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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

5:30 PM

Madison Water Utility
119 E. Olin Avenue

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Mary O'Donnell, Jim O'Keefe, Laura Noel, Jennifer Stoiber

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.

Present: 7 - Felicitus Ferington; LeAndrea M. Vernon; LaShana M. Miller; Kim Genich; Bridget D. Rogers; Jean M. MacCubbin and Consuelo Lopez

Absent: 3 - Shiva Bidar; Amanda Hall and Wali Urehaman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kim Genich, seconded by LaShana Miller to approve the minutes from February 22, 2017. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [46584](#) Presentation: By Youth For Youth 2017 Funding Decisions

Attachments: [BYFY Info.pdf](#)
[BYFY Recommendations.pdf](#)

Sammie Stoiber, a sophomore at West High School, and Laura Miller from UW Extension presented for the By Youth For Youth Committee (BYFY). Sammie described the committee make up and their process of setting priorities, collecting applications, and deciding on funding allocations. BYFY is celebrating their 26th anniversary this year. It is a partnership between United Way, City of Madison, and Dane County. This year BYFY received \$42,000 in funding, and the committee was made up of 24 youth from high schools in and around Madison. Sammie reported that the committee met every week and set priorities that were very important to them. They received 29 applications for a total of \$68,847. They ended up funding 21 programs, with the maximum award being \$3,000. They expect to directly impact over 500 youth and project to reach over 4,000 youth and their families in our community.

A motion was made by Kim Genich, seconded by LaShana Miller to support the recommendations of the By Youth For Youth Committee, and acknowledge the hard work of the committee. Motion passed by voice vote.

2. [45406](#)

Staff Report

Laura Noel gave the hiring updates. CDD has hired three new Community Development Specialists.

Illiana Wood comes to us from the city of Dubuque, where she worked with adult employment. Hugh Wing is working for Briarpatch Youth Services, and will be working as a youth development specialist. Deon Carruthers works for the Madison School District, and will work on neighborhood based services. We are also finishing up final interviews for the OJJDP grant position. This is an LTE position, which we expect to last until the end of 2018. Jennifer Lord, our MOST Coordinator will be leaving us to go to Goodman Community Center where she will be the Director of Programs.

Jim O'Keefe reported that Kazoua Lor, from WHEDA, is our new CD Tech. Torrie Kopp Mueller came to us from YWCA, and is the new CoC Coordinator. Sarah Lim from Tellurian will be serving as our Homeless Services Coordinator. We will be re-posting the Affordable Housing Specialist position.

Laura discussed the Peer Support Initiative \$400,000 was put in our budget for this initiative to reduce violence in our community and address needs of the prisoner re-entry population. She discussed plans for how to get that money out on the street. We will be seeking public input in the middle of April. If Common Council agrees with the standards we are proposing, as is, we can go to Council with funding recommendations by the end of June. If they do not agree with the standards, everything will get pushed back.

We received 39 applications for \$150,000 in Emerging Opportunities Program funding. The average award in previous years was \$11,000 to \$12,000. These are small, focused grants for temporary or pilot projects. Half of the applications are for elementary or youth programs, 8 for community building and engagement, 5-6 on homelessness or housing issues, one prisoner re-entry, and a number of access programs, which are targeted services for marginalized communities. The review team will be forwarding their recommendations to the CDD Conference Committee early next week. On March 30, agencies will give three minute presentations before the CDD Conference Committee, and on April 3 they will deliberate and make decisions.

Laura discussed the funding processes for the year. We hope to have the youth and adult employment RFP information by next month. The community building and engagement RFP still needs more work, so it may not be ready by next month.

CDBG is working on funding processes related to homelessness-street outreach services, strengthening tenant services, broader homeless services and prevention, and the affordable housing fund.

3. [34250](#)

Committee Reports

- Early Childhood Care and Education Committee
- Committee on Aging

LeAndrea reported that the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee focused on child care assistance eligibility at their last meeting. They looked at strategies and timelines for changes in the child care assistance eligibility. They formed a subcommittee to look at stabilization grant funding structures, percentages of low income families, hiring qualified staff, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by LeAndrea Vernon, seconded by Kim Genich to adjourn at 6:41. Motion passed by voice vote.

The next meeting will be at Central Library on April 26.

Kim shared that there will be an informal presentation on immigration at he United Way at 8:30 am on March 30.

LeAndrea shared that she will be moving to Pensacola FL at the end of the school year.