



Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

5:30 PM

Water Utility, 119 E. Olin Avenue

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Laura Noel, Mary O'Donnell, Nancy Rodriguez, Jennifer Stoiber

The meeting was called to order at 5:30.

Present: 8 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Felicitus Ferington; Nicole K. Anderson; Mary C. Vasquez; Alan M. Sweet; Jean M. MacCubbin; David Wandel and Paul J. Van Rooy

Excused: 2 -

Lisa Subeck and Kim Genich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Paul Van Rooy, seconded by David Wandel to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2012 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anders Zanichkowsky and Cristina Lor from the Tenant Resource Center shared with the committee Cristina's role in the Hmong outreach that TRC does. Cristina described the extra barriers Hmong community members have with housing problems.

Cindy Crane spoke on behalf of the Northside Planning Council. She thanked the committee for their recommendation and asked that the recommendation remains as is throughout their deliberations tonight. She shared with the committee what the NPC will continue to do for the north side of Madison.

Shannon Barry with Domestic Abuse Intervention Service provided the committee with additional information. She discussed the trends in shelter use. DAIS is full 100% of the time, and they desperately need a third case manager. She discussed the costs of running the shelter compared to what the City funds.

ROLL CALL

Kim Genich arrived at 5:45.

Present: 9 -

Satya V. Rhodes-Conway; Felicitus Ferington; Nicole K. Anderson; Mary C. Vasquez; Kim Genich; Alan M. Sweet; Jean M. MacCubbin; David Wandel and Paul J. Van Rooy

Excused: 1 -

Lisa Subeck

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Anderson from Rape Crisis Center discussed City funding and what a cut means to their program. They get less funding and a significant rise in needed services. Flat funding is not really flat. She discussed the barriers to writing the funding application.

Alder Marsha Rummel spoke about her concerns with defunding East Isthmus Neighborhood Planning Council, and what they accomplished in the last year. She believes there needs to be a formal process to defund an agency.

Many speakers spoke on behalf of Freedom Inc.

Kabzuag Vaj described the history of Freedom Inc. They worked predominately with Hmong girls, and now they are working with black girls too. The girls are all working together. Freedom Inc is serving a population in the City that no one else is serving. They are serving hundreds of kids and their families who are in dire need. She expressed her frustration with some agencies getting a lot of money and others getting none.

Alix Shabarr attended Freedom Inc as a youth, and now works with the agency. She described her history working with oppressed populations, and shared how she felt about the committee possibly cutting Freedom Inc.'s funding.

la Ly and Mee Vang shared their stories with the committee and how Freedom Inc saved them. They expressed how much they need this agency and asked the committee to continue funding them.

Kabzuag Vaj discussed the staff recommendation to merge the domestic violence program with the referral program. She feels they are very different programs and do not serve the same people.

Mee Xiong asked the committee to fund the referral program. She discussed her work with the Southeast Asian community and said there is no other support like Freedom Inc for the Cambodian community. She shared a story of a woman she is working with.

Pahua Vang is the youth coordinator for Go Homong. She discussed her work with the youth at Freedom Inc.

Panra Vang said the Go Hmong is very important to Hmong girls. Hmong girls cannot talk to school counselors or other services because of the cultural barriers.

Shaquita Griffin was sad and upset that Freedom Inc's funding may be taken away. This group gives her a voice to say that we can do better. Not funding the youth program tells them that no one cares about them. The program is important and original.

Natasha shared with the committee what Black Beauties is and what a good experience it is for her.

Juanita discussed what Black Beauties means to her and how it connects her to others.

Zon Mova discussed the Hmong necklace she wore and how it symbolizes oppression. That is how she is feeling with the possibility of Freedom Inc. losing funding.

The Youth Program Coordinator shared her feelings on how important it is for their kids to have a space to go to. Freedom Inc is building new leaders. She does not know where the kids will go if they lose their funding.

Monica Adams has been with Freedom Inc for 3-4 years. She discussed what things would be like without Freedom Inc.

Peng Her encouraged the committee to reconsider defunding East Isthmus Planning Council. He discussed what EINPC does and said they give a voice to those that are not heard. He would like a better partnership between committee members and service providers, and would like planning councils pulled out of the Neighborhoods program area since they are so vastly different from Neighborhood Centers.

Chao Vang and another gentleman from Kajsab House at Journey Mental Health are disappointed that they may not be funded. Mr. Vang discussed the youth program and why it is so important. It teaches the kids about their Hmong culture and helps them with their school work. They need the funding to help provide services in the community. They discussed how unique the Hmong community is.

Sharyl Kato with the Rainbow Project is in support of Freedom Inc's proposal. The current committee recommendations are devastating to Rainbow Project's programs. It feels as though we are going back in time. She discussed the population they serve and does not understand how they cannot be a higher priority.

Jim Kramer with Simpson Street Free Press discussed the letter he wrote to the committee. He shared with them how SSFP began, and that they serve thousands of kids. They are not a big agency and are indigenous to the community they serve.

Adaeze Okoli has been in SSFP for a long time. She is one of dozens of success stories coming out of SSFP. They serve kids from all over the City and she has worked with amazing mentors. She is happy that as an adult working on staff, she can give back to a program that was so important to her.

Casey Behrend from Youth Services of Southern WI made a short statement. He urged the committee to separate from the emotion of all the speakers and look at the criteria objectively.

John Quinlan South Metropolitan Planning Council thanked staff for the work they do. He discussed how we can garner greater support.

Jeff Burkhardt from Literacy Network discussed the Family Literacy program. He gave examples of how they help families.

Mary Anglim and Victoria Faust from East Isthmus Planning Council discussed their experience with EINPC. They are concerned if the agency is completely

defunded, heritage will be lost. They appealed to the committee to at least preserve the bare bones of the agency and give a little funding so they can possibly regroup.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Jean MacCubbin is on the board for TJ's Support Brokerage which has programs in Access to Resources and Youth Program Areas.

Mary Vasquez is on the board of AIDS Network, which has a program in the Access to Resources category.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. [27007](#) Complete Preliminary Funding Recommendations for Proposals Received in Community Resources Program Areas: DV/SA/Crisis, Access to Resources, Neighborhoods, and Youth

Attachments: [Rhodes-Conway Leftover and B List Suggestions.pdf](#)
[Access Spreadsheet for 7-18.pdf](#)
[DVSA Spreadsheet for 7-18.pdf](#)
[Neighborhoods Spreadsheet for 7-18.pdf](#)
[Youth Spreadsheet for 7-18.pdf](#)
[DAIS Handout.pdf](#)
[EINPC Handout.pdf](#)
[SSFP Handout.pdf](#)
[RCC Handout.pdf](#)

Alan Sweet suggested setting aside funding decisions for 2014 at the moment. The committee is not ready to address DAIS large increase request and the smaller YSSW and Rainbow Project increase requests for 2014.

Satya Rhodes-Conway explained the formula to assign funding she came up with and why she devised it. The formula is as follows:

New programs will not get funding due to the limitations and cut in funding. All "A" Priority program will start at flat 2012 funding. "B" Priority programs will begin with a 5% reduction from 2012 and "C" Priority programs will begin with a 10% funding reduction. Then programs will get further reductions based on their average score when the committee ranked the programs. A score of 90+ will not receive any further reduction, 80-89 will receive a 5% reduction, 70-79 will get a 10% reduction, and so on until the money runs out.

A motion was made by Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Paul Van Rooy to apply the formula for the Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Crisis Intervention Program Area.

After some discussion, Ms. Rhodes-Conway made an omnibus motion consisting of the following:

1. Apply the formula to the Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, Crisis Intervention Program Area
2. Fund the following agencies and programs these amounts:
 - Rainbow Project-Children of Violent Homes -\$15,432
 - Freedom Inc-SEA Referral-\$10,147

- Freedom Inc-Cultural Youth Groups-10,119
- East Isthmus Neighborhood Planning Council-\$5329

3. Leave the rest of the committee recommendations in Neighborhoods, Youth and Access to Resources Program Areas, as is already approved.

Paul Van Rooy agreed that this is a friendly amendment.

Satya Rhodes-Conway amended the motion to fund East Isthmus Neighborhood Planning Council at \$6200. Paul Van Rooy agreed to this change.

After further discussion, Satya Rhodes-Conway suggested this friendly amendment to the omnibus motion: All program areas are funded at formula level except Neighborhoods. In Neighborhoods, Northside Planning Council and South Metropolitan Planning Council are funded at formula level and East Isthmus Planning Council is funded at \$6,200. This leaves \$13,071 unallocated.

The committee discussed how to move money between program areas. Satya Rhodes-Conway withdrew her motions.

A motion is made by Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by David Wandel to suspend the rule that prohibits moving money between Program Areas. Motion was passed by voice vote with Jean MacCubbin and Mary Vasquez abstaining.

A motion was made by Satya Rhodes-Conway, seconded by Paul Van Rooy to accept the following funding allocations: All program areas are funded at formula level except Neighborhoods. In Neighborhoods, Northside Planning Council and South Metropolitan Planning Council are funded at formula level and East Isthmus Planning Council is funded at \$6,200. This leaves \$13,071 unallocated. Motion passed by voice vote, with Jean MacCubbin and Mary Vasquez abstaining.

A motion was made by Paul Van Rooy, seconded by Nicole Anderson to allocate part of the leftover \$13,071 to YWCA-Night Transit, Rainbow Project-Children of Violent Homes, and Freedom Inc-Cultural Youth Groups. Each program will restore funding, so that they have a 10% cut from 2012 funding. If there is any remaining money from the \$13,071, it is to be set aside to allocate at the next meeting. Motion passed by voice vote, with Jean MacCubbin and Mary Vasquez abstaining.

2. [26987](#)

Funding Process Moving Forward

The next meeting is on Monday, July 23rd. Agencies are invited to respond to the committee's recommendations.

It was suggested that at the next meeting, any committee members that have a conflict of interest, should get a chance to talk about the areas they are able to before any motions are made.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Paul Van Rooy, seconded by Satya Rhodes-Conway to adjourn at 9:49. Motion passed by voice vote.