

# HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

---

The regular meeting of the City of Loveland Human Services Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Managers Conference Room on  
October 25, 2012

---

## **PRESENT AT THE MEETING:**

**Commissioners:** Jackie Elliott, Lorna Greene, April Lewis, Ally Miller, Amy Olinger, Rebecca Paulson, Penn Street, Melody Bettenhausen and Audra Montoya

**Staff Liaison:** Alison Hade

## **ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:**

**Council Liaison:** Ralph Trenary

**Commissioners:** Stan Taylor, Alouette Greenidge and Tim Hitchcock

*These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.*

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

## **APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES**

Vice Chair Greene made a motion to approve the September 27th meeting minutes. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

## **TEACHING TREE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTER PRESENTATION**

Anne Lance, Executive Director, and Tara Streeb, Resource Development Director, of Teaching Tree presented information regarding the need for the sliding fee scale they offer to families with low incomes. They are the only program that provides a sliding fee scale in Loveland. They did not receive a Human Services Grant for 2012-2013 and their funding was cut with United Way.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE**

None

## **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE LIAISON UPDATE**

Staff Liaison Hade reminded the commission of the Loveland Homeless Connect event on November 2<sup>nd</sup> at Truscott Elementary School. Volunteers are still signing up with around 100 so far.

The commissioners asked about the United Way funding reductions and if staff could have someone from United Way present at the next meeting.

## **GRANT PROCESS UPDATE**

Staff handed out a draft of the 2013 Human Services Commission meeting schedule.

## **GRANT FUNDS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

A draft of the letter to the council was handed out. Vice Chair Greene stated, the letter is to be a start to the conversation regarding increased HSG funds, let council say what and how they need

information given to them. Commissioners discussed that councilors have busy schedules and they rely on the HSC as the experts and therefore the HSC should make a recommendation based on the needs. Keep it simple and to the point. A line graph would be helpful to show the changes over the years to how funds were distributed, more funds to fewer agencies, etc. Changes were made to the wording in the letter and a new draft will be presented at the next meeting. Commissioner Paulson made a motion to submit the reformatted letter to the Mayor and City Council. Vice Chair Greene seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The sub-committee will meet to discuss and finalize the graph.

#### **SITE VISIT REPORTS**

Chair Elliott and Commissioner Paulson reported on their site visit to Easter Seals' WINGS program. They informed the commission that WINGS is the only program in Loveland for young adults with disabilities and they are thinking about a possible collaboration with Stepping Stones. Now that WINGS is under Easter Seals umbrella, they will have broader marketing and a dedicated grant writer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Elliott commented about an article in the Reporter Herald on October 5<sup>th</sup> regarding the Loveland Police Department providing \$11,000 annually to Alternatives to Violence and CASA. She is concerned about repercussions to the HSC from other agencies.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Greene adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beverly Walker