

CITY OF SEATAC
Human Services Advisory Committee
Minutes

March 18, 2013
5:30 PM

SeaTac City Hall
Airport Conference Room

Call to Order	Committee members met at 5:30 PM
Members Present	Phyllis Byers, Joe Van, Ron Altier, Judith Williams (alt.) Othman Heibe (alt.)
Members Absent	Cheryl Forbes, Valerie Allan
Staff Present	Colleen Brandt-Schluter, City Manager's Office
Approval of Minutes	

BUSINESS

Agency Presentation(s)	Amina Ahmed, Family Support Program Manager from Refugee Women's Alliance shared that Refugees and Immigrants face numerous barriers that prevent them from accessing mainstream public services: limited English proficiency, lack of education and job-related skills, and unfamiliarity with U.S. cultural practices and systems. They need culturally and linguistically appropriate services to meet basic survival needs and establish stability. Their Family Support program staff assists clients to help overcome obstacles by providing services and resources in 20 different languages. Largest populations include: Bhutanese, Nepalese and Burmese. The next newcomers will arrive from the Republic of Congo. They serve a Senior meal on Fridays and Saturdays for 60+. They have 21 volunteers in the Family Support program. 28 staff at the SeaTac office
Business	
New Business	<p>Colleen updated the committee on the work of the 17 city consortium. Agencies will be using a common on-line reporting form starting 1st quarter. An ILA is developed and was brought to Council for approval.</p> <p>A schedule of presenters handed out last month has been updated to add Kelly Rider/HDC and Jeff Robinson/SeaTac E.D. Manager per the committee's priorities and requests.</p> <p>Colleen shared information on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The City is applying for a Community Transformation Grant (CTG) from Public Health/Children's Hospital to engage the community on the 200th Street Station Area Plan• www.CommunitiesCount.org is an excellent data base portal• Public Health did health profiles for cities – Colleen will send link• Back to School Fair is scheduled for August 15th. Sponsors are welcome.•
Next meeting:	April 15 th , 2013. Time – 5:30pm. Airport Conference Room
ADJOURN:	The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM