.4 percent of the total service units, and 23 percent of the total ask.

Ms. O'Reilly said at the time the city started funding the HealthPoint medical program, the only other federally qualified health clinic for Bellevue residents was public health. Commissioner Perelman said ICHS is now another qualified provider.

Commissioner McEachran said the argument can be made that the HealthPoint medical program operates in collaboration with other programs.

Commissioner Oxrieder said if the application is defunded, the dollars should be put fully into another health program. Chair Mercer said she was hesitant to turn the dollars over to ICHS given its budget surplus. They are certainly a qualified provider and they have a number of collaborative impacts, but there is no justification given their budget.

Commissioner Ma said he would support reducing the allocation but not defunding it.

Commissioner Piper proposed going to \$40,000 for the application. Commissioner Perelman stated that in the final round if additional cuts are needed, she would call for them to be made in part to the HealthPoint medical application.

There was consensus to fund the application at \$40,000.

69. HERO House: Supported Employment

Commissioner Perelman said the increase in the ask is intended to add an FTE to the supported employment program.

Commissioner Ma said their new facility is very nice. The location offers resources for clients to come in to use their computers, write resumes and other things. The program serves almost like a workshop in providing guidance to the clients.

Chair Mercer asked why the application was in Goal 4 instead of Goal 5. Ms. O'Reilly said it was because of the mental health component associated with the clubhouse model. She said the program is highly regarded by and funded through King County's community services division. There are very few certified clubhouse models operating in the country. The program also has support from the business community.

Chair Mercer observed that the program previously showed a surplus. She said she would support going with a COLA increase. Commissioner Perelman agreed but said she would put the balance of the ask into the third column.

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase and to place the balance of the ask into the third column.

70. IKRON of Greater Seattle: Behavioral Health Services

Chair Mercer noted that the increase in the ask was substantial.

Commissioner Piper recommended a COLA increase. Commissioner Oxrieder said she could support that.

Commissioner McEachran noted that the program relates to Congregations for the Homeless and saw an 87 percent increase in the number of individuals seeking behavioral health services between 2016 and 2017. The program has a very rapid response rate.

Commissioner Perelman added that 30 percent of the clients are homeless. She said she could support a COLA increase.

Ms. Catalano said Kirkland funds the program and speaks very highly of it.

Chair Mercer commented that there are two issues related to capacity: people hours and space. She said it appeared to her that the ask would address the people hours but not necessarily the space issue. Ms. Stangland said the agency intends to provide more services out in the community. Chair Mercer said even so the application indicates it has been necessary to turn away an average of ten clients each month over the past two or three months due to space capacity. Commissioner

Kline said the application does not necessarily indicate the agency has not accounted for the need for additional space.

Commissioner McEachran said he has seen their staff at the day center. He added that the program is looking at the issue of staff retention.

Ms. O'Reilly said the agency also provides substance use disorder treatment, which is one of the Commission's focus areas.

Ms. Catalano explained that the \$27,100 received by the agency in 2018 is the money they got through cancelation of the Sound Mental Health contract.

Commissioner Ma proposed fully funding the application. Commissioner Kline said she would support putting some part of the ask in the third column, but would also give more than just a COLA increase.

Commissioner McEachran noted that the Council favors funding supportive services.

There was consensus to fund the application at \$35,000 and placing \$11,000 in the third column.

71. International Community Health Services: ICHS Dental

Based on the discussion of application 67, there was consensus to fund the application at \$51,000 and to place an additional \$25,000 in the third column.

72. International Community Health Services: ICHS Medical

Chair Mercer noted that the program was not funded during the previous cycle. She said the program is shown in the application to have a surplus and she said she was concerned about the agency not explaining that.

Commissioner McEachran noted that the point was previously made by Commissioner Ma that even though clients may not be from Bellevue, they may work in Bellevue.

Commissioner Ma said from a messaging standpoint he wanted to fund the application to some degree, possibly similar to the HealthPoint medical application.

Commissioner Piper said he struggled with rationalizing why the application should be funded given that the agency runs a \$4.7 million surplus. Commissioner Ma allowed that that was an issue for him as well.

Ms. O'Reilly said she could go back to the agency with another request to explain the surplus issue. The answer previously given was not sufficient. If the funds are used

for other services such as education, it should be shown somewhere in the application.

Ms. Stangland pointed out that the dental application budget showed a deficit, while the medical budget shows a surplus. Ms. O'Reilly said if the difference between funding or not funding the application hangs on getting an answer to the surplus issue, she would ask the agency to clarify.

Commissioner Kline said she wanted an answer to the surplus issue. She said would not want to fund them if indeed there is a surplus, but would not want to defund the program without putting the money back into medical somewhere else.

The consensus of the Commission was to not fund the application but to revisit it during the final round.

73. NAMI Eastside: Individual & Family Support and Education

Ms. O'Reilly said the review of a financial statement submitted with the application was from 2014. She said she asked for a more recent statement and was told they do not have one. The Form 990 was reviewed instead, which was prepared by a third party. The agency representative did indicate that they are in the process of having an audit done for 2018, which is required by the national NAMI organization. They are one agency that asked for additional resources for a discounted audit. An actual audit can be expected in early 2019; they are using one of their fundraisers to help pay for the audit.

Commissioner Perelman noted that the agency previously submitted only a single application for both programs. Now in the form of two applications, the ask is more than doubled the previous level. Ms. O'Reilly said the agency was asked how much of the nearly \$14,000 received from Bellevue for 2018 went to the NAMI school, and the answer given was that they expect to spend \$8475 of the total for the schools program.

Chair Mercer proposed giving a COLA increase to the application and placing all of the schools ask into the third column. She said the program has support in the schools and has a diversity point of view.

Commissioner Oxrieder said the proposal did not feel together from the beginning to her. It just seems like they are saying they will get people to do this and will train people to do that without being very specific.

Commissioner Piper commented that there are discrepancies in the application beyond just the demographics.

Commissioner Oxrieder said she could support giving a COLA to the support and education application, but was not sure she was ready to fund the schools application.

Commissioner Ma agreed with a COLA for the support and education application but said he was leaning toward passing on the schools application. He asked how the schools program differs from the Youth Eastside Services program. Ms. O'Reilly said NAMI offers presentations in the schools but not treatment. They work toward breaking the stigma of mental health by having people in recovery from mental health issues talk to students in the classrooms.

Commissioner Perelman asked if the program will be getting any money from the Best Starts Levy. Ms. O'Reilly said she did not know but agreed it would be good to seek an answer.

Commissioner Perelman noted that the agency is seeking to expand the program in the schools but asked if there has been any confirmation from the schools that they want the program expanded. Ms. O'Reilly said the application indicates the key school contacts are the health educators. NAMI works with the health educators to offer the classroom training, with scheduling occurring on a first-come/first-served basis.

Commissioner Oxrieder commented that the projected increase is from 645 to 2800. Ms. O'Reilly allowed that that represents a huge expansion. Commissioner Perelman said the application indicates the program anticipates significant growth and the application reflects an additional 1.25 FTE dedicated to management and execution of the program, as well as increases to the presenters stipends budget. She said she was supportive of the program but was not inclined to pay for indirect costs.

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

74. NAMI Eastside: NAMI in the Schools

See the discussion for application 73.

There was consensus not to fund the application and to place \$10,000 in the third column.

75. Northshore Senior Center: Northshore Adult Day Health and Wellness Program

There was consensus not to fund the application.

76. Old Friends Club: Daytime Memory Care and Respite

Commissioner Perelman pointed out that the program is not in Bellevue. Ms. O'Reilly said the intent of the agency is to move into Bellevue in the near future.

There was consensus not to fund the application.

77. Sound Generations: Volunteer Transportation Program

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

78. Therapeutic Health Services: Alcohol/Drug Treatment

There was consensus to fund the application with a COLA increase.

79. Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy: Family Health Insurance Navigation

There was consensus not to fund the application.

80. Washington Poison Center: Washington Poison Center Emergency Services

Commissioners McEachran and Oxrieder suggesting not funding the application, while Commissioner Piper suggested full funding.

Chair Mercer said the Commission was pretty clear during the first round about not wanting to fund the application. Commissioner McEachran agreed and said while the program is very important, it does not fit well with the Commission's focus. It might be a good candidate for CDBG funds. Additionally, the program is currently running a sizeable surplus.

There was consensus not to fund the application.

7. OLD BUSINESS – None

8. NEW BUSINESS – None

9. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner McEachran. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ma and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Mercer adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Secretary to the Human Services Commission

Date

Chairperson of the Human Services Commission

Date