

March 16, 2011

North Urban Human Services Alliance

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Diane Kolb, Leslie Brooks, Rob Beem, Gary Kingsbury, George Smith, Dennis Worsham, Kelsey Beck, Staff Beth Green

Absent: Kim Thompson, Anne Guthrie, Judy Parsons, Tracey Jones, Lori Guilfoyle, Kate Speltz, Tema Nesoff, Julie McFarland, Amy Moe

Guests: Jani Jameson, Harry Hoffman, Joanne Donahue

Call to Order: Gary Kingsbury 8:36am

Approval of Minutes: Unable to address due to no quorum.

Old Business

Treasurer's Report: Diane Kolb reports the transfer of funds is complete. We are fully functioning as our own entity. Income \$8327.94, expenditures \$2161.50, balance \$6161.50 Motion to approve financial report Gary Kingsbury called for the motion, George Smith seconded it. Approved, motion carries.

King County Veterans and Human Service Levy Update: Reported under Policy Committee Report.

Replacing Tema Nesoff, Vice President: Tema Nesoff will be retiring from Lake Forest Park and the NUHSA Board in June. We are looking for someone to fill the vice president position.

Housing Committee Update: Harry Hoffman reports we discussed Bothell City Hall and zoning issue. He looks to replacing Karen Williams in mid May. There is interest in involving churches. The momentum seems to be present to get more affordable housing, however it takes several years. Vision House project framing is scheduled for April 1, 2011.

Mobility Coalition Report: George Smith reports tonight, March 16th, is the Mobility Coalition's second workshop at the Northshore Senior Center. The coalition coordinated by Michelle Zeidman is active. We will be doing 2000 surveys about transportation needs. Metro commission has their plan on their website, there will be cuts and that is on their website. The new policy guidance is one on productivity, two on social equity, and three on geographic value throughout the county.

King County/Snohomish County Transportation Forum: Not discussed due to time shortage.

Committee Members: Not discussed due to time shortage.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Report: Leslie Brooks reported the membership committee will provide tools for membership recruitment but the board will need to help recruit the 23 new memberships identified as a NUHSA goal. This would be 1-2 new membership recruitments per board member.

Membership is considering ways to reach out to people, increasing collaboration a priority, newsletter another great source and we should approach award nominees to join NUHSA. The membership renewal letter will focus on the work plan rather than accomplishments. Beth will compile a list of the north end community grant applicants as a new membership source. Harry Hoffman suggests we might want to have a vision alignment with new members we recruit. Ask members to commit to the mission and goals of NUHSA and work towards the goals.

Kim Thompson is creating a logo for NUHSA. A logo idea is the map on the report to decision makers. It is helpful talking to legislators to help them understand the north end. Membership will be on next board meeting agenda to propose logo and give board format for recruitment. Ideas to create list of benefits and consider charging nonmembers for events was discussed.

Policy Committee Report: Kelsey Beck and Rob Beem report the Policy Committee is working with the King County Executive, through Alan Painter, on geographical equity in the Vets and Human Services Levy. The Executive supports maintaining the current taxes, but is still potentially considering an increase. He is listening to the perspective regarding the regional equitable dispersing of funds in 2011-2012. The Eastside Forum is talking with NUHSA about this approach. Gary testified before the Regional Policy Committee (RPC) meeting, during which two other issues were raised (putting in an inflationary adjustment to address the dropping property values and unifying the oversight boards into one), none of which were adopted. Ultimately the RPC voted to leave it as it is—and they said if the budget committee and full council want to make changes they do not need to go back to RPC for approval.

NUHSA's board needs to decide our strategy in supporting the Levy while moving forward with pushing for regional equity. NUHSA supports the levy renewal but we need board consensus (no quorum present)

Three ways to define regional equity

1. Contract with more service providers in North King County
2. Have true access with regional agencies offering North King County, including mobile services
3. Offering access to services if not located in North King County. 211 is an access piece. Transportation has not been funded before, need acknowledgement that it is not always easy to get from North King County to Seattle and South Seattle services. Gary Kingsbury says the transportation piece is being discussed in the oversight boards because South King

County has trouble getting to services in Seattle also. We could call for a reassessment of services and strategies in the service improvement plan.

Board had taken a vote to support a position paper on the levy so the policy committee can proceed without any additional voting.

Hot policy topics this is our education piece and our priority policy agenda so approving this approves us to go forth with work. We need a vote of the board to approve this document.

New Business

Proposed Joint Event with Eastside Forum: The Eastside Forum has proposed June 7, 2011 as the date to have a joint event with NUHSA discussing what would be a livable community in North King County. Reshaping human services with United Way, what are we going to do with declining monies? What are communities going to do, if you lose 25% of your funding in human services what are you going to do. NUHSA worries If we join them will it cause confusion and blending and make it more difficult to be seen as separate, North King County. George Smith suggests we highlight our Tool Kit, it is still very viable. There was concern that we are an identifiable entity on the program and we have a defined role.

Other: Kelsey Beck called for clarification regarding who attends the Executive Board meetings. The Executive committee is just the executive board and will request the chairs as needed. It was a plan to have ideas planned to the point to bring up to the board. The idea was to free the committees for their work.