



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Human Services Commission

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
7:00 PM

Regular

Department of Public
Health and Human
Services, Conference
Room 1, 1005 W.
Worley St.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ford called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: 7 - Stacy Ford, Sharon Schattgen, Diane Suhler, Lynn Kleopfer, Kimberly Getzoff, Joy Cook and Valerie Slayton

Excused: 3 - Mark Jones, Carlos Ortiz and Rachel Cooper

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

a. Suhler asked to add Short-Term Rentals and Affordable Housing to the agenda under New Business. Getzoff moved to approve the amended agenda. Slayton seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Cook moved to approve the January 14, 2020 draft meeting minutes. Getzoff seconded the motion and it passed unanimously

Attachments: [1-14-20 draft minutes](#)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. City of Columbia Social Service Funding Allocation Process

Hollis stated the Boone Impact group had gone down from five forms to two and they were working on simplifying them. They are continuing to talk about the program partnerships and transitioning from letters of support to MOU's. Hollis stated the big change was the listing of the program services. In the detail section organizations will use the table that is listed on the letter of intent, he felt this would simplify things. The other big change will be a logic model to the program instead of the services, as previously done. Hollis stated unfortunately with the other projects going on they will not have time to include the built in rating for org profiles. He stated one issue was there was a lot of data on one form and it may have to be split into two forms. Hollis stated he would like for the commission to think about continuing to rate the organization profiles or having the staff rate the profiles. Schattegen asked about repercussions for staff to rate them. She would like to review previous year's organization ratings before making a decision. Ford's concerns were that the board have the documentation that was needed to ensure that the orgs have accurate ratings. Kelopfer asked if anything in Apricot was sunshineable. Hollis stated contracts funded or not were sunshineable, we would not give full access to the website but would give screenshots if requested. Getzoff asked if the volunteer hours would be included as a value in an organization's budget. Hollis stated that it could be done as an in-kind, but then you have to assign a value.

- b. **FY2021 RFP Social Services-** Hollis reviewed draft RFP timeline sent to the commission. He would like to finalize this by April. After the April meeting, he will need to start working on the RFP process. He stated that in the “opportunity” cycle it may be harder to schedule site visits as the sights may not be available evenings and weekends. The biggest question that needs to be addressed will be whether or not to include to children/youth services in this RFP cycle. Hollis said the county issued their open children’s services RFP last summer and is currently on a two year cycle. Hollis stated there would be four currently contracted organizations that would be impacted. He said the commission didn’t have to make a decision tonight, but needed to think about it for future meeting discussion.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Short-Term Rentals and Affordable Housing** - Suhler stated that on Wednesday March 11, 2020 the Housing and Community Development Commission will be meeting to discuss short term rentals. She said she had provided Hollis with additional information to provide to the HSC commission. One specific idea, based out of Chicago, was to have an additional sur tax on top of the hotel tax that would be earmarked to go toward homelessness and affordable housing. Suhler was looking for the HSC's input on this issue. She continued she had a draft proposal she would like to present to Council with the HSC's approval. Getzoff stated the planning and zoning is trying to determine how many short-term rentals there are within the City, but the estimated total as of today was well over 600. Slayton stated they used to rent out a room in their house and paid occupancy taxes and fees and questioned where that money went. Hollis stated his understanding is that Air B&B is responsible for collecting those monies but as they do not have a City Business License they are currently not collecting those City taxes. Suhler stated the hotel tax does not mitigate the impact of affordable housing or address homelessness. Suhler said there is also the issue of displaced workers staying at short-term rentals rather than hotels. Hotels have paid staff to take care of rooms, where as the upkeep of rooms at short term rentals falls back on the homeowners. Suhler said her concern is there is some pushing to get policies in place quickly without doing further research. In addition to the language that Suhler had already drafted, the commission agreed to add exploring limiting or banning un-hosted short term rentals in areas subject to gentrification. Getzoff moved to approve the language in Suhler's memo to include "explore limiting or banning unhosted short term rentals and have an additional surcharge earmarked to fund affordable housing and homelessness." Slayton seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Attachments: [Short-Term Rentals and Housing Affordability 2019 \(3\)](#)

VI. REPORTS

a. Housing and Community Development Commission Representative Report-

Suhler stated the last meeting's discussion included information on the cost of nonprofits building residences versus the land trust. After much discussion, it was decided two would be built by nonprofits and two by the land trust. Cole's report will be presented tomorrow night on what was accomplished over the last five years and the new plan going forward.

Attachments: [HSC staff report 3-10-20](#)

b. Staff Report-- Hollis stated Compass Health was finally squared away and all FY2019 payments were issued. He continued that The Food Bank issues were also resolved. Hollis stated that unfortunately they were not granted the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant for mental health co-responders. Hollis said they were also not awarded the initial NIH grant but were asked to resubmit. Hollis stated that the County was awarded a Children's Trust Fund grant to fund the Brilliant beginning's project. Hollis stated Room at the Inn would be closing Sunday and that Wilkes Blvd. UMC is still working on their building repairs. Hollis stated the City is developing a new strategic plan and front line staff participated with recommendations going to City Council. One of the groups identified homelessness and mental health as top priorities. The objectives that are being sent to City Council include "establish a baseline of measure of the impact of mental health on the public safety and justice system and develop and mental health crisis mechanism" and "achieving a functional level zero of unsheltered homelessness within five years." Hollis stated these recommendations will go to council on Friday.

VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**VIII. NEXT MEETING DATE**

April 14,2020

IX. ADJOURNMENT

8:47 p.m.