



MEETING MINUTES
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Thursday, August 11, 2022 7:00 PM

Social Services Committee

Members Present: D. Ohanian, A. Ngola, S. Lackey, K. Hayes, Councilmember Reid

Members Absent: S. Olds Frey, A. Sood, Councilmember Burns

Staff: S. Flax, J. Wingader, A. Elizarraga

Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

The meeting began without a quorum at 7:15pm.

Public Comment

Marie Eneus spoke in support of the services provided by Family Focus.

Yaritza Landin, a Family Advocate at Family Focus, read testimonies from participants in the Parents As Teachers program; all statements were in support of the services Family Focus provides.

Discussion of ARPA Funding for a Welcoming Center

Representatives from Family Focus including Dara Munson, President & CEO, Dottie Johnson, CFO, Mariana Osoria, SVP of Partnerships & Engagement, and Vanessa Allen, Center Director of Family Focus Evanston, were present to answer questions or address concerns; Ms. Osoria presented information about the Welcoming Center including an overview of current services, a summary of the services the welcoming center would offer and the benefits the project would provide the community. Members expressed general support for the services Family Focus provides currently in the community.

FY2022 Program Reports

Staff provided a brief overview of the structure used to summarize report outcomes and highlighted common challenges agencies faced including staffing shortages

Suspension of the Rules

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2022

Councilmember Reid moved approval of the meeting minutes for June 9, 2022, seconded by Ms. Lackey; a roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Staff Report

Staff provided an update on the Child Care Premium Pay Program application open until August 23, 2022.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica Wingader
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