



MEMORANDUM

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Date: February 1, 2016

To: Parks & Community Services Board

From: Alex O'Reilly, Human Services Planner

Subject: 2015-2016 Human Services Needs Update
(Information only; no Board action requested.)

Every two years, the Human Services Division staff prepares a comprehensive needs assessment, *The Bellevue Human Services Needs Update*, that presents a snapshot of the key health and human services issues and trends in Bellevue, and also references relevant regional, county, state and national data. This report, sponsored by the Human Services Commission, is used by Commissioners as information when they review requests for funding from both the city's general fund as well as federal Community Development Block Grant. It also helps staff to focus their activities over the next two years on key areas of focus, such as involvement in sub-regional committees or partnerships. In addition, the report is used extensively by human services agencies in grant writing, and by community groups, faith communities and other city departments for planning purposes. Thanks again for your ideas and feedback for the report, which you gave me when I attended your June 8, 2015 meeting last spring while I was in the process of gathering input from key stakeholders.

The 2015-2016 report was presented to the City Council in January, and I am pleased to present a brief summary of the findings at your February 8, 2016 meeting. The full report is also available on the city's website: http://www.bellevuewa.gov/humanservices_needs_update.htm. I will also have hard copies of the report at the meeting for those who are interested.

If you have any questions before your meeting, please feel free to contact me at 425-452-2824 or via email at aoreilly@bellevuewa.gov.

