## CITY OF SEATAC Human Services Advisory Committee Minutes

November 15, 2010	SeaTac City Hall
5:30 PM	Airport Conference Room

Call to Order Committee members met at 5:30 PM

Members Present Mel McDonald, Dave Bush, Cheryl Forbes, Phyllis Byers, Joe Van,

Ron Altier (alt.), Valerie Allan (alt.)

**Members Absent** 

Staff Present Colleen Brandt-Schluter, City Manager's Office

**Approval of Minutes** 

## **BUSINESS**

Agency Presentation(s)

Janet Arbogast, Literacy Source, shared they provide learner centered literacy skills for adults, free of charge. The agency utilizes volunteers and a few paid staff. They work closely with the Family Resource Center offering class twice a week, multilevel, open entry, integrated skills including reading, writing and speaking. Childcare is available. Classes offer language focused skills pertaining to navigating everyday life. SeaTac dollars pay for the instructor, childcare staff and volunteer training. Year-to-date, 35 unduplicated SeaTac clients have been served and there is a waiting list. Childcare is often a first time early learning experience and interaction with other kids in an organized setting. The majority of students report an increase in language and social attainment and a decrease in isolation.

John Zumsteg provided a review of rankings and the few anomalies still outstanding. A few members will review their scores and resend to John.

City budget reviewed – we should have a working number for allocation soon. Mel McDonald will present the Committee's funding recommendation to A&F and Council on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteer luncheon was very nice – Thank you to each of you for all the amazing effort, work, and hours you have given to this city!!

Colleen shared information on the following:

**New Business** 

- NAVOS has taken over Ruth Dykeman Children's Center to stabilize their funding and programs. The committee discussed concerns on their application for funding.
- Holiday of Hope FRC, The Corridor and the City of SeaTac as well as other partners will collect toys for kids in need. Parents that are referred by schools/FRC/CSO's will shop for two toys per child on December 11<sup>th</sup>. Toys due by the 10<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers welcome and cookies, too.

Next meeting:

November 30<sup>th</sup> –schedule change due to holiday. Airport Conference Room

ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM