

CITY OF SEATAC
Human Services Advisory Committee
Minutes

April 17, 2017
5:30 PM

SeaTac City Hall
Riverton Room

Call to Order	Committee members met at 5:30 PM
Members Present	Edwin Obras, Cheryl Forbes
Members Absent	Judith Williams, Maria Wachtel, Lawrence Pitre, Melissa Wells (alt.)
Staff Present	Colleen Brandt-Schluter, City Manager's Office
Approval of Minutes	No quorum, will approve March and April minutes at the May meeting

BUSINESS

Agency Presentations

Jennie Jepson and Josh Wood from Nexus Youth and Families (formerly Auburn Youth Resources) Outreach team shared that they are out in SeaTac building relationships with our homeless and sex trafficked youth, ages 12-24, to get them into shelter, case management and other services. They provide hygiene and harm reduction kits as well as bus tickets and rides to services. 40% of homeless youth are those that have aged out of Foster Care, runaways from abusive foster care, and/or LGBTQ youth. Their shelter now stays open during the day to assist youth with skill building and goal planning. This effort has brought a lot more youth their way. Challenges for our youth include the lack of ID for runaways, an unsafe home to return to, and jobs. They work closely with SeaTac Police to connect with sex trafficked youth and go into schools to provide resources to youth in need as well as educate others about what's going on in our communities. Nexus has the only Youth Shelter in SKC.

New Business

The Committee continued to discuss ideas for the remaining funds from the 1.5%, including food for the Nexus Youth shelter, running shoes for the Girls on the Run Program, Robotics kits for the Lego Robotics afterschool program, and adding an additional ESL class. Colleen will update the brainstorm list and send out by email to inform the final recommendation at the May meeting, which will go to the Administrative and Finance Committee (A&F) in early June.

Colleen shared about the following:

- Direct service needs that come to the HS office
- The committee's request for costs on additional food items to be added to the weekend backpacks
- A/PI program starting at Madrona
- Chess program with SeaTac United

Next meeting:

May 15, 2017. Time – 5:30pm – 7:30pm. Riverton Room.

Adjourn: