

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

January 21, 2020

Attendees: Deb Schorr, County Board; Kerry Eagan, County Board; Sandra Washington, City Council; James Michael Bowers, City Council; Jon Carlson, Mayor's Office; Rachael Surmick, United Way; CJ Johnson, Region V; Sara Hoyle, Human Services; and Jenni Ryan, Human Services

Excused: Renee Dozier, Region V; Christa Yoakum, County Board

Sara called the meeting to order. Jon made a motion to pass the consent agenda. Sandra seconded. Motion passed with no objections.

Human Services Activity Report

Sara highlighted the following items from her report:

- The Point in Time Count takes place tonight. This is when a team goes out once a year to count the homeless out on the streets in Lincoln.
- Yazda lost a significant grant so they will be exploring other funding. The other Yezidi group who've been working on developing a cemetery had a problem with the contractor they hired to do some work. The bill ended up being much higher than what was bid.
- The JBC application is online but some agencies are having trouble figuring out how to best create their user accounts. They would like to create an agency account rather than an individual account so that multiple people in the agency can access the application prior to submission.
- Family Violence Council is submitting their federal grants.
- The Family Treatment Drug Court grant is coming to a close and being evaluated. They are working on sustainability.
- We surveyed the JDAI Collaborative on the juvenile justice grant review process.
- We are still partnering with Dr. Wiener to analyze juvenile justice data from the City & County. The data has shown that most referrals initiated by SRO's get diverted. Also found a higher number of Latino youth have an SRO brought in.
- Our JDAI Collaborative was evaluated and found to be one of the most favorable collaboratives of those who were evaluated and Lancaster County has a higher collective impact score than the State average.
- We are in the planning stages of another statewide juvenile justice conference.

ACTION ITEMS:

JBC Chair

With the change in County Board committee assignments, Sean is no longer on JBC. Christa is the new representative from the Board. As Sean was the chair, a new one needs to be elected. James stood for the position.

VOTE: Deb motioned to elect James Michael Bowers as the new JBC Chair; Sandra seconded. Motion PASSED.

JBC Funding & Propser Lincoln

If we put our numbers down we would want an asterisk stating that JBC funds are not new. Cooper and CHE are both collaborating but not putting their numbers on the spreadsheet. After much discussion JBC decided to also be collaborative but refrain from naming any funds under the Prosper Lincoln initiative. They would be glad, however, to provide any letters of support for it.

Grant Guidelines Updates

Sara updated the guidelines to reflect the new JBC process. Other updates included:

- On pg. 22 the funding request max was increased to \$15,000
- On pg. 24, item 3.1 the amount for CBA increased.
- JBC suggested adding the language “early to mid (month)” for when applications are due for each funding source. For instance, JBC apps are due early to mid-March.

VOTE: Kerry motioned to approve the updated Human Services Grant Guidelines; Jon seconded. Motion PASSED.

UPDATES:

JBC Timeline & Review

Applications are available online now and due March 2nd. They will be sent to the Review Teams on March 4th, their recommendations & the applications will be sent to the JBC by March 31st, and the grant review will be April 21st from 2-4pm

Keno Advisory Board

There are two new representatives on the Keno Advisory Board, one City appointee and one County appointee. Brodey Weber seems really excited and should bring a lot of energy to the group. Susan Tatum works for the Housing Authority and has been checking in on getting involved with this board for the past several years so she’s excited to serve as well.

REPORTS:

United Way, Rachael Surmick: Their new Executive Director, Meagan Liesveld starts on Jan 31st. She previously worked at Cedars. Applications for funding opened Jan 11th and close mid-February.

Region V, CJ Johnson: We are 80% done with bill introductions at the Legislature. They got Cavanaugh to introduce a bill to put \$4.33M back in the Region’s budget. SAMHSA’s policy against medical marijuana may affect federal funds to the state if Senator Wishart’s bill gets adopted.

Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, Jon Carlson: Urban Development is still working on their Affordable Housing report.

Next Meeting: GRANT REVIEW on April 21, 2020 from 2:00-4:00pm in Room 107

Respectfully Submitted:

Jenni Ryan,

Lancaster County Human Services