

*The Human Services Commission approved these minutes on June 24, 2014*

CITY OF BELLEVUE  
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION  
MINUTES

June 24, 2014  
6:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall  
City Council Conference Room 1E-113

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Perelman, Commissioners Bruels, Beighle, McEachran, Villar

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioners Kline, Plaskon

STAFF PRESENT: Emily Leslie, Alex O'Reilly, Joseph Adriano, Department of Parks and Community Services

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gerry Lindsay

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 p.m. by Chair Perelman who presided.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon the call of the roll, all Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Kline and Plaskon, both of whom were excused.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 3, 2014

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

4. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None

5. STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS - None

*Application 46: Consejo Counseling and Referral Service - Domestic Violence Community Advocacy Program*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 47: Crisis Clinic - Teen Link*

Crisis Clinic executive director Kathleen Southwick was present representing the agency. She thanked the Commission for its continued funding and support.

Commissioner Bruels asked if the students that receive training in suicide prevention and manning the phones receive community service hours from the schools. Ms. Southwick said credit for their work can be given. Some teens get credit hours for doing community outreach as well; the community outreach is required before students can work the phones. There are so many volunteers that seven nights a week a volunteer is dedicated just to chat. In 2013 Teen Link trained 8600 teens across King County in suicide prevention, 1419 of which were in Bellevue.

Chair Perelman asked why the agency was seeking less money than was allocated during the last funding cycle. Ms. Southwick said that was her fault and that the request should be for the same amount, \$6721.

*Application 48: Harborview - Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress Services*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 49: King County Sexual Assault Resource Center - Comprehensive Sexual Assault Services*

Executive director Mary Ellen Stone was present representing the agency. She thanked the Commission for its continued support and explained that the acquisition of the Children's Response Center has been challenging and is the reason for an increase in the ask.

*Application 50: Lifewire - Community Advocacy Program*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 51: Lifewire - My Sister's House*

Commissioner Bruels noted that the agency intends to bring its financial assistance element in-house, which accounts for the 28.3 percent increase in their ask. He asked what approach the agency previously took relative to helping clients with their utilities, rent and cash needs, and whether or not the agency has looked at forming partnerships with programs like Catholic Community Services and the Salvation Army. Grant Coordinator Joseph Adriano said he could put those questions to the agency for a response.

*Application 52: Olive Crest - Safe Families for Children*

Sharon Morris was present representing the agency.

Answering a question asked by Commissioner Bruels, Ms. Morris said the program relies on church volunteers to provide support for families. Safe Families for Children is a national program that is operated in Washington state by Olive Crest. Churches are recruited to develop volunteer teams of host and resource families. Training is required for all host families, and criminal background checks are always conducted. Olive Crest is also a child placing agency with a foster care license.

Commissioner Beighle asked how the total number of children in need in Bellevue was estimated. Ms. Morris said the agency gets about 15 calls per month, a third of which are from Bellevue as a general rule. The agency is located in Bellevue and enjoys a lot of partner agencies in the city.

*Application 53: Refugee Women's Alliance - Domestic Violence Support Group*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 54: Asian Counseling and Referral Service - Mental Health*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 55: Bridge Disability Ministries - Mobility*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 56: Crisis Clinic - Crisis Line*

The Commissioners had no additional questions about the application.

*Application 57: Eastern European Counseling Center*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 58: Elder and Adult Day Services*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 59: HealthPoint - Medical*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 60: HealthPoint - Primary Dental Care*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.



*Application 61: HERO House*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 62: International Community Health Services - Community Advocacy*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 63: International Community Health Services - Dental*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 64: Jubilee REACH - Dental*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 65: Jubilee REACH - Medical*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 66: NAMI Eastside - Education, Support and Advocacy*

Executive director Barbara Thompson was present to answer questions. She thanked the Commission for its continued support.

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 67: Senior Services - Volunteer Transportation*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 68: Sound Mental Health - Low-Income Counseling*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 69: Sound Mental Health - Child and Family Services Community Services*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 70: Therapeutic Health Services - Alcohol/Drug*

CEO Norman Johnson was present representing the agency. He thanked the Commission for its continued support and noted that it is not an easy thing to gain support for a program that offers services to people with heroine or opioid problems.

The community wants and needs such programs, but does not want them where they will have to deal with them. Therapeutic Health Services has met with challenges over the past two years in providing the service. Unfortunately, the program is now full and the agency is going to need to seek exceptions to begin taking on additional clients. The current setting has created some problems that have triggered increased costs. In order to accommodate the needs of the community, it is necessary to hire additional staff to monitor the facility.

Chair Perelman asked how client demographics have changed over the last five years. Mr. Johnson said the average age of clients has been going down. Services are primarily provided for clients who are 18 and older, but the agency is starting to see more 16 and 17 year olds. More prevention education in the schools is needed.

Answering a question asked by Chair Perelman, Mr. Johnson said implementation of the Affordable Care Act has generated two groups of people. Those with lots of money who were paying for private insurance are upset because their insurance rates have increased. There are also some working poor who actually are facing a worse situation because they have to come up with co-pays that can be as high as \$2000. Those who have complain but they can make it, while those who do not have complain but cannot make it. A way needs to be found to address the needs of the latter group.

Commissioner Bruels said those who complain most often do not understand the public health model and the savings to society in general that result from programs such as opiate replacement. Mr. Johnson said the agency has plans to open its first primary care services in September, and the hope is that by the first of the year there will be primary care services at the Bellevue location. The estimate nationally is that fifty percent of those who go into opiate treatment programs end up in the emergency room at \$2000 per visit, with the average client being treated 2.5 times. That money can be easily saved with prevention and by having primary care on site.

Commissioner Bruels commented that asked if Mental Illness and Drug Dependency funding for the agency will be going away because of the Affordable Care Act. Mr. Johnson allowed that it is. He said there were 530 people systemwide who were on MIDD money, and the agency received from MIDD \$1.12 more for the same service. When it was discovered that population could be switched over to the Affordable Care Act, the agency was asked to do so, which it was able to do for about 350. The surprise was that the Affordable Care Act does not pay the same amount MIDD was paying. The action has made MIDD dollars available for other things, but it has created an issue for Therapeutic Health Services given that 350 clients at \$1.12 per day for 30 days is a substantial amount of money. The ask seeks to make up some of that and to cover the additional community monitors that must be hired.

Answering a question asked by Commissioner McEachran, Mr. Johnson said the agency collaborates with any agency willing to collaborate.

*Application 71: Washington Poison Center - Emergency Services*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 72: AtWork! - Community Access*

Andrea Simmons, director of development for AtWork!, was present representing the agency.

Commissioner Bruels noted that the agency had reduced reimbursement from the state and plan to recoup some of it through grants. Ms. Simmons said the agency is looking to fund the program any way it can. In transitioning the workshop in 2007, a promise was made not to leave any families behind. It has been a slow and individualized process. The community access group has many of the folks in the leave no one behind category so the agency is committed to continuing the program. It is hoped that starting in 2016 the social enterprise revenues will pick up and be able to support more of the program, but the current focus is on grants and philanthropy.

Ms. Simmons explained that the program is for individuals who either have retired at 62 or older, or who have retired because they are in the category of 45-plus with symptoms of older age that tend to occur earlier in persons with disabilities. Those in the program are still able to go meet with their friends in social settings to prevent isolation and depression.

Answering a question asked by Chair Perelman, Ms. Simmons said of the 19 clients in the program, seven are from Bellevue six each are from Issaquah and Renton. Before the state opened things up, there were about 12 in the community access program and the number was quite stable. In the last two years the number has increased from 12 to 33. There are residential programs that are able to provide services for less, but all they do is provide transportation, they do not engage with the clients in any way.

*Application 73: AtWork! - Community Liaison*

The Commissioners had no additional questions about the application.

*Application 74: AtWork! - Transitional Employment Consultant*

The Commissioners had no additional questions about the application.

*Application 75: Bellevue College - Preparing for Work*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 76: Bellevue College - Career Center*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 77: Bellevue College - Head Start*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 78: Bellevue School District - Early Learning Programs*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 79: Boys and Girls Clubs - Project Learn*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 80: Child Care Resources - Child Care Consumer Education and Provider Quality Improvement*

Phoebe Anderson, Chief Program Officer for the agency, was present to answer questions. She praised Bellevue as a city that acknowledges the value of early learning and the needs of its citizens.

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 81: Child Care Resources - Child Care Financial Assistance*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 82: Child Care Resources - Homeless Child Care*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 83: Hopelink - Adult Education*

Judi Faust, Senior Manager for Asset Building, was present representing the agency. She explained that at the time the application was written Hopelink forecasted a continued level of funding from the state Board of Community and Technical Colleges. It has since been learned that funding from that source will be reduced from \$148,566 to \$28,600, making support from the cities even more important. The agency can apply for an additional grant from the state later in the year.

Commissioner Villar asked if the size of the additional grant later in the year could make up the difference. Ms. Faust said that is unlikely.



Ms. Faust said Hopelink appreciates the ongoing support from the city. City funding makes a difference in helping the agency remain a strong resource for the disadvantaged in the community.

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 84: Hopelink - Employment*

The Commissioners had no additional questions about the application.

*Application 85: Jewish Family Service - Refugee and Immigrant Service Centers*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 86: Jubilee REACH - Before- and After-School Programming*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 87: Jubilee REACH - ESL*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 88: Kinderling Center*

Chair Perelman commented that those who sign up for services from Kinderling Center must sign a release allowing the agency to share information with the school system. The agency will not test children unless the release form has been signed.

Ms. O'Reilly suggested it would be helpful to have Kinderling Center address that issue.

*Application 89: YMCA of Greater Seattle*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

*Application 90: YWCA of Seattle/King County/Snohomish County - Employment Services*

The Commissioners had no questions about the application.

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Ms. Leslie reminded the Commissioners that one task the staff undertakes is to make sure there is rock-solid rationale that will stand up under scrutiny for every funding decision. The rationales and funding criteria also need to be applied consistently

across all applications. She said at the next meeting some inconsistencies identified by staff will be discussed.

Ms. Leslie provided the Commissioners with copies of the Bellevue supplemental information and noted that each of the cities that participates in the joint application process produces a supplemental. The supplemental, among other things, outlines the funding criteria, of which the focus areas is only one. It has been disconcerting that so many applications were not as complete as they should have been. Additional information has been pouring in in response to the questions asked by the Commission and staff.

*Application 46: Consejo Counseling and Referral Service - Domestic Violence Community Advocacy Program*

Commissioner Villar voiced concern that the agency had not met its contract goal for counseling but is asking to fund the same number of counseling hours. While the total ask is less than the previous allocation, it is the advocacy hours that will be reduced according to the application.

Chair Perelman said she read the application to mean the requested funds will cover what the agency expects to deliver.

Commissioner Bruels said he supported approving the full request. Commissioner Beighle concurred, noting that they have been consistent and will serve the community well. Commissioner Villar said she could support that provided the application is flagged for a mid-biennium review.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$16,000.

*Application 47: Crisis Clinic - Teen Link*

Mr. Adriano said in an email exchange with the executive director it was clarified that the request in the application should have listed at \$6721 rather than \$650.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$6721.

*Application 48: Harborview - Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress Services*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$30,283.

*Application 49: King County Sexual Assault Resource Center -  
Comprehensive Sexual Assault Services*

Commissioner Beighle said she was satisfied with the agency's explanation of changes and said she would support full funding. Commissioner Bruels concurred.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$69,728.

*Application 50: Lifewire - Community Advocacy Program*

Commissioner Villar pointed out that according to the application the program had not met its contract goals. Mr. Adriano said he did not have a specific answer but pointed out that often when a program over-performs on other units on its contract a calculation is done to determine what should be done. The program was flagged as a result of the mid-biennium review. The first service unit was exceeded by about 2000 units, and the second service unit was exceeded by 1300. Only the third service unit was not met. Meeting at least 90 percent of the contract goals is considered as having met fulfilled the contract.

Commissioner Bruels said she would support fully funding the application, and the other Commissioners concurred.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$162,000.

*Application 51: Lifewire - My Sister's House*

Commissioner Bruels proposed holding off on making a preliminary funding recommendation for the application until the outstanding questions are answered. The other Commissioners concurred.

*Application 52: Olive Crest - Safe Families for Children*

Commissioner Bruels said Commissioner Plaskon had recommended against funding the application even though he likes the program and it addresses Bellevue human service needs. The issue that it appears the funding would be used to pay for the management of volunteers and not necessarily the efficacy of those volunteers, and there is a credibility gap regarding the training and accountability of the volunteers. No good answer has been received from the agency regarding what training is given.

Commissioner Beighle said her question regarding partnerships was not given a satisfactory answer.

Commissioner McEachran said the mission as outlined is certainly laudable but he agreed it should not be funded. Commissioner Bruels agreed and added that the

application does not make the case regarding the necessity of the program. The foster care system is less than perfect but steps are being taken at the legislative level to improve it.

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application.

*Application 53: Refugee Women's Alliance - Domestic Violence Support Group*

Commissioner Bruels said the recommendation of Commissioner Plaskon was to keep funding for the application at the 2014 level. The applicant does provide services to an underserved population, though the application appears to be seeking funding to support services in Kent, Tukwila and Renton.

Commissioner Bruels said he could support a COLA increase, but Chair Perelman and Commissioner Villar said their preference would be to keep the funding flat as proposed by Commissioner Plaskon.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fund the application at \$11,374.

*Application 54: Asian Counseling and Referral Service - Mental Health*

Commissioner Bruels said Commissioner Plaskon recommended against funding the application. While the service is great, the amount requested from Bellevue will not make much of an impact. King County has supported the agency to the tune of \$5 million.

Commissioner Bruels suggested the valuable program should be fully funded. Commissioner Villar concurred. Chair Perelman noted that the application seeks less than was previously allocated. Commissioner Beighle supported funding the application as well.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$53,111.

*Application 55: Bridge Disability Ministries - Mobility*

Ms. O'Reilly noted that she had added a lot of additional information to the staff review in response to the discussion regarding the Affordable Care Act covering the kind of service outlined by the application. She said some of the additional information was obtained from the program director. Many who have refugee and immigrant status are not covered by the Affordable Care Act, and the delay times and complexities involved with obtaining medical equipment are challenging. She suggested that the \$5000 would not be badly spent.

Commissioner McEachran said his church has supported the organization for many years, during which time they have had numerous shifts in executive directors and staff. At one point the church chose not to support the day-to-day dinner and social activities. The recycling of wheelchairs and the like is a needed service.

Commissioner Bruels said Commissioner Plaskon's comments were that he deals with durable medical equipment and Medicare/Medicaid every day and that he did not entirely buy the applicant's position. There is no needs test for those wanting medical equipment. The applicant may well serve a non-citizen population and Bellevue does not need to be funding a service the federal government funds.

Commissioner Bruels pointed out that the requested amount is quite low. However, starting a new relationship with a new program always triggers the need for an extra level of scrutiny. There are barriers both financial and physical to Medicare/Medicaid covering durable medical equipment and it takes much effort to secure approval. That said, there is an avenue for obtaining the equipment.

Commissioner Villar questioned if \$5000 would really make a difference, especially given that the total program budget is \$100,000. Chair Perelman said the application suggests the program will experience a budget deficit if funding is not approved.

Commissioner McEachran observed that the program has been around for some time and it is surprising they have not in the past sought funding from Bellevue. He recommended against funding the application given the need for improved organizational stability. Commissioner Beighle concurred, as did Commissioner Villar who added that there is a definite need for the program in the community.

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application. There was agreement to bring the application to the table again if at the end of the process there are additional funds to allocate.

*Application 56: Crisis Clinic - Crisis Line*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$24,300.

*Application 57: Eastern European Counseling Center*

Commissioner Bruels said he had not been satisfied with the responses from the agency to the questions asked. The response indicates they have decided what the fiscal model for the program should be and that they are not interested in changing it. There are other mental health centers in the region serving special populations that are on board with licensing and reimbursements through the regional support network. The service is needed, but the agency may not be the right one to provide the service. Chair Perelman concurred.

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application.

*Application 58: Elder and Adult Day Services*

Ms. O'Reilly said the organization is continuing its search for an interim executive director.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$50,389.

*Application 59: HealthPoint - Medical*

Commissioner Bruels said the recommendation of Commissioner Plaskon was to fund the application with no more than \$15,000 given the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, expansion of Medicaid in the state, and the state healthcare exchange. He suggested the applicant no longer addresses an underserved population except for low-income non-citizens.

Ms. O'Reilly said there are more low-income non-citizens than could be covered with an allocation of \$15,000.

Commissioner Bruels suggested it remains to be seen what the ultimate impact of the Affordable Care Act will be. The picture may in fact be clearer by the time the next funding cycle rolls around if not before.

Ms. O'Reilly reminded the Commissioners that the allocation of funds to the program is predicated on services rendered. If the program fails to deliver on all of its promised service units, it will not receive the full allocation.

Commissioner McEachran asked what the relationship is between applications 59, 60, 62 and 63. Ms. Leslie said International Community Health Services serves all populations but focuses on the Asian community. HealthPoint does not have a specific population focus.

Commissioner Beighle pointed out that the HealthPoint office is in Bothell which does not necessarily serve Bellevue clients very well. International Community Health Services is located in Bellevue.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$46,191.

*Application 60: HealthPoint - Primary Dental Care*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$47,564.

*Application 61: HERO House*

Commissioner Bruels noted that the application indicates the agency had a shortfall in 2013-2014, but the budget paid indicates they broke even. He said he also had questions about what constitutes a visit under the terms of the contract; it could be someone walking in the door or it could be someone actually consuming services such as lunch or a support group. Chair Perelman said the application indicates visits are measured by an on-site visit by a member to the clubhouse regarding pre-vocational opportunities, social/recreational programming, pre-employment educational services, advocacy, benefit planning, non-traditional case management, or resource linkage, or an off-site visit to a member for supportive employment. She suggested that in short, a visit would simply be anyone walking through the door.

Commissioner Bruels said it would be helpful for the agency to better describe its services and to keep more intensive data.

Chair Perelman proposed funding the application with a COLA increase.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fund the application at the \$12,825 level.

*Application 62: International Community Health Services - Community Advocacy*

Ms. O'Reilly commented that the program worked closely with mini City Hall in Crossroads during the height of the Affordable Care Act enrollment period. The coordinator of mini City Hall believes the program provides a significant amount of support to the staff.

Commissioner Bruels said he would support not funding the application but would want to keep an eye on the agency and encourage them to apply again during the next round.

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application.

*Application 63: International Community Health Services - Dental*

Commissioner Bruels said Commissioner Plaskon recommended \$20,000 for the program. He said the city should encourage the program to grow but the agency needs to better report its outcomes. Ms. O'Reilly said the listed outcomes are similar to the other dental health programs.

Chair Perelman said the need is clear and said she would support fully funding the application. Commissioner Beighle agreed and said she would recommend including dental programs in the category of needing more money from the Council.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$50,000.

*Application 64: Jubilee REACH - Dental*

Commissioner Bruels said Commissioner Plaskon recommended full funding to encourage growth of the program.

Commissioner McEachran said his opinion was just the opposite.

Commissioner Bruels pointed out the great need for dental services, but Commissioner Beighle commented that the program is simply not cost efficient. She said the program has a very small impact.

There was agreement that the agency is not a healthcare organization.

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application.

*Application 65: Jubilee REACH - Medical*

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application for the reasons cited in regard to application 64.

*Application 66: NAMI Eastside - Education, Support and Advocacy*

Commissioner Bruels recommended full funding. Commissioner McEachran agreed and said the agency does good work in the community.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$13,000.

*Application 67: Senior Services - Volunteer Transportation*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$15,521.

*Application 68: Sound Mental Health - Low-Income Counseling*

Chair Perelman suggested that while the cause is good she did not believe the program should be funded.

Commissioner Beighle commented that the agency receives a great deal of funding from the government. Commissioner Bruels said while that is true, the specific program does not.



Commissioner Bruels allowed that Sound Mental Health is the primary program for mental health services in King County. However, the application relates to a psychotherapy counseling program, not a mental health program. The program fills an important niche because Medicaid does not pay for counseling.

Chair Perelman noted that the application says the program anticipates a higher demand given the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. They are clearly thinking they will get funded through the Affordable Care Act. Commissioner Bruels said a higher demand does not necessarily follow implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Insurance plans through the Affordable Care Act will not pay for psychotherapy or for counseling. Ms. Leslie said her interpretation was that the agency believes it will see an increase in demand because the Affordable Care Act does not cover those services.

Reading from the application, Chair Perelman said the specific statement is that Medicaid has been a primary source of funding for mental health services for those living in poverty. Sound Mental Health is seeing an increased frequency in clients whose coverage has been shifted from Medicaid to Medicare who have fallen off Medicaid because their lives are so hectic they neglect to reapply. For many providers, this means clients fall in and out of the services. She said it should not be the city's responsibility to fill in a gap caused by neglect. Commissioner Bruels explained that DSHS can cancel Medicaid coverage for clients for a variety of reasons, including forgetting to report a move to a new address within a certain time. The point the agency is making in the application is that the program provides continuity of services regardless.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fund the application with a COLA increase for a total of \$32,778.

*Application 69: Sound Mental Health - Child and Family Services Community Services*

The Commissioners concluded that the reasons for funding Application 68 apply to Application 69 as well.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fund the application with a COLA increase for a total of \$38,423.

*Application 70: Therapeutic Health Services - Alcohol/Drug*

Commissioner Beighle highlighted the importance of the program.

Ms. O'Reilly said the city's probation department depends on the program for clients ordered by the court to undergo alcohol or drug treatment.

*Application 71: Washington Poison Center - Emergency Services*

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application.

*Application 72: AtWork! - Community Access*

Commissioner Bruels noted that Commissioner Plaskon had recommended against funding the application, arguing that the program is not effective.

Commissioner Beighle agreed the application should not be funded for the same reason.

Chair Perelman said the impact of the program on the community is very low.

Commissioner Bruels allowed that funding for the program is going away but suggested that alone does not justify such a large ask from the city. The agency representative indicated they are applying for grants without saying from who or for how much.

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application.

*Application 73: AtWork! - Community Liaison*

Commissioner Bruels said he agreed with the recommendation of Commissioner Plaskon to fully fund the application.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$42,300.

*Application 74: AtWork! - Transitional Employment Consultant*

Commissioner Bruels said Commissioner Plaskon wanted to see no funding or funding at only half the requested amount for the application. The position is not linked to an effective outcome, and the transitional consultant is in fact in transition herself.

Commissioner Bruels said the agency is solid and is doing a lot of good work. He suggested funding the application with half the amount requested.

Chair Perelman noted that ten clients are still being served by the program. She said she would be willing to look at the program again in two years when the new model is in place. The organization is strong and does good work, but the specific program is in decline.

Commissioner Beighle said she could agree to funding half of the ask.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fund the application in the amount of \$18,718.

*Application 75: Bellevue College - Preparing for Work*

Commissioner Bruels recommended full funding and the other Commissioners agreed.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$57,869.

*Application 76: Bellevue College - Career Center*

Chair Perelman recommended flat funding for the application.

Commissioner Villar pointed out that the program serves 300 veteran students per quarter.

Commissioner Bruels noted that the application does not list any funding from the veterans levy. He said he likes the program but not the way in which Bellevue College depends on the city for funding.

Commissioner Beighle said she could support giving the application a COLA increase and pass along a call for funding to be diversified.

Commissioner McEachran said the college is currently reviewing its admission strategies. One of the things they have been asked to do is to look outside its boundaries and consider the diversity of the city.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fund the application with a COLA increase for a total of \$22,455.

*Application 77: Bellevue College - Head Start*

Commissioner Bruels recommended fully funding the application.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$19,000.

*Application 78: Bellevue School District - Early Learning Programs*

Commissioner Bruels recommended full funding for the application.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$109,274.

*Application 79: Boys and Girls Clubs - Project Learn*

Ms. O'Reilly noted that the application combines what in past years has been two applications.

Mr. Adriano pointed out that the requested amount is less than what a COLA increase would have been.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$64,000.

*Application 80: Child Care Resources - Child Care Consumer Education and Provider Quality Improvement*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$46,581.

*Application 81: Child Care Resources - Child Care Financial Assistance*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$161,595.

*Application 82: Child Care Resources - Homeless Child Care*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$14,298.

*Application 83: Hopelink - Adult Education*

Commissioner Bruels said the funding cut outlined by the agency representative will be astounding. He suggested the program should be highlighted as appropriate for additional funding from the Council. He said the program is very important. Ms. Leslie pointed out that the city does not take kindly to filling funding gaps created by cuts made by the state.

Chair Perelman said some of the lost funds may be replaced with grant dollars later in the year.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$44,500.

*Application 84: Hopelink - Employment*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$25,500.

*Application 85: Jewish Family Services - Refugee and Immigrant Service Centers*

Chair Perelman noted that the proposed increase in the ask is to cover increases in staff benefits and wages. She said the program is important to the community and recommended full funding of the application.

Commissioner Bruels said the application states the program is seeking only a COLA increase but in fact the request is for almost three times more than what a COLA increase would yield.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fund the application with a COLA increase for a total of \$104,211.

Chair Perelman said she would support flagging the application for additional funding if at the end of the process there are additional funds to be allocated.

*Application 86: Jubilee REACH - Before- and After-School Programming*

Commissioner Bruels said he concurred with the recommendation of Commissioner Plaskon not to fund the application. The other Commissioners agreed.

The Commission reiterated its initial recommendation not to fund the application.

*Application 87: Jubilee REACH - ESL*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fund the application with a COLA increase for a total of \$5344.

Ms. O'Reilly suggested that in the contracting process the notion of having different ESL levels should be left out given that there is no testing to determine level.

*Application 88: Kindering Center*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$85,644.

*Application 89: YMCA of Greater Seattle*

Ms. O'Reilly said the reduced ask for the program reflects the fact that a segment of kids at the school where the center is closing will not be served.

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$25,000.

*Application 90: YWCA of Seattle/King County/Snohomish County -  
Employment Services*

The Commission's preliminary recommendation was to fully fund the requested amount of \$39,416.

Commissioner Villar said she did not fully understand why both Application 89 and Application 90 were so far off target on their success rates for families with access to services that increase self sufficiency. With regard to Application 89, Ms. O'Reilly said the agency was asked that question two years ago and their response related to the fact they were having a hard time getting parents to fill out the satisfaction survey. The indicated then that they would take steps to improve, but it does not appear that any progress was made.

With regard to Application 90, Mr. Adriano said that although the figure shown does not actually make much sense, it is what was submitted by the agency and accompanying explanation was provided.

Ms. Leslie said the next two meetings will be focused on finalizing the Commission's recommendations, including the CDBG applications.

- 7. OLD BUSINESS - None
- 8. NEW BUSINESS - None
- 9. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS - None
- 10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Perelman adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

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