



City of Tacoma

Human Services Commission

Wednesday, January 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.
Virtual and In-Person Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chair Naomi Wilson, Secretary Andee Walton, Laura Badeaux, Doris Brown, Noemi Cagatin-Porter, Kristi Coyne, Connie Ladenburg, Carlos Lugo-Gonzalez, Leslie Mintaraga, Nikki Singh, Valentine Smith, and Balynda Warden

Members Absent: Vice Chair Marvin Cooks, Wilton Waverly

Staff Present: Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director (NCS)

1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks at 6:03

- Meeting chaired by Chair Wilson.
- Roll call.

2. Approval of the January agenda at 6:05

- Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve, seconded by Commissioner Coyne. Approved unanimously.

3. Review/Approval of November minutes at 6:06

- Motioned by Commissioner Cagatin-Porter to approve minutes and Commissioner Lugo-Gonzalez seconded. Approved unanimously.

4. Public Comment at 6:07

- No written public comments received.

5. NCS and HSC Staffing Introduction at 6:08

- Roles and Responsibilities presented by Community Resource Analyst Seniors: Matthew Jorgenson, Hayley Saucedo, and Erin Watlington

6. Homeless Strategy Update at 6:18

- Presented by Caleb Carbone, Community Resource Analyst-Principal Homeless Strategy, System and Services Manager
 - i. What City is doing to address homelessness throughout The City.
 1. Create flexibility in contracting so providers can address various barriers.
 - a. Not encampment-specific; barrier reduction via more housing and stability.
 - b. 1201 available units and nearly double the capacity for housing since 2017.
 2. Prioritize access to behavioral healthcare services by including it in all shelter provider contracts.
 3. Reduce shelter capacity and replace with affordable housing in conjunction with Pierce County's HSC.
 4. 100 additional beds and 15 SUD beds for Tacoma Rescue Mission (TRC).
 - a. Allows people to move back into their communities.



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7. Inclement Weather Update at 6:45

- Presented by Caleb Carbone, Community Resource Analyst-Principal Homeless Strategy, System and Services Manager
 - i. Tier One: 32 degrees or 35 degrees with rain and wind.
 - 1. Supplies and emergent beds as needed.
 - ii. Also use TRC and Holy Cross, if needed.
 - iii. There have been 33 inclement weather days since the end of the season.
 - iv. Must leave after services have ended.
 - v. First come, first serve basis.

8. Revier Competitive Process at 6:55

- Discussion led by Vicky McLaurin, Interim Assistant Director, and Cole Curry, Contract/Program Auditor.
- What went well during competitive process:
 - i. Questions provided to applicants in advance were able to be answered within three-minute time allotment.
 - ii. Organized and professional presentations by applicants.
 - iii. Multiple NCS Staff present to support HSC through process.
 - iv. Great experience by applicants overall.
- Chair Wilson requests feedback from applicants on process.
- Areas for improvement:
 - i. Homogenized method of rating between two groups.
 - ii. Interviews conducted during workday are a challenge for commissioners to attend.
 - iii. Discussion on recorded applicant videos with possibility of commissioners responding later with follow-up questions.
 - 1. Consideration of burden ideas may have on of working hours, NCS Staff, and applicants.

9. Review/Excuse Absences at 7:21

- Motioned to excuse Vice Chair Cooks by Chair Wilson to approve. Seconded by Secretary Walton. Approved unanimously.

10. Good of the Order at 7:22

- Chair Wilson expresses gratitude to all in attendance.

11. Closing Comments at 7:24

- Chair Wilson adjourns at 7:24.