

MEETING MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Friday, February 18, 2022 12:00 PM

Social Services Committee

Members Present: Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Burns, A. Ngola

Members Absent: D. Cravens, D. Ohanian, A. Sood, S. Lackey, S. Olds Frey

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Amanda Ngola agreed to act as Chair and called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

Public Comment

No public comment

Support Services

A. Funding Recommendations for Applicants Not Eligible Under Case Management or Safety Net Services

There was initial discussion about the Committee's decision to focus support services funding on mental health and the various needs for specific mental health services including psychiatric services, diagnostic services, and counseling. Members agreed to recommend to the full committee to vote to not fund applicants that did not fit under the categories of Case Management or Safety Net services. They shared ideas for service components that would be important to include in an RFP, specifically the provision of telehealth and ability to provide services at various locations. There was additional discussion about how to divide the amount between identified areas of need. Staff noted that additional information would be needed around cost structures associated with services; members noted that it would be important to identify outcomes prior to drafting any RFPs. Ms. Ngola defined two issues that funding could be used to address: lack of providers and long wait lists. Members agreed that funding agencies that already work with case management agencies might be beneficial. There was discussion about focusing resources on uninsured populations. Members noted that Impact Behavioral Health Partners and Trilogy, Inc. could provide services; there was agreement that any and all providers would be eligible to submit proposals.

Respectfully submitted, Jessica Wingader Senior Grants and Compliance Specialist