

CITY OF BELLEVUE
HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
MINUTES

September 17, 2013
6:30 p.m.

Bellevue City Hall
City Council Conference Room 1E-113

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Commissioners Bruels, Beighle, McEachran,
Perelman, Plaskon, Stout

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Chair Yantis

STAFF PRESENT: Emily Leslie, Alex O'Reilly, Jessamyn Findlay,
Department of Parks and Community Services

GUEST SPEAKERS: Jennifer DeYoung, Public Health Seattle/King
County

RECORDING SECRETARY: Gerry Lindsay

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by Commissioner McEachran who presided until the arrival of Commissioner Perelman.

2. ROLL CALL

Upon the call of the roll, all Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Perelman, who arrived at 6:38 p.m., and Chair Yantis, who was excused.

3. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mary Ellen Stone, Executive Director of the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC), informed the Commission that the Children's Response Center would be closing their doors at the end of September. She said KCSARC and the Harborview Center for Sexual Assault and Traumatic Stress (HCSATS) will be taking over the services. The closure of the Children's Response Center stems from a financial decision on the part of Harborview Medical Center. KCSARC was asked and agreed to expand its services to make sure the services that otherwise would be lost will be maintained. The agreement worked out with Harborview has KCSARC taking on all of the legal advocacy clients, something which can be done relatively easily, though taking on more clients means more staff and more cost for KCSARC. HCSATS will pick up the therapy component. The two organizations have worked together for more than 30 years. City staff have been very helpful in working to

reorganize the current contracts. Harborview will take on all the contracts, and KCSARC will subcontract with them through the end of the year. One question that remains is where services will be provided, though KCSARC is in the process of signing a lease for an Eastside location where a therapist will operate five days a week. Harborview is looking at additional space in the same location where they will have three therapists. The issue came up at the end of July but nothing could be done in a public way until after the 4th of July. The main focus is on making sure services are maintained. KCSARC is, however, having to put on additional staff to absorb the extra load, and the anticipation is the total cost will be in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 range. Requests for additional funding are being discussed with supporters, including King County, Seattle Foundation, and the City of Bellevue. United Way turned down the request for additional funding.

Commissioner Stout said she was unaware that Children's Response Center was experiencing financial difficulties. Human Services Manager Emily Leslie allowed that the issue arose fairly quickly. The Children's Response Center operated as a part of Harborview Medical Center, and under the arrangement it will simply be moving to another section.

Answering a question asked by Commissioner Plaskon, Ms. Stone said KCSARC is adding staff to handle the lead. Each of the nine legal advocates had a caseload of 70, which is well over the planned caseload of 55, but with the extra work the caseloads have climbed to 80. Overtime is being authorized to help manage. Two new legal advocates will be brought on.

Ms. Leslie said time would be made available later in the meeting to talk about the KCSARC request for emergency funding.

Mr. Doug Hoople spoke as vice-chair of the Veterans Levy Oversight Board. He presented to the Commissioners copies of the Veterans and Human Services 2012 Annual Report. The report has been approved by the full King County Council. It was noted that the document was the first annual report under the new levy and that it contained more meat relative to process and outcomes in addition to the outputs by area. The employment and training section of the report highlights the fact that there is now a program aimed at training veterans with aviation skills to work for Boeing. Additionally, the King County HERO program has already graduated ten interns, all ten of which have been able to find jobs. The new levy includes funding for the mobile medical van and the plan is to have it serve East King County as well as South King County. The Together Center has been having veterans programs presented by veterans, but beginning in October a representative from the State will take on that task three days a week.

There was consensus to amend the agenda to take up item 5A next.

5. DISCUSSION

A. Update on Affordable Enrollment Events in Bellevue

Jennifer DeYoung from Public Health Seattle/King County shared with the Commissioners a map of King County indicating insurance access rates. She noted that overall King County has an uninsured rate of about 16 percent, which is fairly good compared to other metropolitan areas of similar size nationally. The map also showed that there are huge disparities between different parts of the county, with South King County having the highest uninsured rates. The anticipation, however, is that after the health reform law is fully implemented, uninsured rate will fall to four percent overall.

Ms. DeYoung said starting January 1, 2014, some key provisions of the Affordable Care Act will kick in. First is the individual mandate under which all individuals will be required to have health insurance coverage or face a penalty. The State is moving forward to implement some coverage programs. The State plans to expand Medicaid to include individuals up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level, which is roughly \$15,000 per year for individuals and \$30,000 per year for a family of four. Additionally, the State is creating a health benefits exchange website called Washington Health Plan Finder. Individuals will be able to visit the web site to review and compare private healthcare plans available to them, and they will be able to make the purchase online and have coverage right away. For those between 139 percent and 400 percent of the federal poverty level there will be subsidies available if coverage is purchased through the exchange website.

The Affordable Care Act will have a huge impact on the uninsured population of King County. There are currently more than 180,000 uninsured individuals who will become eligible for coverage because of the Medicaid expansion and the subsidies that will be available through the exchange. About 80,000 will gain access to coverage through Medicaid, and 100,000 will gain access through the exchange. There are some 17,000 individuals in King County who are currently eligible for coverage but who for unknown reasons have not chosen to seek Medicaid coverage. The outreach efforts will include that population and will seek to get them connected.

With regard to Bellevue specifically, Ms. DeYoung said there are some 3800 currently uninsured individuals who would be eligible for Medicaid, and about 5100 currently uninsured individuals who would be eligible for subsidies through the exchange.

Every effort will be made to get everyone enrolled, but the reality is that there will still be uninsured individuals for a variety of reasons. The safety net systems that are in place to work with the uninsured will continue to have a role to play in the future. Undocumented immigrants will fall outside the boundaries; they are not currently eligible for Medicaid and will not be eligible under the Affordable Care Act. Certain population groups are exempt from the individual mandate; they include certain religious groups, Native Americans, and anyone who is incarcerated. Immigrants

who have been in the United States legally for less than five years are not eligible for Medicaid, and that restriction will continue. However, with the opening up of the exchange system those individuals will be able to purchase a private health insurance plan and qualify for subsidies.

A countywide campaign has been launched called Coverage is Here King County. The all-hands-on-deck approach is focused on getting the word out throughout the county. Multiple communications and outreach strategies are being used. The State has launched ads running statewide on television, radio, in print and social media. Everyone understands, however, that just seeing a television ad or a billboard will not be enough, particularly for the most vulnerable populations, so a strategy has been developed that involves sending folks out into the community to deliver the message personally. Work is also being done directly with employers who will be directly affected starting in 2015.

Ms. DeYoung allowed that health reform is a confusing topic and is foreign to many. The learning curve to bring people up to speed is steep. Public Health Seattle/King County understands it will not be able to do all of the work alone. In order to make sure the campaign will meet with success, the organization has crafted extensive partnerships throughout the county. Ms. O'Reilly has been a vital partner in making connections to local service organizations and the surrounding Eastside cities. The library system is on board, as are housing organizations, meal sites, community centers, local tech schools, colleges and universities.

One way the State is helping out at the local level is the In-Person Assistor Network. Funding from the State has been allocated to organize outreach and enrollment efforts by geographic area. In King County, 23 different local organizations were pulled together to serve as part of the network. A wide variety of different languages are spoken by those in the network.

More than 200 events are scheduled throughout the County, several of which will occur in Bellevue in the October and November timeframe at City Hall, Crossroads Shopping Center, the North Bellevue Community Center, the South Bellevue Community Center, Highland Community Center, Crossroads Community Center, Stevenson Elementary School, Sea Mar Bellevue Clinic, Eastgate Public Health Center, Lake Hills Elementary, Bellevue Library, and Newport Way Library.

Commissioner Bruels asked if Overlake Hospital is conducting its own outreach and engagement efforts in-house. Ms. DeYoung said her organization is working closely with hospitals, including Overlake. Because hospitals see so many uninsured people come through their doors, they are actively training their own employees to assist in finding coverage. The event at Crossroads Shopping Center on October 19 will involve a lot of elected officials, the press, and plenty of advertising.

Ms. DeYoung said the Public Health Seattle/King County website has been designed to be interactive to assist people in finding out about events in their area as well as

general information about the Affordable Care Act. The site is purely information based but it does include a link to the Washington Health Plan Finder website, which is where the enrollment process is housed. The enrollment process will be largely paperless and will be based on each applicant's attestation of income, dependants and the like. The information entered will determine eligibility. Behind the scenes the State will be connected to the federal data hub for verification purposes. Those eligible for private health insurance will be able to select the plan they want, but those eligible for Medicaid will automatically be assigned to one of the available managed care plans that will be providing services to the Medicaid population. Switching to another managed care plan will be allowed after the fact. The preference would be for all individuals to be given that choice up front and to that end the State has been asked to implement a workaround. For the long term the system will be changed, but it looks as though initially Medicaid-eligible clients will not be given a choice.

Commissioner Bruels said another avenue would be to encourage the managed care organizations to get contracts with as many different providers as possible so people will not lose their primary care providers.

Commissioner Plaskon asked how many of the 180,000 uninsured individuals who will become eligible for coverage will be signed up by the end of 2014. Ms. DeYoung said the State target is to sign up about 280,000 statewide by the end of 2015. King County is hoping to reach the 93,000 mark countywide by the end of 2014. All eyes will be on seeing how effectively the website is working by October 1 and how well the outreach efforts are working. By November it should be easier to say what the targets should be.

Commissioner Stout said it was her understanding that those who do not sign up before 2014 will face limited open enrollment periods later. She said she has also been hearing about young people who say they will wait to sign up if they get sick. Ms. DeYoung said that approach will not work. The enrollment period begins on October 1 but the benefits will not kick in until January 1. Those who are Medicaid eligible will be able to enroll at any time. For private plan enrollees, however, there will be limited open windows. The first will be the longest, running between October 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014. In subsequent years the enrollment period will be October to December. Enrollments outside of that period would be allowed only if there are life changes that impact insurance coverage. She said she is aware of the need to reach out to the younger demographic in innovative ways. Universities and tech schools are youth focused and are helping to get the word out. National research indicates the most effective strategy for reaching the young with regard to obtaining health insurance is their mothers.

Commissioner McEachran pointed out that Bellevue College has a huge concentration of young adults who may or may not have insurance coverage. He suggested working with Bellevue College through student services to provide a clear pathway to enrollment.

Commissioner Beighle said she recently had a conversation with an insurance agent in which it was stated that a number of large companies are leaning toward simply doing away with providing health insurance because it will be less expensive for them to pay the penalties. Ms. DeYoung said the business community is a challenging environment. The penalty for businesses has been delayed for a year and will not kick in until 2015. Smaller businesses with fewer than 50 employees will not face a penalty in any event. Some businesses are coming down on the side of giving their employees a bump in salary and telling them to go out and purchase their own insurance through an exchange.

Answering a question asked by Commissioner Bruels, Ms. DeYoung said the online sign-up process will be seamless. There will be a single portal and all calculations will be done behind the scenes. Also behind the scenes, the site will check to see if the applicant qualifies for food stamps or other assistance, and if they are they will be automatically routed to the WashingtonConnection website.

Commissioner Stout asked if there will be any impact on the medi-gap policies that are outside of Medicare. Ms. DeYoung said she was not aware of any. Commissioner Stout said she contacted her medi-gap provider to ask the same question and was told they did not yet have any information.

Ms. DeYoung said Public Health Seattle/King County has the lead in the personal assistor training program. As the lead the organization has the responsibility for training anyone in the county who wants to become a certified personal assistor. The demand for training has been far greater than anyone anticipated. A number of classroom sessions have already been conducted and many more are scheduled. The State has given the go-ahead to put all of the training modules and testing online.

Ms. DeYoung said the communications person for Public Health Seattle/King County has been putting together a communications toolkit which will be sent out on a monthly basis. It will include blurbs for inclusion in newsletters, Facebook posts and tweets. A blog has been started as a way to interactively get information out there about all the changes and what is going on in the community. A number of forums have been scheduled that will serve as a means for sharing information.

Ms. Leslie informed the Commissioners that a similar update would be provided to the Bellevue City Council on September 23 and to other city councils in the coming weeks.

4. STAFF AND COMMISSION REPORTS

Commissioner McEachran said he recently drove by the South Kirkland park and ride to see the cranes that have been set up. It is clear the affordable housing development project is moving along quickly. He said he also attended two of the three Bellevue Transit Master Plan meetings and came away with a better

understanding of how difficult it is to plan accessibility, something that will only get more complex in the days ahead.

Commissioner McEachran also reported that the church he pastors became an official Safe Place a week ago, the first faith community on the Eastside to take the step. The entire staff underwent the training, and the net cost to the church was \$100 for signage.

Commissioner Stout said she attended the September 11 Planning Commission meeting at which the featured speaker was Kemper Freeman who shared the history of the city as seen through his eyes. She said parts of the talk were troubling given the focus on high-end quality retail and housing. The downtown remains unaffordable to a large segment of the community. Nearly all stores retailing daily need items to Bellevue families are gone from the downtown. It is possible to purchase a \$5000 designer purse but not thread to sew on a button. When asked about what the downtown means to the neighborhoods of Bellevue, Mr. Freeman said the downtown is the only part of the city he is concerned with. The Downtown Livability Initiative CAC will be meeting again on September 18 after a two-month hiatus and it certainly will have a lot to discuss. The CAC will likely meet through all of 2014. Homelessness and access to services in the downtown will be discussed at some point by the CAC.

Commissioner Stout said part of the answer for a long-term homeless facility could be the strip immediately to the west of I-405 along the east side of 112th Avenue NE. The area is within the boundary of the downtown but has never reached its maximum development potential. The CAC is discussing how tall buildings in that area should be allowed to be.

Commissioner Stout said Kemper Development Company has submitted permit applications for a redevelopment of the old Safeway and carpet store sites. Both will become highrise developments.

Commissioner Perelman reported that the First United Methodist Church on 108th Avenue NE is currently serving as the home for Camp Unity. The Tent City spinoff moved to the Bellevue site from Kirkland.

6. DISCUSSION

A. Review 2013-2014 Human Services Needs Update: First Draft

Ms. Leslie presented the Commissioners with the first draft of the Needs Update. She said each iteration of the report gets better in terms of the data it contains, and the number of people and organizations that use the report continues to grow. She recognized Ms. O'Reilly has the lead in producing the report and has had a lot of help from intern Jessamyn Findlay as well as other human services staff.

Ms. O'Reilly shared with the Commissioners some photos that will be included in the report. She said the photos were submitted from agency partners and were of people who benefit from receiving human services and who are the reason all of the work is done.

Ms. O'Reilly said the report includes a section that outlines what is working. She highlighted a program called Bellevue Fire Cares and explained that often those who call 9-1-1 are not in need of emergency services so much as they need help getting up from where they have fallen and back into a chair, or help opening a medicine bottle, or some other need. Firefighters and EMTs are very compassionate people and over the years they have provided assistance when called out but because they do not offer case management they would return to their base of operations without necessarily feeling good about the outcome. In 2012 they developed a system based on a model in use in Spokane which taps social work interns to provide follow-up services. The program, which is growing rapidly, involves EMTs entering information to an online sharepoint system and assigning interns to make home case management visits. The Safe Place program is another example of an asset that is working.

Commissioner Bruels said the what is working section is great in light of the fact that needs assessments can be a depressing litany of what is not working in the community. In order to be really effective, taking stocks of all assets is necessary.

Ms. O'Reilly said the last Needs Update was technically produced post recession, but this version being developed is actually post recession. The unemployment rate as heralded in the news is lower, yet there are fewer jobs paying a living wage with benefit. As a result there are still a lot of people who are barely making ends meet even though they are employed. The data also indicate that stress continues to be an issue for many adults, youth and children. Transportation access issues came up in every conversation and was a top barrier and needs issue in the providers survey. There continues to be a growing need for meeting basic needs such as food, housing and utilities. While the number of persons employed is up, rents continue to be high so many are having to use a higher percentage of their incomes to keep a roof over their heads.

Some agencies reported that in some areas there are fewer volunteers available to deliver services. That is particularly true relative to volunteer chore services, volunteer transportation services, and within the VIBES program. For a time after the recession many who were unemployed chose to volunteer, but now that they are working again, and now that many older adults are putting off retirement, the volunteer force is diminished, and that is translating into waiting lists in many cases.

Healthcare serves as a special focus area of the Needs Update. The report includes the data shared by Ms. DeYoung but also highlights the unknowns. There will continue to be undocumented individuals who are not eligible for coverage and they will still be showing up at clinics and emergency rooms. Tracking enrollment efforts

will be an important exercise, but the city will also need to work closely with Public Health Seattle/King County to identify gaps over the next two years.

Commissioner Perelman called out the need to be clear when making funding recommendations where agencies are getting their funding from and for what specific needs in order to prevent duplication. Ms. Leslie said the budget information collected as part of the application process shows all sources of funding for each applicant. Commissioner Perelman said while that is true, at the time the agencies begin compiling data for the next application round they will not yet have a clear picture of how implementation of the Affordable Care Act will affect their specific programs in terms of outside funding. Ms. Leslie agreed it will take some time for everything to shake out.

Ms. O'Reilly said human services staff are working closely with Barb Tuninga at Mini City Hall in Crossroads to ensure that an adequate number of bilingual persons are involved in the events and as in-person assistors. She said Public Health Seattle/King County is very aware of that need and will seek to provide services in various languages. Ms. Tuninga is also forming additional partnerships that includes International Community Health Service (ICHS), an organization that has already begun reaching out into the community.

With regard to the Goal 1 section of the needs assessment, Ms. Leslie said many families continue to be affected by the recession that has officially been over for several years. The number of students in the Bellevue School District that qualify for free or reduced lunch has increased to 22.3 percent. The number of residents participating in the food stamp program called the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program is also increasing. Additionally, the number of households paying more than 50 percent of their incomes for housing is also up.

Commissioner Bruels suggested the winter shelter should be called out in the report so the story can be told with more detail and color. Ms. Leslie agreed. She said work is continuing to identify a site for men; several churches in Eastside cities will provide shelter for women and children during the 2013-2014 winter. Eastside city staff are continuing to meet with the goal of having a plan by mid-October. Zoning for a short-term winter shelter is not an issue, especially if located in a church. A dedicated space for a long-term winter shelter could involve zoning considerations.

Ms. O'Reilly reported on the Goal 2 section of the document. She said the data continues to point out the importance of school readiness and early parent support. The Healthy Start and Parent/Child Home programs are called out in the report, as are the free and low-cost legal assistance programs which are key for many in maintaining their housing and taking care of employment or immigration issues. More legal assistance is needed in the community according to the information collected. Calls to the 2-1-1 system are carefully tracked both as to the total number of calls and the reasons for the calls. The data from the 2-1-1 analysts at the Crisis

Clinic indicates that the number of calls from Bellevue residents seeking permanent housing nearly doubled between 2010 and 2012.

Commissioner Stout highlighted the need to carefully track the advocacy and legal support issues in order to make sure families on the Eastside will not lose services as KCSARC and Harborview Medical Center take over for the failed Children's Response Center. Ms. O'Reilly agreed. She pointed out that the Eastside Legal Assistance Program also has an attorney on staff who specializes in domestic violence legal advocacy. Instances of sexual assault and child abuse will, however, be handled by KCSARC, though there may be some areas of overlap.

Ms. Findlay highlighted elements of the chapter covering Goal 3. She said one trend to take notice of is the fact that reports of domestic violence and sexual assaults have gone down over the past two years after five years trending upward. Instances of domestic violence and sexual assaults are known, however, to be underreported, so while the numbers are promising they are likely not entirely accurate.

Ms. O'Reilly said healthcare is the focus of Goal 4. She pointed out that dental care remains an overwhelming needs for low-income and uninsured persons. The ICHS clinic will have dental chairs and will help to fill the gap in the community. Mental health services are increasingly in demand, relating in part to the stress levels reported. Some providers have reported that the mental health problems they are seeing are more complex, both for adults and youth. The multitude of stressors related to the recession and post-recession have continued and caused depression, family violence, and other issues. Substance abuse is on the rise, particularly heroine use. Some are attributing the increase in heroine use to stronger laws and oversight of prescription drugs making them far more difficult to obtain. Mental health and healthcare providers are on record as saying increasing the number of persons with health insurance will help, but all are taking a wait and see approach, particularly because some of the new plans under the private exchanges and Medicaid may not offering adequate coverage for the severely mentally ill.

The Commissioners were shown a chart showing the correlation between income and mental illness. The data shows those with lower incomes experience more stress and mental health issues.

In addressing the Goal 5 highlights, Ms. O'Reilly said Washington has the highest minimum wage in the nation, but even with full-time employment at that level many families cannot make ends meet and fall below the federal poverty level. She said the report will include charts that calculate how much families in various areas need to earn per hour in order to pay for basic needs.

Childcare costs on the Eastside has been and continues to be among the highest in King County. Childcare can cost as much as 20 percent of take-home pay.

With regard to specific populations, Ms. O'Reilly said a lot of data has been collected regarding older adults. The cost of long-term care stands out in the data, particularly for those whose income puts them just beyond the reach of subsidies.

Transportation remains an issue for older adults and indeed for all residents, particularly low-income residents. Older veterans are increasing in number and they need things like housing, respite care, income support, mental health treatment. As the war in Afghanistan winds down and younger veterans return home there will be an increased need for help finding jobs, treatment for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, traumatic brain injuries, and other mental health problems. The Regional Veterans Initiative (RVI) was rolled out by the King County Executive in January as a priority. The program is all about coordinating services for veterans.

From the audience Mr. Hoople said the Veterans Levy is pushing for more by way of services for women veterans and underserved veteran populations. As the wars wind down the armed services will be getting rid of units, and the downsizing will mean more veterans in need of services. Many of the younger vets will opt to take a medical or a less than honorable discharge just to get out, not realizing how their benefits will be impacted. They will need assistance from knowledgeable people in regaining benefits. He also pointed out that veterans who were based in Washington State tend to remain in the State after their discharge, and that is contributing to the State's growing veterans population.

Ms. Findlay stated that seven percent of Bellevue residents five years old or older have a disability of one sort or another. As medical care has improved over the years, many disabled residents are aging beyond what previously would have been anticipated. Given that their caregivers are also aging, there will be an increasing need for respite care, additional caregivers, and other services. Bellevue's population continues to become diverse; currently 37 percent speak a language other than English in the home, so services to diverse groups is becoming more important. It is anticipated that the next big wave of refugees and immigrants will be Iranians and Iraqis; currently there are few services available to those population groups.

Ms. Findlay said the good news relative to children and youth is that the Bellevue School District has a relatively high graduation rate, higher than the County, the State, and indeed most states. The school district is becoming more diverse as well and currently there are 81 different languages spoken in the home by the students. Children of color are, however, disproportionately served in the free and reduced lunch program.

Commissioner Bruels commented that persons of color are disproportionately falling below the poverty line.

Ms. O'Reilly said the second draft of the Needs Update will be ready for distribution to the Commission prior to the November 17 meeting. It will include some new data collected from the school district, the King County Division of Developmental Disabilities, the American Communities Survey, and other sources. The Bellevue

Probation adult misdemeanant population will be added to the list at the request of Parks and Community Services Director Patrick Foran. The group has some specific needs that are broader and more intense than those of other populations.

7. OLD BUSINESS – None

8. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Leslie called attention to the request for emergency funding submitted by KCSARC. He said Grant Coordinator Joseph Adriano recently met with his counterparts in Redmond and Kirkland to talk about the request. Because the contract with Children's Response Center is a pooled contract, the other cities are involved. The group worked out details regarding how the contracting will work. KCSARC is seeking from Bellevue \$5000 to help with the transition. Harborview Medical Center will continue providing the therapy portion of the contract, and KCSARC will pick up the legal advocacy piece as a subcontractor to Harborview Medical Center. Harborview Medical Center will be responsible for meeting the goals established under the contract.

Ms. Leslie said the concern of Bellevue staff behind the recommendation not to fund the request is that the city really does not have a reserve fund per se. What is often referred to as the reserve fund is nothing more than the fund balance, and twice already in 2013 requests have been made for an allocation from those funds. Additionally, the request submitted by KCSARC does not rise to the same level of emergency as the previous requests. Not funding the request will not result in service reductions to clients.

Answering a question asked by Commissioner Plaskon regarding the statement made by Ms. Stone that KCSARC is looking for space on the Eastside, Ms. Leslie clarified that the agency serves all of King County. The only reason they have not been serving the Eastside is because the Children's Response Center was located in Bellevue and the two agencies had agreed to carve out their respective service areas in an attempt to avoid duplication of efforts.

Commissioner Stout said she was relieved to learn that KCSARC is seeking space on the Eastside. It will be critical for children in traumatic and sexual assault situations be able to receive adequate services on the Eastside.

Commissioner Bruels asked if tabling a vote on the request to the next Commission meeting could be done in order to allow for more consideration. Ms. Leslie said the issue is time-sensitive and action would need to be taken prior to the next meeting.

Commissioner Beighle noted that KCSARC has applied for other grants and funding sources.

A motion to deny the request of KCSARC for emergency funding was made by Commissioner McEachran. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Plaskon and the motion carried 5-1, with Commissioner Bruels voting no.

Ms. Leslie reported that the joint meeting of Eastside human services boards and commissions tentatively scheduled for the first week of October will be rescheduled, possibly for January.

Commissioner Stout reported that she had had several conversations recently with Sophia Way. She said there are financial problems being faced by that agency that the Commission needs to be aware of.

9. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS -- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Perelman adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

Secretary to the Human Services Commission

Date

Chairperson of the Human Services Commission

Date