



MEETING MINUTES
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, May 12, 2022 7:00 PM

Social Services Committee

Members Present: S. Olds Frey, D. Ohanian, A. Ngola, D. Cravens, A. Sood, S. Lackey, K. Hayes

Members Absent: Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Burns

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chair Olds Frey called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Suspension of the Rules

Ms. Hayes moved approval, seconded by Vice Chair Ohanian; a roll call vote was taken and the rules to suspend to allow for virtual participation were approved 7-0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes for April 14, 2022

Vice Chair Ohanian moved approval of the meeting minutes for April 14, 2022, seconded by Ms. Hayes; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment

No public comment

Evanston Project for Local Assessment of Needs (EPLAN) Presentation

Community Health Specialist Kristin Meyer provided information about research gathered during the EPLAN process with a focus on mental health, demographic information and data by ward. She also provided information about community feedback and the City's priorities as a result of the data.

Youth & Young Adult Division

Outreach Supervisor Jermey McCray discussed initiatives to engage middle school and high school aged youth at Robert Crown, Fleetwood Jourdain, and Gibbs Morrison community centers and throughout the community including the Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program, virtual programming, block parties, and the My City, Your City, Our City summer events. All initiatives provide educational and recreational activities for youth in an effort to reduce violence and help empower youth; staff recognized that youth were instrumental in planning events. Mr. McCray introduced his staff and announced that Damita Cravens recently accepted a position with the Outreach team. Mr. McCray closed by mentioning past numbers served. Chair Olds Frey acknowledged that the program received national recognition for outreach and engagement efforts.

FY2022 First Quarter Report Updates

Staff provided staffing updates for PEER Services, Youth & Opportunity United, and Connections for the Homeless and offered to address any questions about first quarter reports.

Community Needs Assessments and Mental Health Measures

Staff and Committee members discussed options for providing counseling services including individual, family and group counseling. Staff is working to gather feedback about fee-for-service agreements and RFPs from local providers and report back to the Committee at the June meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Wingader
Senior Grants and Compliance Specialist