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Meeting Minutes - Approved COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 25, 2015

5:30 PM

Madison Senior Center
330 W. Mifflin Street

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Jim O'Keefe, Laura Noel, Monica Host, Nancy Saiz, Christine Beatty, Jennifer Stoiber

Paul Van Rooy called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Present: 7 - Shiva Bidar-Sielaff; Felicitus Ferington; Patricia A. Lasky; Kim Genich; Bridget D. Rogers; Michelle L. Michalak and Paul J. Van Rooy

Absent: 3 - Amanda Hall; LaShana M. Miller and Jean M. MacCubbin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kim Genich, seconded by Pat Lasky to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2015 meeting. Motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marge Zutter from RSVP spoke to urge the Common Council to find additional resources than just what is on the B-list. We need to help seniors age in place. Older adults are a tremendous resource. She discussed RSVP's volunteer service. Supporting seniors is one way of supporting a healthy neighborhood.

Melvin Hinton volunteers with the foster grandparents program at RSVP. He discussed his background, and the cultural differences today. Foster grandparents contribute so much to the classrooms, and teachers need these volunteers. He shared stories of children he has worked with. He asked that the committee consider that the money spent on senior volunteer services, also benefits the children.

Marcia Hendrickson from South Madison Coalition on Aging discussed the importance of funding the B-list because of the volunteer programs and the collaborative program. The volunteer guardianship program helps seniors that do not have family or a connection in the community who are open to fraud and abuse. This program prevents that and is the only one of its kind. They help people in their homes and from being evicted. She discussed the need for the collaborative program. They rely on it to help with administrative staff costs. She asked the committee for their support in fully funding the B-list, as it is only \$45,000.

Katie Kluesner from West Madison Senior Coalition appeared on behalf of the four coalitions. She discussed the impact of the Home Chore Program. They have 96% success rate in keeping seniors in their homes. If \$10,000 is not restored the coordinators will work 13 hours less per week. It will make the

waitlist longer.

Brenda Konkel from Tenant Resource Center discussed the funding process in general. Their senior program got a really low score, and she is having trouble understanding why. They are getting more referrals, and more seniors with housing issues than ever before. The cases are also getting harder to solve. Brenda does not understand where TRC fits in, and what their role is. The volume of people coming in has grown, but the funding has not grown with it.

Carmella Glen from the Madison-area Urban Ministry thanked the committee for the continuing funding. She gave an update on Just Bakery.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. [39778](#) Discussion and Funding Recommendations on Crisis Support Services

Attachments: [Staff Recs for Crisis Support Services.pdf](#)

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff was struck by the number of agencies that struggle to provide cultural and linguistically appropriate services. She would like to ask agencies for a higher level of action-oriented steps. Of not is the lack of staff and board members that are of color. She is happy to see the B-list, and feels it is important that it be included in the Mayor's budget. She feels the B-list requests for UNIDOS and Freedom Inc are essential. They are doing really important work for a large community. Supporting organizations that are led by people of color is important for racial equity.

A motion was made by Kim Genich, seconded by Pat Lasky to approve the funding package for Crisis Support Services as recommended by staff.

Bridget offered an amendment to prioritize UNIDOS and Freedom Inc as the highest priorities on the B-list.

LaShanna Miller arrived at 6:15 pm.

The committee discussed whether or not they should prioritize the B-list recommendations. Kim and Pat decided to withdraw their motion, and make a new one.

A motion was made by Kim Genich, seconded by Pat Lasky to approve the funding package for Crisis Support Services as recommended by staff, not including the B-list. Motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Kim Genich to recommend to the Mayor and Common Council that they fully fund the \$213,240 request on the B-list, with UNIDOS as the first priority, and Freedom Inc as the second priority.

Fay Ferington suggested a friendly amendment to make the DAIS request third on the priority list. Shiva and Kim considered the amendment friendly.

Shiva then requested that the committee make the Rainbow Project request fourth, and the Briarpatch item fifth. This was also considered friendly by Kim.

After some discussion, the committee decided on the following priority order for the B-list recommendations:

1. UNIDOS Against Domestic Violence
2. Freedom Inc.
3. DAIS
4. Rainbow Project
5. Briarpatch Youth Services

The motion passed by voice vote.

2. [39779](#) Discussion and Funding Recommendations for Adult Senior Support Services

Attachments: [COA Adult Senior Services Recs.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, seconded by Shelle Michalak to approve the Committee on Aging's recommendations for Adult Senior Services funding, not including the B-list. Motion passed by voice vote.

A motion was made by Pat Lasky, seconded by Fay Ferington to recommend approval of the B-list as recommended by the Committee on Aging.

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff made a friendly amendment to strongly recommend to the Mayor and Common Council to fully fund the B-list. The motioners approved of this amendment as friendly. Motion passed by voice vote.

3. [34250](#) Committee Reports
-Early Childhood Care and Education Committee
-Committee on Aging

Pat Lasky did not have a report from the Early Childhood Care and Education Committee.

Fay Ferington said the Committee on Aging report was already discussed in the previous agenda item.

4. [38976](#) Staff Report

Laura Noel said the Fall Emerging Opportunities Program timeline will be announced in the next week or two.

Jim O'Keefe reported that the City's Facilities Manager, Jeanne Hoffman, would like to give a briefing at the next meeting on renovations to the Madison Municipal Building.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Kim Genich, seconded by Fay Ferington to adjourn at 6:50 pm. Motion passed by voice vote.