

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

The regular meeting of the City of Loveland Human Services Commission was held at the Loveland Municipal Building in the City Council Chambers on
January 2, 2014

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Penn Street, Lorna Greene, Ally Miller, Tim Hitchcock, Stan Taylor,
Marcy Yoder, Melody Glinsman, and Audra Montoya
City Council Liaison: Phil Farley
Staff Liaison: Alison Hade

ABSENT FROM THE MEETING:

Commissioners: Alex McKenna, April Lewis, Rebecca Paulson, and Amy Olinger

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Street called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

APPROVAL OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Greene motioned to approve the minutes of the November 7th meeting. Commissioner Glinsman seconded the motion and passed with a unanimous vote.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CENTER – CONNECT 4 HEALTH COLORADO

Maureen O'Hare, Certified Health Coverage Guide, helps clients navigate and understand the new health laws. She will meet with clients in their home, at the Loveland Library, or any other location.

Connect for Health Colorado is the state's market place, www.connectforhealthco.com. There are four nonprofits in Larimer County working with Medicaid clients through government grants: Women's Resource Center, The Health District, Salud Family Health Center, and Family Medicine Center.

- ~ 80-90% of the new enrollments are enrolling into Medicaid.
- ~ No pre-existing condition questions are asked.
- ~ Focus is more on prevention and accountability.
- ~ Office Visits are covered under the monthly premium but there is a charge for services.
- ~ Larimer County has 15-20 navigators.
- ~ The application process takes about an hour and a half to complete.
- ~ If you indicate you need financial help you will first have to register through the Medicaid "doorway".

Questions/Concerns from the Commission:

- ~ Are there enough mental health service providers to cover the number of people seeking services?

Answer: The hope is that there will be enough providers. Clinics in places like King Soopers will help. The thought is that use will go down as people seek more preventative care.

- ~ How is the State promoting more healthcare providers while at the same time more people are seeking services and how does that work with the Medical Home concept?

Answer: Medical Home concept, Regional Areas of Colorado, was set up to take Medicaid patients and to provide medical homes and continuous care. Medicaid has been expanded by the government so these things are all working in concert.

You can read more about Medical Homes/Health Homes at <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Support/Integrating-Care/Health-Homes/Health-Homes.html>

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON UPDATE

Councilor Farley thanked the commissioners for their service and spoke about his background. This was his first meeting as City Council liaison to the Human Services Commission. Council member Farley was professor of Mathematics at Regis College prior to moving to Loveland in 1978; he retired from IBM in 2007. He currently works part-time for the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado and is also Council Liaison for the Visual Arts Commission and Youth Commission.

City Council update:

- ~ City Council extended the Comcast contract; they waited until Comcast agreed to build their new office in Loveland after their current location was flooded. He stated that it is not a monopoly; any other cable companies can come "in," it just would cost millions of dollars to do so.
- ~ Marijuana is legal as of yesterday. Council had long discussions regarding the open consumption of marijuana. It is not legal to openly consume marijuana. Open consumption includes on your front porch or in your backyard if you don't have a privacy fence or you have an alley.
- ~ Oil and gas final ruling in the next 3 weeks. Conditions within the city enhanced policies will allow a fast track through the approval process. Air quality testing, fences, fees, and set-backs are defined in regulations.
- ~ New finance report will be discussed at next Tuesday's meeting. The City is financially in very good shape which is good for dealing with flood recovery.
- ~ The Quality of Life survey is available on the website. Loveland received very positive responses and had a high response rate.
- ~ Revitalization of downtown- the Community Foundation hired, Ed McMahon, who spoke about the potential for downtown and the whole city. The Community Foundation concluded the best thing would be to focus on the revitalization of downtown. The speech can be seen on the Community Foundation website and there are DVD's available at the library.
- ~ Rocky Mountain Center for Information and Technology - City Council provided an incentive of \$15,000, for moving and refurbishing costs to a software company that partners with MadWire to move into RMCIT.
- ~ Engaging Loveland – The City started EL with the Chamber. It was expected to become self-sufficient at some point. Due to bad weather for Loveland Loves BBQ, EL was \$21,000 short and unable to pay some of the vendors. The CMC authorized spending lodging tax dollars to pay the bills, but Council denied. Councilor Farley felt the council should have approved the expenditures since these are local businesses.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP OFFICE UPDATE

The annual Boards and Commissions Summit is February 27th from 5-9:00pm. Two commissioners need to attend. Chair Street and Commissioner Miller volunteered. Commissioners Glinsman and Greene agreed to be alternates.

ATV MEMO TO CITY COUNCIL

Councilor Farley stated that City Council needs a recommendation and that they rely on the Commission's opinion. Staff Liaison Hade went over the Memo and stated that the commissioners could make any changes to it. Discussion ensued of how the money transfer from new build to rehab would be handled. Staff is working closely with HUD on how much of the already spent funds would need to be repaid by ATV. \$110,000 that was spent on the land has already been approved to be repaid by ATV and reallocated back to them for the purchase of the new location.

Commissioner Green made a motion to take out the verbiage "moving forward in" in option one "The Commission sees no concerns in the City Council moving forward in giving consideration to Alternative Violence's request."

Change to: "The Commission sees no concerns in the City Council giving consideration to Alternative Violence's request." And moves to accept option one with the change.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hitchcock.

Discussion: Staff asked if the commission would like to include other facts like the police department's

relationship to ATV. Commissioners felt the LPD should write their own letter of support. Councilor Farley stressed that City Council needs the "value judgment", since they don't have the basis for making the decisions like the commission does.

The motion passed with 5 ayes and 2 abstentions.

2014 HSG MEETINGS AND GRANT SCHEDULE

Grant Guides were handed out and staff went over the online access to the pre-apps and proposals. The chair asked that as many commissioners as possible attend the agency meetings on January 13th and 16th. She also encouraged attendance at as many of the presentation meetings as possible. Although the presentations will be video-taped they don't have the same feel as the live presentations. Staff asked that the commissioners review the grant guide and email any items they felt needed to be addressed at the agency meetings. Staff asked if all of the attachments have to be submitted with each pre-application or if one submittal of the attachments is sufficient. Commissioners agreed that the attachments must be submitted with each of the pre-applications and late attachments will not be considered.

SITE VISITS

Site Visit Report books were handed out. Chair Street encouraged the commissioners to read them and stated that they are helpful in providing background information on the agencies.

NEW BUSINESS

~ Commissioner Yoder would like the commissioners to know that United Way is looking for partners. The United Way website has information for partnering.

~ Commissioner Hitchcock informed the commission that Salud Family Health Center is a certified assistance site for the Affordable Care Act and they are in the process of hiring staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Street adjourned the meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beverly Walker