

## **JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Minutes: August 28, 2023**

**Attendees:** James Michael Bowers, City Council; Sandra Washington, City Council; Christa Yoakum, County Board; Dave Derbin, County Board CAO; Riley Slezak, Mayor's Office; Patrick Kreifels, Region V; Meagan Liesveld, United Way; Sara Hoyle, Human Services; and Jenni Ryan (Human Services)

**Excused:** Sean Flowerday, County Board

Council Member Bowers called the meeting to order. Commissioner Yoakum motioned to approve the consent agenda & the minutes from May 31st. Council Member Washington seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

### **ACTIVITY REPORT:**

Sara reviewed the following items from her Activity Report:

- Project Connect is Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at Pinnacle Bank Arena. You are all invited to attend.
- Have been working with Dr. Toni Jensen on assessing and coordinating victim services.
  - There are discussions about Friendship Home (FH) & Voices of Hope (VOH) uniting as one non-profit.
  - Family Violence Council may be ending and the grant writing and data collection moved elsewhere (Health Department already collects data).
  - VOCA was cut by 40% at the federal level which left LPD looking at cutting their victim witness staff in half.
  - TANF funding is supplementing the 40% cut by VOCA for FH & VOH.
- Co-responder Update
  - Looking at contracting with CenterPointe. Contract has been in review at the City Attorney's office.
  - CIT training will be paid for out of a BJA grant. We met with CIT International & they can review our BETA training and possibly add some days.
  - Technical Assistance provider has shifted from the University of Cincinnati (UC) to the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). UC had done a crosswalk between BETA & CIT to explore the differences.
  - Pat shared that Region 6 is trained in CIT & has wanted to expand with BETA,
- CPC Handouts
  - Only 9 out of approximately 500 people have chosen to leave of their own accord.
  - The RFP for a construction company went out. Hopefully by the end of next summer the old police garage will be finished.
- GARE Training
  - Karen & Marilyn did an amazing job with equity training.
  - Staff want to know how to take back & make it applicable to their departments and work in the City & County's DEI plans.
- Georgetown RED Certification program – we are sending a team in September. Will have more to report on this next meeting.
- Juvenile justice system data collection has been expanded to include the adult system.
- Family Resource Center Update

- The Request for Qualifications and Request for Proposals have been prepared. Have met with DBH. RFQ will be released Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Will provide 4 behavioral health components: mental health respite, crisis response (988's somewhere to go, for 16 counties), emergency community support, and crisis psychotherapy sessions (fully licensed clinicians).
- Looking at various locations including part of the NIFA project that would front South St. Possible timeline of December.
- Juvenile Justice Data
  - Ungovernable – in State Statute, our staff work with families to ensure they've made every effort before County Attorney will file.
  - Our Quality Assurance Coordinator created the JJPF summaries. Let us know if you like them or not.
  - Sandra asked about Brain Injury Association. They go into detention to provide assessments. Diversion youth also complete screens. Cedars was screening youth but they've had staff turnover so not screening anymore.
- Sandra asked about Restore & SRO's.
  - What constitutes disturbing the peace?
  - Part of what will be discussed at Georgetown due to the wide ranging nature of the incidents we've seen come through.
  - A lot of valid referrals as well as missed opportunities.
  - Could benefit from teacher de-escalation training.
  - Our RED committee has asked many times to train teachers. Haven't been able to yet. Only admin staff and AP's.
  - Sandra suggested looking at College of Education Students
  - James mentioned monthly staff meetings or planning period times, or the fact that schools can keep teachers there till 5pm. Could use PLC times also.

**ACTION ITEMS:** None

**UPDATES:**

**State Gambling Prevention Allocation**

- Sandra proposed we allocate some amount of funds in the same way we do today with Keno.
- Maintain Keno allocations to where they have been and double the allocation (another 5%) for human services.
- Fall back of having 5% of ALL gambling revenue go to human services.
- Also have 2 housing projects looming: Permanent Supportive Housing and low barrier shelter.
- Megan suggested getting estimates from other human services funders to show the need.

**REPORTS:**

**United Way – Meagan Liesveld:** Are investing \$2M in 40 agencies (3 new ones) for the next 2 years. Lynn Ayers is retiring so the new Coordinator of the Lancaster Connected Prevention Collaborative is Kristen Derr.

**Region V: Pat Kreifels:**

- Adult Voluntary Crisis Response and Mental Health Respite will be run by Integrated Behavioral Health if they receive the final approval.
- Foster Care Review Board – concerning suicide rates within the foster care system. Zero suicide framework will be included in contracts for providers.
- Low barrier, walk-in peer support services are in talks for a site in Lincoln & 4 satellite locations.
- Opioid Response – hired someone to manage settlement funds. Working with SAMHSA & Johns Hopkins framework. Potential Statewide Needs Assessment.
- Kim Freise (SAMHSA Regional Admin) was in for some planning & development of CCBHC's. Will increase federal funds coming in and allow providers to be paid better rates. There are 9 core services under CCBHC. CenterPointe and Lutheran Family Services currently have CCBHC Expansion grants.

**Mayor's Office/One Lincoln – Riley Slezak:**

- A cohort of City folks attended a Harvard class on community engagement. They will be giving updates & lessons across the City departments. Mayor's Office will work on Boards & Commissions being truly representative of the community.
  - Christa mentioned GARE resources that TJ has access to. MyCity Academy would be good to utilize. Can also reach out to Jason Varga with Cause Collective.
  - Sandra would like to be looped in on these conversations.

**OTHER:**

**Non-profit Childcare Assistance Grant**

- The City has now put in \$100,000 for this next fiscal year – do we want it run through the JB process like we did for the County funds earlier in the year? Riley will confirm.
- Sandra asked if we can go back to the applications already submitted.
- For transparency should we do a new RFP with the option to utilize already submitted apps? Needs may have changed for agencies who already applied.

***Council Member Washington motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Yoakum seconded. Motion Passed 5-0. Meeting closed at 3:24pm.***

**Next Meeting:** October 30, 2023 from 2-3:30pm at 555 S 10<sup>th</sup> St, Room 113.

Respectfully Submitted:

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