



## Human Services Commission Meeting

Date: October 22, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers, City Hall

*The commission is directed by the City Council to advise the Parks and Community Services Department, City Manager, and City Council in leading the City's efforts to support a socially sustainable community through health and human services and programs that fulfill the basic needs of all people and enhance the quality of life in our city now and into the future.*

### AGENDA

	<u>Estimated Time</u>
<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>	
<b>2. ROLL CALL</b>	
<b>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>	5 minutes
a. September 24, 2019	
<b>4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE</b>	5 minutes
<b>5. PRESENTATIONS</b>	
a. King County Alliance for Human Services	20 minutes
<b>6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS</b>	
a. Commission Debrief	40 minutes
b. National Best Practices Discussion Follow Up	20 minutes
<b>7. NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>8. COMMUNICATIONS</b>	20 minutes
a. Commissioner Reports	
b. Staff Reports and Announcements	
<b>9. ADJOURNMENT</b>	Estimated meeting completion: 8:50 p.m.

#### Upcoming Commission Activities:

November 26, 2019 – Human Services Commission Meeting

December 17, 2019 – Human Services Commission Special Meeting

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# **CITY OF KIRKLAND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION Minutes of Special Meeting September 24, 2019**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The September 24, 2019, Human Services Commission Special Meeting was called to order at 7:11 p.m. by Co-Chair Amy Falcone.

## **2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioners present: Co-Chair Amy Falcone and Jonathan Stutz, Commissioners Michelle Alten-Kaehler, Diane Bell, Gildas Cheung, David Godfrey, Max Reisman

Commissioner Adam White is excused.

Staff present: Human Services Supervisor Leslie Miller and Youth Services Coordinator Regula Schubiger.

Recording Secretary: Senior Office Specialist Melissa Bartoletti

Panelists:

Imagine Housing Staff: Villette Nolon, President & CEO, Ruben Rivera-Jackman, Director of Supportive Services, and Sally Ongaro, Case Manager Supervisor

Residents: Nanda Morse, John Burke, Daniel Billing, Michelle Billing, and Mark Hush

## **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **a. August 27, 2019**

Motion to Approve the August 27, 2019 minutes as presented.

Moved by Commissioner Max Reisman, seconded by Co-Chair Jonathan Stutz

Commissioner David Godfrey abstained.

Motion carried (Yes: 6, No: 0).

## **4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

## **5. PANEL**

### **a. Imagine Housing – Challenges of Staying Housed**

Imagine Housing staff gave an overview of the agency its programs. A discussion between Commissioners, Imagine Housing staff, and residents of Velocity followed.

## **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. National Best Practice Discussion  
Commission leadership asked if Commissioners would partake in surveying the nation for best practices related to Human Services. Commissioners will email Co-Chair Amy Falcone and staff topics of interest.

## **8. COMMUNICATIONS**

- b. Commissioner Reports  
No items.
- c. Staff Reports and Announcements  
Leslie asked for Commissioners' feedback from the September 17, 2019 Joint Human Services Commission Meeting and presentation from Vu Le. Commissioners shared lessons and insights learned. Leslie welcomed additional feedback via email.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Co-Chair Amy Falcone asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dianne Bell motioned, Commissioner David Godfrey seconded. Motion carried (Yes: 7, No: 0). The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.



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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Human Services Commission

**From:** Lynn Zwaagstra, Director  
Leslie R. Miller, Human Services Supervisor

**Date:** October 17, 2019

**Subject:** King County Alliance for Human Services Presentation

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Human Services Commission hear a presentation from a representative of the King County Alliance of Human Services.

**BACKGROUND:**

Jerry Kroon, Executive Director of the Eastside Legal Assistance Program, requested the opportunity to speak to the Commission about the KCAHS campaign to increase city investments in human services programs.

The KCAHS was created when a group of non-profit human services agencies came together to respond to the cuts to human services made by King County. This alliance committed to increasing the County's investments through advocacy for a series of tax measures through the electoral process. These efforts resulted in MIDD Behavioral Health Sales Tax Fund, the Veterans, Seniors & Human Services Levy and Best Starts for Kids initiative. After reaching its goal for King County funding, it has turned its attention to advocating for increased investments by cities in King County.



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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Human Services Commission

**From:** Lynn Zwaagstra, Director  
Leslie R. Miller, Human Services Supervisor

**Date:** October 17, 2019

**Subject:** Debrief Session

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Human Services Commission discuss the learnings from the provider panels of 2019 and the September 17<sup>th</sup> joint Human Services Commission meeting.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Over the last several months, the Human Services Commission has heard from panelists discussing the following topics:

- On the Frontline: First Responders Serving Community Members Experiencing Homelessness and/or with Behavioral Health Challenges
- Hopelink & The Role of Community Action Agencies
- Domestic Violence: Services and Needs in the Community
- Imagine Housing Staff and Resident Panel: Resident Challenges

In addition, members of the Human Services Commissions of Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish met together on Tuesday, September 17 at Bellevue City Hall to explore ways to make the human services grant application process more equitable. City staff shared their efforts to gather feedback from people of color-led agencies who have applied for funding in the past as well as those who have not applied. Rainier Valley Corps Executive Director Vu Le shared his own experiences as an ED and those he has worked with in this area.

City staff would like to gather the Human Services Commission main takeaways from these educational opportunities and ascertain how this information might inform the 2021-2022 human services grant application process. Finally, city staff would like to review the remaining planned panels to ensure they still meet their needs.