



MEETING MINUTES
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 10, 2022 7:00 PM

Social Services Committee

Members Present: Councilmember Reid, Councilmember Burns, D. Cravens, S. Lackey, D. Ohanian, A. Ngola, A. Sood

Members Absent: S. Olds Frey

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Vice Chair Ohanian called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Suspension of Rules

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

Public Comment

No public comment.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2021

Councilmember Reid moved approval of the meeting minutes for December 9, 2021, seconded by Ms. Sood; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 7-0.

Staff Report

Staff provided information about the federal budget process and its impact on the City's entitlement awards. Staff also reported on the status of agency reports and additional grants including planning for ARPA and the impact of ESG/ESG-CV funds on households experiencing homelessness.

ZoomGrants Reporting Working Group Update

Staff provided a brief overview of the working group's process and meetings held with agencies. Vice Chair Ohanian requested information about additional metrics, including education attainments. Staff reviewed current report metrics for both categories and agreed to report back to the Committee ways to represent levels of education for participants in case management. There was discussion about how the current report structure was derived including how it had been reviewed by past committees.

Support Services

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

**B. Discussion of Next Steps Relating to Funding Support Services;
Consideration of Formation of a Working Group**

Committee discussed forming a working group to review both topics; several members expressed interest. Councilmember Reid moved to form a working group to review funding support services and to discuss applicants not eligible under Case Management or Safety Net services, seconded by Councilmember Burns; members voted 7-0 to form a working group to review support services and applications not eligible under Case Management or Safety Net services.

Discussion of Applicant Classification

Staff listed agencies under each classification and spoke to the administrative burden of asking agencies to resubmit applications under a new category in order to report target outcomes. Kim Lutz from North Shore Senior Center spoke about the reclassification of North Shore Senior Center as a safety net service and how the change better reflected the total services offered, including case management services. Staff confirmed that agencies were still adjusting to the new reporting structure and changes to the allocation process. There was discussion about the goals of the working committee and how that body would support the process of allocating funding. Ms. Cravens provided information about the shortage of mental health service providers and the challenges of getting people into services including the challenges of insurance providers and fee structures. There was further discussion about ways to get services for people and reduce waitlists.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
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