

April 20, 2011

North Urban Human Services Alliance

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

- Discussion of King County Vets and Human Services Levy Renewal. It passed the County Council's Budget Committee yesterday in the same format as the original levy except for the addition of a CPI factor not to exceed 3% or be lower than 1% each year, plus the ballot timing being the August primary election. The levy renewal goes to the full council for approval in early May. No problems or delays are expected for passage to the County CEO and on to the ballot.
- Discussion of joint meeting in June with EHSF. Tema Nesoff will be replacing Gary Kingsbury on the planning committee.
- Board changes. Gary Kingsbury announced his resignation from the board and as president, effective May 1st. Everyone was reminded about Kelsey's resignation and efforts to find a replacement from Food Lifeline. Harry Hoffman told the group that he expected a replacement for Karen Williams in May. The replacement should be a great candidate for the NUHSA board! The group was reminded Tema Nesoff plans to depart from the NUHSA board at the end of June as an officer, as she leaves the City of LFP staff.
- Gary Kingsbury brought up the \$8,000 membership goal in the budget. Leslie Brooks and Gary Kingsbury asked that the NUHSA board members contact non-NUHSA members that requested community grant funding from the NUSHA cities in 2010. The list was distributed. Hopefully this will be an action item for the May Board Meeting! The group also discussed other options, include local business interested in human service issues, faith based organizations, as well as other community groups. No action further action was taken.
- Regarding funding, Tema Nesoff suggested that NUHSA apply for more community grants and cities to support its mission. Rob Beem has the lead regarding the United Way grant proposal for after July 1st. Harry Hoffman suggested that NUHSA review possible housing tax credits that could generate up to \$10,000.
- The key to NUHSA membership and funding issues are community partners that want to join us as the collective voice for human services in North King County; as well as recognize the value of our advocacy efforts, collaborative opportunities, plus educational opportunities like the joint meeting in June with EHSF. NUHSA has the recent successes through the housing and mobility group; these should be seen as benefits of NUHSA membership. A possible third initiative could be early learning through youth efforts, building on community assets like Rep. Kagi, Center for Human Services, and others.

- NUHSA is the voice for human services in North King County. If our voice disappears no one will advocate for our area. We are the collective voice for advocacy, education and communication. Collaborating as a group makes us strong—there is no other opportunity for north end groups to come together.
- Rob Beem suggested NUHSA consider the possibility of joining with other north end groups like the Northshore/Shoreline Network, FACES, and the CRT to form an umbrella organization. Scarcity of resources is changing funding opportunities. NUHSA's nonprofit status could be a benefit to building assets in the community.
- Discussed replacing the NUHSA President and Vice President as a priority. Gary Kingsbury will continue until May 1st, 2011. Tema Nesoff will take over until June 30th, 2011.

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