
Health Needs and Human Services Commission Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:30 p.m.
Videoconference / Teleconference

Commission Members: Charlie Woodcock, Loyd Platson, Doug Osborne,
Jeff Arndt, Holly Marban, Denise Ewing
Dr. Richard Wein (Assembly Liaison)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Woodcock called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Charlie Woodcock, Loyd Platson, Doug Osborne, Jeff Arndt, Holly Marban (left the meeting at 2:48 p.m.), Denise Ewing arrived at 1:36 p.m.

Assembly Liaison: Not in attendance

Others in attendance: Deputy Clerk Melissa Henshaw

III. CORRESPONDENCE / AGENDA CHANGES

None.

IV. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 12, 2020

M – Platson / S – Arndt moved to approve the March 12, 2020 minutes as written. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

VI. REPORTS

Chair – Woodcock informed that The Cloud had physically closed due to COVID-19. YAS was working on a virtual cloud experience and they have moved to telemedicine. He noted that the residential component has been a challenge and that House II was being used currently as a quarantine house. He reported that there had been a decrease of family therapy.

Commissioners – Osborne shared tomorrow about the Woonsocket meeting to combine volunteer efforts. He told of his *Daily Dose of Relaxation*. He encouraged people with symptoms to get tested.

Marban reminded that there was a dedicated website for updated information at covid19.search.org. She reported that SEARHC was doing telehealth and there were not many patients allowed in the hospital, nor visitors unless it was an end of life situation, that they were doing delivery of medication, and of the screening upon arrival as standard procedure. She recommended the DHSS and CDC website for information and told of the mental health SEARHC help line. She stated Mountainside had a drive through and a room in the hospital with a turnaround time frame for testing of 4 or 5 days, however noted that SEARHC had received some rapid test kits.

Arndt noted a decrease in case load. He told of virtual races and thoughts on other community physicality challenges with incentives.

Ewing the testing time has gone from 7 days to 2 days turnaround with 320 tests performed. She noted no positive cases yet but 41 tests were pending. She explained that

the rapid testing depended on the viral load and where the incubation period was for that person with regards to accuracy. She noted the importance of testing to flatten the curve. She stated it has been seen now that there was community spread. She told of concerns and activities outside of the home.

Platson shared an idea for an encouraging way to get out and be healed in nature.

City Staff – Henshaw stated she was the Volunteer Coordinator for Emergency Operations Center and asked for volunteer information and efforts be sent to her.

Assembly Liaison – Not in attendance.

Other: None.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B. Affordability / improvements related to food waste, food security, and composting

Woodcock told of grants he found that may pertain. Henshaw would send out the information. Marban updated that the RAND group still had plans to come and were having communications with community members to focus on and it may be related to COVID-19, but that there could be food security as a piece of that. She relayed that STA tannery had space for possible hydroponics. She shared history of STA's composting and though that without tourism, it may be a good substitute.

C. Substance abuse especially regarding binge drinking in youth (was heard prior to REPORTS and after APPROVAL OF MINUTES)

Platson introduced guest Lt. Jean Achee who told about compliance checks and general information for selling to minors, stating that it was mostly done at the state level. He noted that the city had an agreement to be able to also do compliance checks. Marban wondered how to prevent, how to support as a commission, and how the community could address. Lt. Achee stated the education started in the home and continued with the family as an adult setting the rules and enforced them. He stated, when a crime occurred, they investigated; that investigation includes asking where they got the product. He relayed that the school does a fantastic job of educating. He noted parents can give children alcohol in their home if they are an older teen, but not marijuana. Lt. stated party patrols were active. He clarified that due to understaffing, doing a sting to see if there was selling taking place to underage children was not conducive. Platson gave an update of the survey. He was trying to build a network for prevention services.

D. Support creation of a collective impact board

Platson told of training that was cancelled and asked that Commissioners send in lists to Henshaw of who should be included in the collective impact board.

E. Three-foot bike clearance

Osborne told of the single track that was proceeding off of the Cross Trail.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting was scheduled for May 14, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., Location to be determined.

Agenda items to add: City Seal

M - Platson / S - Arndt moved to adjourn the meeting. Seeing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Attest:
Melissa Henshaw, Deputy Clerk