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City of Lawrence
Social Service Funding Advisory Board Meeting
June 13, 2016 minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT: Erika Dvorske, Ranelle Fischer, Burdett Loomis, Alice Lieberman
MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Fite, Scott Criqui, Judy Bellome
STAFF PRESENT: Danielle Buschkoetter, Management Intern; Kevyn Gero, Accreditation Coordinator

Call to Order

Dvorske called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Approve Minutes From 6/9/16 Meeting

The board reviewed the minutes from the meeting on June 9, 2016.

A motion to approve the minutes from 6/9/16 was made by Loomis and seconded by Fischer. The motion passed 4-0.

Discuss Applications and Consider Forwarding Recommendations for 2017 Funding for Social Service Agencies to the City Commission

The Board discussed the applications for 2017 funding from the Special Alcohol Fund and General Operating Fund.

The Board reviewed the funding recommendations for the Special Alcohol Fund made by the Board members. The Board considered started at the average of each of the members recommendations including absent members.

Communities in Schools was not recommended because there was not a consensus on funding the organization. The programs described in the application seemed to be a duplication of services.

The Board discussed Health Care Access is a new alcohol funds request. Dvorske stated that if these alcohol funds would support programs at Health Care Access that are already in place.

The Board agreed that there was lot a lot of consensus in the recommendations and there was support for funding some new programs.

Lieberman moved and Fischer seconded, the motion passed 4-0.

The Board reviewed the funding recommendations for the General Fund made by the Board members.

Dvorske was concerned about funding Warm Hearts for the sustainable administration of the fund.

Loomis stated that there was consensus on the funding level for the Sexual Trauma and Abuse Center.

Fischer stated that in her recommendations it was important for her to consider the organizations ability and capacity to fundraise.

The Board posed a concern to the answer to the question of sustainability to Lawrence Community Food Alliance.

Dvorske stated that she prioritizes programs that provide outcomes versus transactional services. Loomis agreed and stated that he thought that many of the programs offer some type of transactional services but they may fall on a continuum. The Boards talked about their understanding of the difference between the two food related programs and if there is a duplication of services. Lieberman stated that food-related organizations that provide direct service are a higher priority to her.

Lieberman asked if the board tends to be motivated to fund programs that received allocations in the previous budget cycle. The Board is limited on programs they can fund that receive Special Alcohol funds based on City Ordinance.

The Board wants clarification about the bus pass funding and if it is supported through Transportation Funds.

The Board discussed the Salvation Army of Douglas County-Pathway of Hope application and concerns for inclusivity. The Board wants to consider adding language to the Outside Agency Agreements in line with current discrimination policies.

The Board discusses how it would be useful to have more direction from the Commission on their priorities for Outside Agency funding. This would help provide justification for recommending funding.

Buschkoetter presented a draft memo summarizing the Board's recommendations for 2017 and the rationale behind the recommendations.

A motion was made by Lieberman to approve the recommendations for 2017 social service funding and forward the recommendations to the City Commission. The motion was seconded by Loomis. The motion passed 4-0.

Next Meeting

Busckkoetter will send a doodle poll to schedule a September meeting to review the 2016 mid-year reports and other supporting documents, as well as elections of a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

A motion to approve the minutes from 6/13/16 was made by Lieberman and seconded by Fischer. The motion passed 4-0.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Fischer and seconded by Loomis. The motion passed 4-0.