

JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

March 9, 2018

Attendees: Leirion Gaylor Baird, City Council; Cyndi Lamm, City Council; Deb Schorr, County Board; Jennifer Brinkman, County Board; Kerry Eagan, County Board; Jon Carlson, Mayor's Office; CJ Johnson, Region V; Brian Wachman, United Way; Wende Baker, United Way; Maggie Montoya, United Way; Ly Nguyen; Sara Hoyle, Human Services; and Jenni Ryan, Human Services

Excused: Renee Dozier, Region V

Leirion called the meeting to order. Minutes were passed as written.

Human Services Activity Report – Sara Hoyle

See attached. Sara highlighted the following sections of her report:

- Lincoln Unites is May 12th. The Mayor is opening the Naturalization Ceremony at 11 am.
- The JJPFP RFP just went out. JBC Applications are being reviewed.
- Our Early Assessment Specialist has received 204 referrals & completed 187 assessments Oct-Dec 2017.
- There are 256 youth on active diversion. 80% successfully discharge.
- The Family Drug Court grant is working on a community housing project. Difficulties with many landlords being unwilling to rent to people with felony charges.
- The Comprehensive Planning process for juvenile services is underway. The plan is due in June. Our next meeting is April 9th.
- Game & Parks Violations – Senator Pansing-Brooks and Senator Chambers are interested in a Teaching to Fish model so youth don't need some of these permits. It may be good to look at training with Game & Parks about adolescent brain development.
- GA Caseworkers are completing a 20 hour online SOAR training so they can assist clients with these applications to help draw down Medicaid reimbursements.
- Since we are working with Bluestem Health we are now eligible to receive discounts on branded medications through the 340b Program. The County saved \$25,000 in the last 3 months. The prescriber has to come from Bluestem though to get the discount. Bryan recently lost their 340b benefits due to not following the above stipulation regarding the prescriber coming from their organization. Not sure yet how this will impact the community.

NEW BUSINESS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Perspective on Grant Applications

Discussion ensued about whether or not it's worth the City & County's time to award contracts under \$10,000. All the new insurance requirements take a lot of staff time to acquire from the agencies. Would it be better for us and agencies to focus on funding larger programs? Think about it through a collective impact lens. Since our funds come mostly from tax dollars, it makes sense for us to fund stable, well-established programs over more risky, innovative ones. Is there some kind of central registry listing all the places funds are available? Also, being clear on what funding is for helps agencies know whether to apply & helps focus your impact.

United Way Grant Review Process

Wende introduced Maggie & Ly. Content questions can go to Maggie & technical questions can go to Ly. Citizen Review teams are currently meeting and will have comments to JBC in late April. Wende went over the online review process. Everyone will need to sign the conflict of interest form. There's a

4 point rating scale of 0-3 this year. The volunteer manual is online to refer to. You must enter your evaluation scores online in order to have an accurate average. The sessions will time out after 2 hours but resets every time you save, so save often to avoid losing your work. Changes to the application this year included a collaborations section, character limitations for the questions, and addition of a surplus/deficit section at the end of the budget.

JBC Funding FY 18-19

The County is adding \$100,000 to the JBC budget. Discussions are being held with the City to suggest a 3% increase on the 1st year of the biannual budget. Would get to us about if there would be any increases the 2nd year.

The Bridge Update

In FY 16/17 the Managed Care Organizations for Medicaid said they wouldn't pay for Civil Protected Custody, felt it wasn't a medically necessary service. Region V covered the \$22,000 loss that year. Going into this year several other funds came from UNL & LPD. Halfway through this year, State Licensure & Regulation came to Douglas County & said they couldn't have restrained or isolated individuals creating a question of whether The Bridge can be licensed with their CPC program. The Region is still working on getting service definitions changed at the State level so they can keep funding CPC. The Bridge is ok this FY financially. The big question is if they have to move toward a non-secure approach in order to get their licensing, there will be staffing costs as well as potential building costs.

Semi-Annual Reports

Sara attached the Adult Behavioral Health agencies' semi-annual reports to the agenda. Each agency submitted a different format so let Sara know if you have opinions on that. Family Violence Council didn't apply through e-impact last year so they don't have a way to report online but they will this next year. According to their annual report the number of dual arrests are decreasing as law enforcement is getting better informed. It also stated that Lancaster County is the most difficult county to get a protection order in.

REPORTS:

United Way, Brian Wachman:

March 30th is the end of the Campaign. They are still trying to make up the loss of Allied from several years ago. They might meet their goal but it's unsure at this time. They've had several gap closing campaigns to help. The combined federal campaign also left UW to move the a 3rd party which has negatively impacted their total.

Region V, CJ Johnson:

Crisis Response Teams are going well, expanding wraparound services and working with Families Inspiring Families. They are waiting for the feds to approve a pilot project on cluster based planning so they can put kids in appropriate groups based on their similarities. They are not looking at any further funding reductions. They potentially won't be able to pay providers for hours they bill over their contract.

Stronger Safer Neighborhoods, Jon Carlson:

An issue that's not been talked about much is to what extent do landlords have a responsibility to rent to people who don't have the background to typically rent on their own, as well as what responsibility do they have to not rent to them? It's important for landlords to have some sort of policy on who they rent to. To a degree they've been encouraging landlords to increase their standards so there aren't problematic neighbors in the community. Being evicted tends to be more impactful to people than continuing to get tickets for various disturbances.

Next Meeting: Look for doodle poll

Respectfully Submitted:

Jenni Ryan,

Lancaster County Human Services