

2/16/11

North Urban Human Services Alliance

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Karen Williams, Gary Kingsbury, Leslie Brooks, George Smith, Anne Guthrie, Diane Kolb, Tracy Jones, Rob Beem, staff—Beth Green

Absent: Tema Nesoff

Guests: Harry Hoffman

Call to Order: 8:38pm Gary Kingsbury called the meeting to order.

Housing Update: Karen Williams announced she will be leaving Housing Development Consortium and the NUHSA Board. Gary Kingsbury thanked Karen Williams for her work with the housing stakeholder forum and the NUHSA Board. Harry Hoffman reports he will take her place until the Housing Development Consortium finds a replacement. He thanks NUHSA for helping the Housing Consortium to meet affordable housing in North King County.

Approval of Minutes: Diane Kolb called for a motion to approve the minutes and George Smith seconded the motion. Motion passes.

Old Business

Treasurers Report: Diane Kolb has requested our remaining funds from the City of Lake Forest Park. The NUHSA Bank account is open and we are depositing and writing checks. Leslie Brooks needs to stop by the Whidbey Island Bank on Ballenger to show her ID and give her signature.

One Night Count Report: Tracy Jones reported the north end count was down. The City of Woodinville was up by 10 counts. The One Night Count would like to move off Aurora to new sites as Aurora is in hospitable with construction. The homeless appear to be moving out of the city into cars, RV's and parks. Alison Eisinger will give a complete report next board meeting. She is waiting for the complete count including the shelter count.

Update King County Vets and Human Service Levy: Rob Beem reports he, Gary Kingsbury and Kelsey Beck met with Bob Ferguson and Allen Painter—they discussed ways to build incentive for county staff to allocate dollars for North King County. NUHSA wants to educate county staff regarding services and needs in our area. The Board discussed the pros and cons of asking for a certain percentage to request paying attention to regional balance. North King County has 7% of the Veteran population but we only receive 2-3% of the funds. Gary is reaching out to the Eastside Forum on this issue. NUHSA will continue to work with Shoreline elected and Ferguson's office.

Rob Beem will attend the regional policy meeting in March. Action for NUHSA is to create our handout and make sure regional equity is in the conversation and language. Need to focus on what is strategic. Our three priorities will be 211, transportation and essential infrastructure.

New Solutions Grant and Work Plan: Rob Beem reports we are in a good position to apply for the New Solutions Grant using items from our Work Plan.

Annual Report Posting: Beth Green reports we do not have a dedicated space for the Annual Reports. She suggests we make a separate page under What NUHSA Can Do for You or Membership News dedicated to all our Annual Reports. Membership Committee will decide.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Report: Leslie Brooks and Anne Guthrie report the membership committee met and discussed the difficulty of meeting the \$8000 membership goal without changes. The committee is considering strategies to create different levels of membership. At present we have a broad jump from \$100 to \$1000 with nothing in between. We need to articulate what we offer to help agencies justify membership. Immediate focus is to update renewal letter with the agency membership being adjusted to \$100-\$250. Suggest include annual accomplishments in letter.

The Board will be asked to participate in face to face recruitment. Kim Thompson is working on a logo for NUHSA. An idea is to have window stickers for business and agencies to post in their windows supporting human services and NUHSA. The map of the area we serve was suggested. Rob Beem will contact Nathan Phillips. He does capacity building for human service agencies.

Policy Committee Report: Rob Beem reports policy committee has a working document for the new Hot Policy Topics. We have taken a formal position to endorse the levy, encouraging the state to support 211. We need to encourage the county and cities to remain steadfast in their human service funding.

New Business

No new business.

Adjourn: 10:09am