

EiA Commission Meeting
Minutes
September 16, 2015

In Attendance: Suzanne Hansche, Bobbi Yambasu, Elaine Friesen-Strang, Ray Johnson, Bob Baskette, Tamara Maher, Lois, JoAnn

Absent: Susan Madar, Dolores Hubert, Bob Pung, Maureen Pung, Kae Gaunt

Guests: Lee Girard, Rebecca Miller, Chair Kafoury, Anna ? Steven ?

Lee Girard:

- Spoke of the loss of the Gatekeeper Program funding & redirecting the remaining funds. Volunteers are being trained and she remains optimistic about the change and asked that the EiA spread the word that program is not closed. Rebecca will send update.
- County still receiving new funds from state albeit slowly.
- Evidence based health promotion discussed. Previous process not to be repeated and only the high performing, proven programs will be asked to participate.
- Care Transitions and Home Meds Program discussed. Home Meds is a web-based tool that can red flag meds being taken. A geriatric pharmacist reviews the profiles, gives direction and recommendations.

- Senior Home Repayment Funding – contract from State pending.
- Community Based Care – winding down pilot.
- Care Oregon pilot program coming
- Family Care contract pending. Pilot w/Care Oregon Hot Line Call Center
- Expanding Veteran's Care with Services Officer. Requests for assistance are way up. New Ombudsman coming.

Rebecca Miller:

- Attended Age Friendly Conference in WA. D.C. - good synergy at this conference.
- Suggested looking at www.themissingmiddle.com
- Presentation by Frameworks Institute
- Expert vs Public Opinion approach on ageism. Baseline assessment w/EiA's assistance.
- Ray had a question for Rebecca re: OHSU that I missed but Lee answered it.

Chair Kafoury:

- Build community engagement with assistance and encouragement from EiA
- Suprised at how few voices are hear from. Plan underway to engage different groups and get conversations going.
- Had a very interesting meeting with Asian elders. About 5 languages were spoken in the room and there were a lot of transportation questions which was no surprise to the commissioners.
- Suzanne H invited Anna from Chair Kafoury's office to participate with various EiA committees.
- Chair mentioned C.A.T. media event day before on high rents and no cause evictions. Lois let her know there was an EiA presence at the event.
- Working with city on long term plan but short term is another story. Understands affordable housing is a crisis in Multnomah County
- Veteran's homelessness issue and others

-5M funds for ?

-2M funds for rent assistance/shelter

-3M in budget to invest in Unity Mental Health Facility in the Rose Quarter. Lee, Rebecca, Elaine, Bobbie, Suzanne joined this conversation and Lee spoke of older adult behavioral/mental health community engagement coming.

Anna spoke to her vision and research to get all stakeholders on the same page.

Suzanne H cited Asset based vs Needs Based discussion needed.

Suzanne Madar resigned from Advocacy Coordinator and taking leave of absence from the commission.

Advocacy Coordinator position may be difficult to fill in the short term.

Conferences and meeting calendar has been created and some of those meetings discussed.

Lois brought up volunteer support and budget for recognition event. Some of those funds may possibly be used to assist with attending meeting and conferences.

Group discussed Commission docs being housed someplace online to get away from 3 ring binder approach.

Discussed HCWC online survey to be used to create larger vetted survey at a later date. (Health Needs Assessment). Survey live until December 1, 2015.

Bobbi reported on retreats and summer discussions. Board to be more informed on Commission activities is the "communication piece".

GoGroup meeting coming up in October.

Suzanne thanked commissioners for input at retreats and summer discussions.

Suzanne has been appointed to Multnomah County _____? Commission could not officially approve for lack of quorum.

Health Security meeting was held earlier today. Respite care to be taken up in the next few years.

Suzanne asked that commissioners turn in edits, potential changes, strategies for commission goals and objectives by end of this month.

Elaine:

-Housing panel at Governor's Commission

-Divided into groups and spoke to many topics

-Collecting data on elder abuse very difficult across communities

City of Portland looking at own version of "Ban the Box"

JoAnn working on Grant re: Housing Crisis

Elaine:

-Group met with City Commissioner Steve Novick to discuss potential .10 per gallon gas tax with proposed 14.5M impact per year. This to address public safety in the county with big focus on east county. Polling indicated a progressive income tax would fail.

Portland Business Alliance in support of this gas tax. (Please confirm this with Elaine)

-Senior Strolls brochure handed out. Elaine recently led a huge group.